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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 30 May, 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**

### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Justice:**
**Hon. Ali Ahmad:**
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, 2004, in order to Provide for Offences and Penalties Relating to Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes and Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 391)" (*Referred*: 27/11/2012).

2. **Committee on Justice:**
**Hon. Ali Ahmad:**
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Penal Code (Northern States) Federal Provisions Act, Cap. P3 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in order to provide for offences and penalties relating to computer misuse and Cybercrime and Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 392)" (*Referred*: 27/11/2012)

3. **Committee on Justice:**
**Hon. Ali Ahmad:**
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the manner in which Individuals may in the Public Interest disclose Information that relates to Unlawful or Other Illegal Conduct or Corrupt Practices of Others; to Provide for the Protection against Victimization of Persons who make these Disclosures, to Provide for a Fund to Reward Individuals who make the Disclosures and to Provide for Related Matters "(*Referred*: 9/5/2012).

4. **Committees on Information Technology and Justice:**
**Hon. Hon. Ibrahim Shehu Gusau:**
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committees on Information Technology and Justice on a Bill for an Act to ensure the continued free flow of Business within Nigeria and with its Global Trading Partners through secure Cyber Communications, to Provide for the continued Development and Exploitation of the Internet and

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Internet Communications for such Purposes, to Provide for the development of a Cadre of information Technology Specialists to improve and Maintain effective Cyber Security Defences against Disruption and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2011 (HB. 84)" (*Referred*: 15/12/2011).

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## MOTION

1. **Urgent Need to Increase the Jurisdiction of the District Courts of the Federal Capital Territory: Hon. Toby Okechukwu:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Second Schedule, Section 13 of the Federal Capital Territory Act, Cap. F6 Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 recognises the District Courts Law of Northern Nigeria 1963, Cap. 33 as amongst the laws applicable to the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria;

*Further notes* that Part IV of the said District Courts Law contains detailed provisions of the jurisdiction of the District Courts in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

*Aware* that Section 17 of the District Courts Law empowers the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, upon the recommendation of the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory, to increase the jurisdiction exercised by District Judges in the Federal Capital Territory;

*Further aware* that the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory is the only person statutorily empowered to recommend to the Minister the need for increase in the jurisdiction of the District Courts in the Federal Capital Territory;

*Observes* that Gen. J. T. Useni (*rtd*), a former Minister of the Federal Capital Territory on June 11, 1997 and upon the recommendation of the then Chief Judge of Federal Capital Territory, increased the monetary jurisdiction of the District Courts from the then highest amount of (five hundred pounds) to the current ₦250,000.00;

*Further observes* that the jurisdiction in Lagos State was recently increased to the sum of ₦10,000,000.00, and cases that were previously filed at the High Court of Lagos State are currently filed in the Magistrate Court of Lagos State;

*Worried* that there is rise in rent in the Federal Capital Territory, the effect of which is that most proceedings for recovery of premises cannot be commenced at the District Court for lack of jurisdiction;

*Further worried* that the current monetary jurisdiction exercised by the District Courts no longer reflects the rental realities in the nation's capital, hence the need for increase in jurisdiction of the courts;

*Confident* that this increase in jurisdiction of the District Courts will decongest the cause list of High Courts of the Federal Capital Territory and encourage senior lawyers to patronise the District Courts since the Courts would have been statutorily empowered to handle more cases.

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) Urge the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory to recommend to the FCT Minister an increase in the monetary jurisdiction of the District Courts in the Federal Capital Territory in line with Section 17 of the District Courts Law of Northern Nigeria, with a view to accommodating the rental realities in the Federal Capital Territory;

(*ii*) further urge the Minister of Federal Capital Territory to increase the jurisdiction of the District Courts in the Federal Capital Territory sequel to the recommendation of the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory.

## BILL

2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Pension Reform Act (Act No. 2) 2004 and Enact the Pension Reform Act, 2013 to make Provision for Contributory Pensions Scheme and for Connected Matters — *Second Reading* (*Adjourned Debate*: 15/5/2013).

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

3. **Committee on Interior:**
**Hon. Umar Bature:**
"That this House do Resume the consideration the Report of the Committee on Interior on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Administration of Prisons in Nigeria; and for Related Purposes (HB. 107)" (*Adjourned Consideration*: 22/5/2013).

4. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Marriage or Civil Union entered into between Persons of Same Sex, Solemnization of same and for Other Matters Related Therewith (HB. 197) — (*Committee of the Whole*: 13/11/2012).

5. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Water Board and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 293) — (*Committee of the Whole*: 11/7/2012).

6. **Committee on Justice:**
**Hon. Ali Ahmad:**
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Oaths Act, Cap. 01 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; to expressly mention in the Act all Superior Courts of Records Established after the Act came into Force in 1963 among list of Courts Authorised by the Act to Administer Oaths or Affirmation; and to Provide for Matters Incidental Thereto (HB. 155) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 9/5/2013).

7. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**
**Hon. Emmanuel Jime:**
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Hospitals Management Board of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 12) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 19/9/2012).

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | *Committee* | *Date* | *Time* | *Venue* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rules and Business | Thursday, 30 May, 2013 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Health (*with Stakeholders on Issues of Health Workers Strike*) | Thursday, 30 May, 2013 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 236 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Privatization and Commercialization | Thursday, 30 May, 2013 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Education | Thursday, 30 May, 2013 | 1.00 p.m. | Committee Room 0.19 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |