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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 17 April, 2013

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)**
5. **Message from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)**
6. **Other Announcements (*if any*)**
7. **Petitions (*if any*)**
8. **Matter(s) of Urgent Public Importance**
9. **Personal Explanation**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **Need to Stop the Pains Beneficiaries of Dead Account Holders Go Through in Nigerian Banks and Courts: Hon. Abiodun Abudu-Balogun:**

The House:

Notes that death is an inevitable as end of all humanity;

Further notes that because of our savings culture, most Nigerians keep reasonable amount of their money in the banks and some of these accounts are usually left in the banks when the account holders die;

Aware that about ₦100bn of deceased persons' money is presently left in dormant accounts in Nigerian banks;

Further aware that while the banks continue to trade with this money, beneficiaries of the deceased persons' accounts are living in penury mostly unable to feed;

Disturbed that anytime beneficiaries show up to access the funds as the next of kin to the deceased, the banks usually place official and unofficial hurdles to frustrate them.

Further disturbed that the courts that are supposed to issue Letters of Administration also engage in unwarranted delays sometimes for a period of up to one year before such Letters of Administration are issued, thereby adding greatly to the frustration of the already traumatized beneficiaries;

Worried that even the beneficiaries of bereaved contributors to the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) are not left out as they are being frustrated due to their inability to make claims for their entitlements as a result of the cumbersome process of getting Letters of Administration;

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Further worried that this inability to access the funds of deceased breadwinners is discouraging people from saving with the banks and may lead to the collapse of the saving culture in Nigeria.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Chief Justice of Nigeria to simplify the process of obtaining Letters of Administration from the Courts to allow beneficiaries with genuine and straightforward claims to promptly access their inheritance;

(*ii*) further urge the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) to check the incidence of delays and corruption associated with the issuance of Letters of Administration to allow for prompt payment claims to beneficiaries.

BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Highways Act, Cap. F13, Laws of the Federation, 2004 to Construct Public Toilets on the Highways to enhance the Welfare and Safety of Commuters on the Nigerian Highways and for Related (HB. 299) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of National Farm Reserves (Establishment and Development) Commission for the Cultivation, Development, Control, Preservation and Management of Federal Government owned Farms in the 36 States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 246) and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Farm Reserve (Establishment and Development) Commission for the Cultivation, Development, Control, Preservation and Management of Federal Government Owned Farms in 774 Local Councils in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 456) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal and Re-Enact the National Gallery of Art Act, Cap. N41 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB. 235) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, 2004 and Re-Enact the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 35) (*Committee of the Whole*: 2/11/2011) — (*Adjourned Consideration*: 13/2/2013).

6. **Committee on States and Local Government Affairs:**
Hon. Adewusi Rasaq Tunde:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on States and Local Government Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Local Government and Public Administration of Nigeria in Order to Ensure Professionalism in the System and to Provide for Matters Related Therewith (HB. 17) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 17/5/2012).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 17 April, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Health (*with Joint Health Workers Union (JOHESU)*)	Wednesday, 17 April, 2013	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 0.28 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution	Wednesday, 17 April, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Aviation	Wednesday, 17 April, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex