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ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 2 July, 2013

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Extension of Time: Brought pursuant to Rule 109 (*g*) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**
Hon. Ini Akpan Udoka:

The House:

Notes that the House on 24 November, 2011 passed a Resolution (**HR. 78/2011**) mandating the Committee on Civil Society and Donor Agencies to "Critically examine all grants and assistance received from Donor Agencies, its application and implementation with a view to identifying if Donor Funds are deployed in accordance with International best practice and provisions of extant laws and agreements, and to articulate an effective, strategic and accountable manner on how these assistance could compliment government efforts and National Security and report to the House within four (4) Weeks";

Aware that the four (4) weeks earlier given by the House for the Committee to complete work on the assignment had since lapsed creating the problem of validity of the recommendations of the Committee to the House;

Disturbed that if the time is not extended for the Committee, the recommendations of the Committee may be jeopardized or encumbered as these would have been belated.

Resolves to:

Extend the time for the submission of the report of the Committee to the House by two months.

2. **Call on the Federal Government to take over Abia State Polytechnic, Aba:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:

The House:

Notes the importance of education in the development of our country especially sound and qualitative polytechnic education which provides practical, technical knowledge and skills necessary for the agricultural, industrial, commercial and economic transformation of Nigeria;

Further notes that Aba which is strategic in the development of our economy because of its heavy Indigenous industrial and technical ingenuity, needs a Federal polytechnic to enhance technological and industrial development in that city and Nigeria at large;

Aware that Abia State polytechnic situated in the heart of Aba and owned by the State Government has grown big and developed facilities but many approved courses cannot take off due to lack of funds to provide the requisite infrastructure and personnel;

Further aware that the only federal presence in Aba is the Nigeria Police and Federal Prisons and there is no federal polytechnic anywhere in Abia State;

Worried that the huge capital requirements for the proper running of the Abia State Polytechnic has become enormous for the state to shoulder vis-a-vis the limited finances of the State which habours enormous industrial and indigenous technological talents, moreover, every other State has a Federal Polytechnic;

Further worried that the total absence of a Federal Polytechnic in Abia State, while all other States Polytechnics have been taken over by the Federal Government, is not only discriminatory but would retard the indigenous technical and industrial development of Nigeria

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to take over the management of the Abia State Polytechnic and convert it into a Federal Institution.

3. **Urgent Need to Prevail on the Bauchi State House of Assembly and the Governor to Halt the Breach of the Constitution of Nigeria in Relation to the Relocation of the Headquarters of Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area:**
Hon Yakubu Dogara:

The House:

Notes that Tafawa Balewa Local Government with headquarters in Tafawa Balewa was created in 1976 vide an Act which is protected by Sections 3(6), 8(5) and 315 of the 1999 Constitution;

Further notes that no State can alter the Name or Location of a Local Government Area except it requests for the amendment of relevant Sections of the Act creating them which is protected by the Sections of the Constitution above referred to;

Also notes that like other parts of Northern Eastern States of the country in recent times, Tafawa Balewa Local Government has been unfortunately embroiled in crises;

Aware that in Bauchi where the Governor hails from, Darazo, Misau, Ningi and Katagum Local Government Areas of the State where crises resulting in loss of lives and properties worth billions of Naira without the idea of relocating the Headquarters of these Local Governments have not been relocated;

Further aware that Emergency Rule has been declared in some States and Local Governments in the North but not in any part of Bauchi State because of repeated assurances by the State Government that Bauchi State was peaceful;

Worried that the State Assembly would by motion amend an Existing Law that is protected by the Constitution by relocating the headquarters of Tafawa Balewa Local Government on grounds that there was a breach of peace in Tafawa-Balewa occasioned by a savage attack on the town which the State Government claimed was an attack on a first generation bank in the town by armed robbers;

Further worried that the State Government is showing desperation in implementing this clearly unconstitutional resolution of the House of Assembly by proceeding to lay the foundation for a new Secretariat in a location not recognized by the Constitution thereby setting a very dangerous precedence for nascent democracy;

Concerned that unless men and women of goodwill prevail on the State Assembly and the Governor of Bauchi State, the travesty occasioned by the obvious rape of the Constitution may worsen the already fragile situation in the area thereby contributing to the security challenges in the North East Zone;

Further concerned that unless the National Assembly as the true Representative of the people and custodian of the Constitution prevails upon the authorities in Bauchi to recind their decision, the unprecedented Constitution breach with regards to the relocation of Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area may subsist to our effective shame.

Resolves to:

Urge the House to constitute a delegation to engage and prevail on the Bauchi State House of Assembly and the State Governor to respect our Constitution and halt the unconstitutional relocation of the Headquarters of Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area and report to the House within three weeks.

BILLS

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory College of Nursing and Midwifery and for Related Matters (HB. 201) — *Third Reading*.

5. A Bill for Act to Prohibit Marriage or Civil Union entered between Persons of Same Sex Solemnization of same and for Other Matters Related Therewith (HB. 197) — *Third Reading*.

6. **Consolidation of Bills:**

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Establish the Microfinance Management Institute of Nigeria (Chartered) to Regulate and Control Entrance into the Industry and Profession, Setting Standard for Microfinance Institutions to Comply with and Promote Adherence to Professional Ethics Among Microfinance Institutions and for Related Matters (HB. 421);

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute of Microfinance Bankers charged, among other things, with the responsibilities of Stimulating an Innovative and Sustainable Microfinance practices that guarantees Wealth Creation and determining the Knowledge and Skill required of persons seeking to become members and Other Related Matters (HB. 535) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Alter Provisions of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended) and for Related Matters (HB. 77) — (*Debate Adjourned*: 30/4/2013) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigerian 1999 to Allow for the Justifiability of some Parts of Chapter II of the Constitution (HB. 311) — *Second Reading*.

9. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by Amending Second Schedule, Part II Section 14 (*b*) of the Constitution and Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 358) — *Second Reading*.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of persons authorised to Exercise the Powers to Order the Release of persons detained in Prisons in the circumstances specified in the Act (HB. 527) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. **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 for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 12) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 19/9/2012).

12. **Committees on Privatizationand Commercialization, Finance, Communications, Public Procurement and Information Technology:**

Hon. KhadijatBukar Abba Ibrahim:

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committees on Privatizationand Commercialization, Finance, Communications, Public Procurement and Information Technology on the Need to stop planned Liquidation of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) and approve the Recommendations therein:

(*i*) that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) should immediately direct the Bureau for Public Enterprise (BPE) to stop the on-going process of liquidation of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL)under the circumstances;

(*ii*) that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) direct Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) to commence the process of conducting technical and financial audit of the two companies as approved by the Board;

(*iii*) that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) should direct their records office to eliminate the existing over ₦170 billion variance under the supervision of the office of the Auditor General of the Federation;

(*iv*) that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) should direct the Bureau for Public Enterprise (BPE) to comply with Federal High Court judgments in favour of the3000 ex-staff of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) treated as casuals and the other one in favour of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) pensioners;

(*v*) that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) should consider the proposal for revamping the companies while Privatization process is as submitted by the ex-staff, consultants and others as an alternative to outright liquidation of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL);

(*vi*) that the National Council on Privatization (NCP) should consider Public Private Partnership (PPP) as a privatization strategy of the companies and maintain the National Carrier status for security reasons;

(*vii*) that the Federal Government should direct Ministry of Finance to comply with the agree[illegible] between Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and the Ministries Departments and Agencies (M[illegible] to deduct from source the reconciled ₦6.2 billion and remit to Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) for immediate settlement of outstanding staff salary arrears/other fringe benefits and resuscitation of the company ;

(*viii*) that the Federal Government should plead with the State Governors to reconcile the ₦4billion NITEL debt and pay accordingly;

(*ix*) that the Federal Government should direct Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) Management to determine the fees due to the new regime from single to double tandem that was unfair to Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL);

(*x*) that the Federal Government should direct Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to include the present management of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) in the National Broadband Implementation Roadmap;

(*xi*) that the Federal Government should direct Ministry of Finance to comply with the agreement between the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and the Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to deduct from source the reconciled ₦6.2 billion and remit to the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) for immediate settlement of outstanding staff salary arrears/other fringe benefits and resuscitation of the company;

(*xii*) that the Reverse the sales of NECOM House a core assets sold as non-core assets as it is critical to Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) operations;

(*xiii*) National Council on Privatization (NCP) to recommend to Federal Government to include Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) in Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) bailout intervention fund with a total sum equivalent to $1 billion USD to be refunded with interest over a period of five (5) years.

13. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by ABZ Integrated Limited*:**
Hon Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do Resume the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by ABZ Integrated Limited against the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)on Non-payment of Consultancy Fees and approve the Recommendations Therein" (*Adjourned Consideration*: 17/1/2013).

Direct the Federal Government to take appropriate steps to ensure the payment of $86.6 Million from the Federation Account to ABZ INTEGRATED LTD, as cost of collection/ fees, which accrued from the revenue of $866 Million to the Federation between 2004 and 2008 from services rendered through the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC).

14. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Okrika Timmy Okeoghene, Mateme Prince Gilbert and Omodaye Godwin Bafor*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Okirka Timmy Okeoghene, Mateme Prince Gilbert and Omodaye Godwin Bafor against Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) on Alleged Unlawful Termination of Appointment and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 27/3/2013).

Urge the Management of Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) to tamper justice with mercy and reconsider the case, as Dateme Prince Gilbert had no fraudulent intent.

15. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by L/CPL Sidimon Emmanuel*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by L/CPL Sidimon Emmanuel against the Nigerian Army on Alleged Malicious Prosecution and Unlawful Dismissal from the Nigerian Army and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 27/3/2013).

Urge the Chief of Army Staff to review the petitioner's case and consider converting the dismissal of the petitioner from the Nigerian Army to retirement with effect from the date of dismissal with full benefits of retirement.

16. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by SPR Tuku Paul*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by SPR Tuku Paul against the Nigerian Army on Alleged Non-Reinstatement into the Nigerian Army and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 27/3/2013).

The House discountenances the petition for lack of merit, since it was clearly established that the petitioner was on AWOL/desertion from the Army for over three months and other acts of indiscipline while in the service.

17. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Ex-Cpl Maria Ikhimi*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ex-Cpl Maria Ikhimi against the Nigerian Army on Alleged Dismissal from the Services of Nigerian Army and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 27/3/2013).

Urge the Chief of Army Staff to review the case of the Ex-Cpl Maria Ikhimi.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Governmental Affairs	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Environment	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Population	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Agriculture	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 028 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Finance (*with NCC and Fiscal Responsibility Commission*)	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Federal Character (*Interactive meeting with National Agency for Science and Technology and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI)*)	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Civil Society and Donor Agencies	Tuesday, 2 July, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex