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Tuesday, 19 March, 2013

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Dangerous trend in Handling Railway Transport System in Nigeria:**
Hon. Chris Azubogu:

The House:

Notes with dismay the alleged deplorable state of the newly improved Nigerian Railway system; especially the Lagos-Ogun route operating with shoddy coaches;

Further notes that the Federal Government is working towards resuscitating Rail Transportation in Nigeria with a view to providing efficient, reliable and affordable rail transport services to the public;

Aware that overhauling of the rail system in Nigeria especially the Lagos - Ibadan route is now taking a dangerous trend owing to disorderliness and recklessness of passengers and operators;

Concerned that adequate operational guidelines, safety and security measures are not put in place to make the rail transport comfortable and safe for Nigerian commuters;

Worried by the dangerous act of passengers sitting on top of the wagons, smoking hemp and other hard drugs thereby posing grave danger to other commuters and users of the rail service, which has already caused the death of a passenger who fell off the train and was crushed;

Conscious that this dangerous trend will negatively affect the use of rail transportation and possibly lead to a great disaster in train accidents which if not checked would lead to tragedy.

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Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Land Transport to investigate the security and safety standards on the Lagos - Ibadan route and recommend to the House ways to avoid a possible disaster within 4 weeks.

2. **Abuse of Recruitment Process in Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA): Hon. Sulaiman Abdurrahman Kawu:**

The House:

Notes that the recent recruitment exercise in the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), which took place between September 2012 and February 2013 as reported by Blueprint of 5th March, 2013 was wrought with irregularities and manipulation in favour of certain states whereby 292 persons employed in the Agency, Abia and Anambra (home States of the Managing Director and the Minister of Aviation/Supervising Minister of the Agency respectively) got 32 slots each, while some States of the Federation did not get a single slot;

Further notes that Section 1 of the Guiding Principles and Formulae for the Distribution of Posts as stipulated in the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act stated that: *Each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory shall be equitably represented in all national institutions and in Public enterprises and organizations*;

Disturbed that the appalling state of affairs in the Nigerian Civil Service is a source of worry and concern for Nigerians particularly given the rate of abuse in the recruitment/disengagement process and massive corruption as witnessed in the recent pension scam;

Further disturbed that irregularities and violation of due process in recruitment exercise by heads of institutions and the conduct of affairs in our Civil Service have become a recurring decimal, appearing on the pages of our national dailies and other media organizations on a daily basis;

Worried that this violation of due process in recruitment exercise in our Civil Service has negatively affected the chances of employable citizens in the country and has undermined the performance and credibility of the service;

Further worried that these fraudulent exercises, which portray nepotism are capable of disorganizing the already overheated polity;

Aware that the conduct of some heads of government institutions is unethical and a complete violation of our extant laws as it relates to the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act and the true spirit of Nigeria's federal system;

Regrets that the Air Service Unions have recently threatened to shut down the airlines operations as a result of failure to implement a new salary structure approved by the Salaries and Wages Commission since August 2012 and same organization was reported to have conducted this recruitment exercise with utmost disregard to existing Federal Character principles;

Further regrets that if no urgent step is taken, the problem will defeat the purpose of the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act especially with regards to equal distribution of job opportunities among the States of the Federation, and the supposed transparency and due process in the activities of the Civil Service of the Federation.

Resolves to:

Direct the Committee on Federal Character to investigate the issue and make appropriate recommendations to the House within (2) two weeks.

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Promote Voluntary Blood Donation, Providing for an Adequate Supply of Safe Blood, Regulating Blood Banks and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 159) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition of Illegal Use and Sale of Uniforms of the Armed Forces, Police, Paramilitary and Other Government Security Services and for Related Matters (HB. 203) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Establish a National Commission for Youths Development and make Provision for its Administration and for Connected Purposes (HB. 129) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Intervention and Risk Management Agency for Effective Management of National Emergencies, Compensation of Disaster Victims and Risk Management Portfolio of Government (HB. 366) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal The National Assembly Service Commission Act, Cap. N7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-Enact the National Assembly Service Act, 2013 to Re-Organize the Management and Administrative Structure of the National Assembly for Improved Service delivery; and For Other Related Matters (*Committee of the Whole*: 29/1/2013) — (*Adjourned consideration*: 13/3/2013).

8. **Committee on Health:**
Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu and to Provide for Courses leading to the award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy, Other Related Courses and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations therein" (HB. 251) (*Laid*: 29/1/2013).

9. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by C. O. Edezie*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by C. O. Edezie on behalf of Occupants at No. 41 Kingsway Road and 25 Illabere Street, Ikoyi, Lagos against the Federal Government on Alleged Re-Development and Threat of Ejection of Occupants therein and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 14/3/2013).

Urge the House to approve the amicable resolution of the matter by the parties involved and direct that the offer letter be delivered to the real Civil Servants/sitting tenants of the plots in issue, in the presence of their counsel who represented them at all times in pursing this matter before the implementation Committee and this Committee.

10. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Mr Tamuno Inabiebu Taylor*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Tamuno Inabiebu Taylor (a Distance Learning Student) on his Alleged Expulsion by the University of Abuja Authorities and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 14/3/2013).

Urge University of Abuja to absolve the petitioner, Inabiebu Taylor of the alleged offence of examination malpractices and the consequent punishment, and release petitioner's Degree Result and Certificate.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Power and Water Resources (*Joint meeting on HYPADEC*)	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 107 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Education (*with Hon. Min. of Education, National President, Senior Staff Association of Nig. Universities and National Association of Academic Technologists*)	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

4.	Legislative Compliance (*with the Federal Road Safety Commission*)	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Women in Parliament	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Aviation	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.44 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Women Affairs and Social Development	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Air Force	Tuesday, 19 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex