



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 2 May, 2013

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committees on Federal Capital Territory Administration, Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Finance:

Hon. Emmanuel Jime:

"That this House do receive the Report of the Committees on Federal Capital Territory Administration, Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Finance on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦259,697,591,075 (Two Hundred and Fifty-Nine Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, and Seventy-Five Naira) only, of Which the Sum of ₦48,034,818,410 (Forty-Eight Billion, and Thirty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦55,902,373,024 (Fifty-Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Two Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, and Twenty-Four Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs While the Balance of ₦155,760,399,641 (One Hundred and Fifty-Five Billion, Seven Hundred and Sixty Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-One Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1st January and Ending on 31st December, 2013 (HB. 428)" (*Referred: 27/3/2013*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need to Investigate the Use of Child Labour in Some Quarries in Kaduna and Nasarawa States:
Hon. Hassan Saleh:

The House:

Notes that some quarries usually engage children of primary school age who ought to be in school to work in their quarries crushing rocks from 8.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.;

Aware that it was recently reported that about 40 children are presently engaged in a quarry site along Yakowa road in Kajiru, Chikun Local Government Area in Kaduna State, while some are also found along Akwanga-Lafia Road in Nasarawa State. The children are alleged to be working in a risky environment as some of them allegedly take drugs to boost their strength to enable them work extra hours to earn more money;

Worried that these children fall within the protective provision of the Child's Rights Act particularly Section 28 and 30 and that the lack adequate strict enforcement of this Act and other policies to protect such children has made child labour to persist unabated in the country;

Disturbed that these children are exposed to very harsh working conditions as they work under the scorching sun all day and coupled with the drugs and other substances they take to boost their strength, which sometimes lead to health related problems, such as insanity or death in the process as their innocence is being exploited by some heartless business men;

Concerned that the children working in some of the quarries are children between the ages of 9 - 15, who still require protection of their parents and the State. The employment of children of this age is a deprivation of their ability to attend regular schools and could subsequently cause irreparable mental, physical, social, and moral damage to them.

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development to investigate the alleged use of child labour in some quarries in Kaduna and Nasarawa States and report to the House within 4 weeks;
- (ii) further mandate Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development to liaise with the Ministry of Women affairs and Social Development and take urgent steps to bring the harmful practices of these unfortunate minors to an end;
- (iii) direct the Committee on States and Local Governments to liaise with State Governors and State Houses of Assembly that are yet to domesticate the Child Rights Act to urgently do so to enable them address this menace effectively.

2. **Need for the Domestication and Ratification of All Treaties and Agreements Entered into by the Federation:**

Hon. Yacoob E. A. Bush-Alebiosu:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is a signatory to so many Bilateral and Multilateral Treaties and Agreements;

Aware that Nigeria is a party to over 200 Treaties, Agreements and Protocols of which less than 15 according to records have been domesticated or properly ratified. To be precise ten have been duly domesticated or ratified, while the other ten did not complete the process during the previous assembly;

Further aware that section 12 (1), (2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Federation, 1999 clearly states, *inter alia*:

- (1) No Treaty between the Federation and any other country shall have the force of law except to the extent to which such treaty has been enacted into law by the National Assembly;
- (2) The National Assembly may make laws for the Federation or any part thereof with respect to matters not included in the Executive Legislative List for the purpose of implementing a treaty.
- (3) A Bill for an Act of National Assembly passed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) of this Section shall not be presented to the president for assent and shall not be enacted, unless it is ratified by a majority of all the House of Assembly in the Federation.

Also aware that the Treaties making procedure Act states clearly the classification of treaties into three categories as follows:

- (a) Law making Treaties, being agreement constituting rules which govern interstate relationship and cooperation in any area of endeavor and which have the effect of altering or modifying existing legislation or which affect the legislative powers of the National Assembly (This needs to be enacted into law);
- (b) Agreements which impose Financial Political and Social obligations on Nigerians or which scientific or technological import (This needs to be rectified);
- (c) Agreements which deal with mutual exchange of cultural and educational facilities (This may not need to be rectified);

Worried that Nigerians are not benefitting from the country's membership of these Treaties, Protocols and Agreements as the provisions of section 12 have constantly been breached due to its non domestication or ratification thereby having no force of law. Good examples are the GREEN TREE AGREEMENT and the Bilateral Air Service Agreement (BASA) that have not been domesticated and have no force of law;

Further worried that with the intention of these Treaties, Agreements and Protocols at such conventions , is to make sure/agree that such are reflected in the various municipal laws of signatory States. The non domestication/proper ratification, of such signifies the breach of the intention of Treaties, Agreements and Protocols of the various conventions;

Disturbed that the International Community will not take Nigeria as a serious state as a result of the non compulsion of the ratification/domestication process;

Concerned that Nigeria may consequently attract possible sanctions by respective International bodies as a result of the constant breach of procedure and processes.

Resolves to:

Request that all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) as a matter of urgent National Importance, in compliance with the provisions of the constitution of the Federation, within the next 60 days, liaise with the Committee on Treaties and Agreement and commence domestication/ratification process of all Treaties, Agreements and Protocols entered into, so as to allow for the laying of such before the House for domestication/ratification.

BILLS

- 3. A Bill for an Act to provide easy Access to Higher Education for Nigerians through Interest free Loan with a view to Providing Education for all Nigerians and Other Purposes Connected Thereto (HB. 411) — *Second Reading*.
- 4. 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) and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2004 to create a Department of National Flood Mitigation and Insurance Program in the National Emergency Management Agency and for Related Matters (HB. 440) — *Second Reading*.
- 5. 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*.
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal Sales of Goods Act of 1893 and Enact Sales of Goods Bill 2013 to Provide for Regulation of Sales of Goods in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 486) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

7. Committee on Health:

Hon. Nududi 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 (HB. 251) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 29/1/2013*).

8. 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*).

9. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Hon. Nnenna Ijeoma Elendu-Ukeje:

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Violent attack on the Nigerian Embassy in Dakar, Senegal on Monday in which the building, vehicle and equipment were vandalized and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 27 /3/2013*).

- (i) That the unfortunate and unprovoked attack on the Chancery in Dakar, Senegal is condemned in totality; that those Nigerians who participated in this act of vandalism be identified and brought to book as a deterrent to all other Nigerians who may harbor the desire to engage in such acts;
- (ii) that the Committee proposes a piece of legislation on protection of our sovereign symbols at home and abroad and proffer penalties for desecrating same;
- (iii) that the Chancery should be relocated to a safer location as the present location could have been a major contributing factor to the ease with which it was invaded;
- (iv) that the Ministry in collaboration with the Missions, the Office of the National Security Adviser and the National Intelligence Agency should undertake an assessment of the security situation in our Missions in West Africa;
- (v) that the Missions through engagement with the Nigerian communities should outline with clarity their functions and limitations in the execution of their duties as diplomats;
- (vi) that adequate funding should be made available for the running of all our Missions abroad to enable them meet up to the overwhelming consular demands;
- (vii) that Nigerians should respect the laws of their host countries as they are our primary Ambassadors in such countries.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 2 May, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex