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ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 21 March, 2013

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PRESENTATION BILLS

1. Nigerian Communications Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 470) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) — *First Reading*.

2. National Cardiothoracic Centers (Establishment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 435) (*Hon. Robinson Uwak*) — *First Reading*.

3. National Emergency Telephone Number (Establishment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 438) (*Hon. Peace U. Nnaji*) — *First Reading*.

4. National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 440) (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime*) — *First Reading*.

5. Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 476) (*Hon. Robinson Uwak*) — *First Reading*.

6. Institute of Animal Science Act (Amendment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 478) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno*) — *First Reading*.

7. Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2013 (HB. 477) (*Hon. Gideon Gwani*) — *First Reading*.

8. Automobile Industry Bill, 2013 (HB. 475) (*Hon. Robinson Uwak*) — *First Reading*.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need for Urgent Construction/Expansion of Police Barracks in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT): Hon. Ini A. Udoka:**

The House:

Notes that most of the Police Barracks in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were constructed much earlier before the relocation of the seat of administration from Lagos to Abuja in 1991;

Further notes that the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) has witnessed great influx of policemen into the FCT on posting from 1991 till date as a result of the relocation of the seat of power from Lagos to Abuja;

Aware that Officers and men of the Abuja Police Command are much more poorly accommodated than their counterparts in other commands because the Nigeria Police has not made adequate provision to tackle the accommodation needs of its men in the face of the high cost of accommodation in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);

Further aware that some lowly ranked policemen posted to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) because of exorbitant accommodation cost resort to living in disused and abandoned construction sites in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and its environs;

Worried that from different locations, these policemen come to work in Wuse II, Maitama, Asokoro Districts of Abuja guarding and policing the residents of these high brow settlements from intruders, thieves and miscreants who live in the same dilapidated construction sites with them;

Observes that the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) wing of the Garki Police Barrack has 14 blocks of 14 rooms each which officially was built to accommodate 196 Policemen and their household;

Concerned that over 2,000 Policemen and their household live in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) wing of the Garki Police Barrack while the Garki Police Station houses policemen in makeshift batchers inside the station;

Disturbed that some Policemen in the Garki Police Barrack due to lack of accommodation have converted the stables meant for horses and police dogs to their abodes;

Further disturbed that the police headquarters and its environs especially the Police Officers Wife Association School and some uncompleted buildings opposite the Police headquarters houses some newly posted but stranded policemen.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to make special budgetary provisions through a Supplementary Budget for the Nigeria Police Force and commence the construction and expansion of Police Barracks to take care of the accommodation needs of all rank and file of Police Personnel in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

2. **Need to revise the Zero Budget Allocation to the Distribution Companies (DISCOS) and Generation Companies (GENCOS) of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) by the Executive in the 2013 Budget:**

Hon. Patrick A. Ikhariale
Hon. Mohammed Ali Wudil
Hon. Jones Onyereri
Hon. Aminu Suleman
Hon. Onawo Mohammed Ogoshi
Hon. Mohammed Abdullahi Ricco
Hon. Ibrahim Ebbo
Hon. Chris Azubogu
Hon. Nuhu Zaki
Hon. Nasiru Baballe Ila
Hon. Geoffery Ali Gaiya
Hon. Ibrahim El-Sudi
Hon. Yusuf Galambi
Hon. Suarau Toyin
Hon. Orker-Jev Visa
Hon. Yusuf Bala
Hon. Haliru Zakari
Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita:

The house:

Notes that the power sector is a critical sector of the economy with pervasive influence on the other sectors that it qualifies to be called the master key that opens all the doors to our socio-economic, political and industrial dreams;

Further notes that as much as the policy and programme of privatisation in this sector are desirable as a logical necessity, their implementation must be done in such a manner that will not leave any gaps or vacuum in the entire process of power generation, transmission and distribution as a "three-in-one package", such that what is generated can be evacuated and ultimately distributed to end-users;

Aware that there is need for parity of efficient performance in the three interrelated compartments of the power sector such that the gains in the generation of electricity per kilo Watt is adequately transmitted and distributed;

Further aware that most Distribution Companies and Generation Companies awarded various contracts under the 2012 budget which have been completed but have not been paid for because the third or fourth quarters' releases from the 2012 budget which should have been used for that purpose, were never released with the result that the contractors are now on the necks of the Chief Executive Officers of the Distribution Companies and Generation Companies particularly now that there is no provision for them at all in the 2013 budget;

Regrets that there are no budgetary provisions for the Distribution Companies and Generation Companies in the 2013 budget thereby creating a near collapse situation in the operations of the Distribution Companies and Generation Companies across the length and breadth of the Nation as ordinary items such as fuses, cables etc are out of stock of the Discos, and since they were not accommodated at all in 2013 budget, they cannot replenish their stocks;

Disturbed that very shortly, whatever gains the Nation will have achieved in generation and transmission of electricity would have been lost as the Distribution Companies and Generation Companies with zero budget allocation in the 2013 budget, are financially incapacitated to distribute electricity to end users;

Further disturbed that unless there is a review by the executive of the zero allocation to the Distribution Companies and Generation Companies in the 2013 budget so as to empower them to continue to function until such a time the preferred bidders of these Distribution Companies will have functionally taken over, the Nation will likely undergo a massive failure in the Power sector with its resultant effects on the economy.

Resolves to:

Call on the Hon. Minister of Power and all the relevant authorities to accommodate the financial needs of all the Distribution Companies (DISCOS) and Generation Companies (GENCOS) in a supplementary budget to enable them discharge their function of delivering electricity to the Nigerian people while the process of taking them over by the preferred bidders is being logically and functionally perfected.

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. N34, LFN, 2004 and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 376) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Enact the Tobacco Smoking (Control) Bill to among other things Provide for the Regulation of the Production, Importation, Advertising, Promoting, Sponsorship, Distribution, Sale and Designation of Areas where Tobacco Products may and may not be smoked and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 455) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pre-Shipment of Exports Act, Cap P 25 LFN 2004; so as to Enhance the operations of the Nigerian Export Supervision Scheme for improved Performance and overall growth of the Economy; and for Related Matters (HB. 196) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Agriculture Development Fund and Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 104) — *Second Reading*.

7. 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*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8. **Committee on Health:**
Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu:
"That this House do resume the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, No 35 of 1999 and Re-Enact the National Health Insurance Commission (HB. 204) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 29/1/2013) (*Adjourned Consideration*: 20/3/2013).

9. **Committee on Banking and Currency:**
Hon. Jones C. Onyereri:
"That this House do consider the Report on the Committee on Banking and Currency on the on Expenditure of Public Funds by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) without approval and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 31/1/2013).

(*i*) That the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act be amended to provide for a more detailed and timely reporting to the National Assembly by Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). Here the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) will be made to statutorily provide; the material terms of the assistance including the justification for the exercise, the identity of the recipients, duration, collateral pledged, interests, fees, expected costs to the taxpayers and any other requirements;

(*ii*) to ensure transparency in liquidation of banks, the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Act be amended to provide mandatory reporting to the National Assembly on liquidation of banks for further parliamentary review;

(*iii*) that Section 42 of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act be amended to provide for mandatory terms for loans and other assistance granted by Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to Financial Institutions;

(*iv*) that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Act and the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA) be amended to provide for a more robust and enhanced supervision and monitoring tool of banks to prevent a reoccurrence of the financial crisis and the establishment of a more streamlined resolution mechanism to wind up or liquidate failed financial institutions where necessary and save taxpayers from bearing the burden of saving such institutions in the future;

(*v*) that a comprehensive review and total overhauling of the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA) with a view to putting in place regulations that will prohibit banks from engaging in such reckless practices that brought about the financial crisis and also providing for stiff penalties including mandatory jail-term for bank executives that engage in sharp practices that betray the trust of their banks to customers and shareholders;

(*vi*) that the National Assembly put in place a more streamlined and structured funding mechanism for the constant funding and refunding of the Bank of Industry (BOI). This funding can be a direct charge from the Federation Account, a 3% of turnover contribution from all Federal Government Agencies, and a guarantee mechanism for Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to continue to subscribe to Bonds issued by the Bank of Industry (BOI) from time to time, this means that future Bonds issued by the Bank of Industry will be guaranteed by the Federal Government, a guarantee limit can be placed on the Bank of Industry (BOI) in order to streamline the process of generating useable funds;

(*vii*) that since the Commercial Banks are operating under legislation enacted by the National Assembly, which empowers the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to grant them an Operating License and regulate their Operations, it is pertinent that the National Assembly take a more pro-active stance on the Primary role of the Deposit Banks in growing and expanding the Nigerian Economy;

(*viii*) that Section 19 of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) Act be amended to establish by statute a 'sinking fund' to enable the Corporation meet its obligations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 21 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Army, Police Affairs, and Public Safety and National Security (*Joint meeting on the Killing of Students of Nasarawa State University*)	Thursday, 21 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Finance, States and Local Government, Works, Land Transports, Health, Niger Delta and Youth Development on the Investigation of SURE-P Programme	Thursday, 21 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 0.28 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Appropriations and Finance (*Joint meeting*)	Thursday, 21 March, 2013	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 301 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Civil Society and Donor Agencies (*with the Hon. Minister of Education*)	Thursday, 21 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Finance (*with NNPC and its Subsidiaries*)	Thursday, 21 March, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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