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ORDER PAPER

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Need to Check the Continuous Devaluation of the Naira:
Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:

The House:

Notes that before the establishment of the West Africa Currency Board in 1973, Nigeria used various forms of Money including cowries and Manilas, and the legal tender status was changed to reflect the status of Nigerian as a sovereign Nation in 1962;

Further notes that the Naira and Kobo were introduced in 1973 with Naira as an equivalent of (10) Shillings and Kobo which serves as a minor currency, and then Naira was more than US dollars in value and a bit less than the United Kingdom Pound Sterling;

Disturbed that there has been a continuous decrease in the Naira value over the years against major currencies in the world and a critical look at these last few years, taking the US Dollar as a basis for comparison, shows that:

(*i*) around 1990 to 1993 it was about ₦28 to a Dollar,

(*ii*) around 1994 to 1996 it was about ₦40 to a Dollar,

(*iii*) around 1996 to 1999 it was about ₦80 to a Dollar,

(*iv*) around 1999 to 2007 it was about ₦140 to a Dollar,

(v) around 2007 to date it is about ₦158 to a Dollar;

Further disturbed that this has shown a continuous devaluation in Naira without any sign of improvement, and if this downward trend persists, it will affect Nigeria's economy and the future of the Nation in general.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, Banking and Currency, and National Planning and Economic Development to invite the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Hon. Minister of Finance and the Coordinating Minister of Economy to brief the Committees on the measures being taken to curb this ugly situation and report to the House within 6 weeks.

BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Commission Act 2003 to empower the Police and Security Agencies to Track, Intercept, Monitor Conversation, Text Messages and Internet Communications involving suspected Terrorists Criminals and Other Related Matters (HB. 546) and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Commission Act, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide Automatic Access to the Database of all Subscribers to the Nigerian Police and Other Security Agencies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 552) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Urban Development Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap. U16 LFN, 2004 and to Enact the Infrastructure Bank of Nigeria Act, 2013 for the Purposes of encouraging Infrastructural Development through the provision of Financial Assistance to qualified Infrastructure Projects selected by the Bank and Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 512) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1 Laws of the Federation of Nigerian 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 445) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act, 2003 (as Amended) to Provide for Financial Contribution from NNPC and Transmission Company of Nigeria to enable the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps carry out its Functions (HB. 476) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

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 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) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 30/5/2013)

7. **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 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) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 30/5/2013).

8. **Committee on Interior:**
Hon. Umar Bature:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Passport (Miscellaneous Provision) Act, Cap. P1 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, so as to clearly Define Persons Eligible for the issuance of Diplomatic and Official Passport (HB. 103) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 27/6/2013).

9. **Committees on Privatization and Commercialization, Finance, Communications, Public Procurement and Information Technology:**
Hon. Khadijat Bukar Abba Ibrahim:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committees on Privatization and 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" (*Laid*: 9/5/2013).

(*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 agreement between Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) and the Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) 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 National Council on Privatization (NCP) should direct Bureau for Public Enterprise (BPE) and present management of NITEL/M-TEL to include the M-TEL Creditors Forum among those to be paid;

(*xii*) Reverse the sales of NECOM House a core asset sold as a non-core asset 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 S1 billion USD to be refunded with interest over a period of five (5) years.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 2 October, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Public Safety	Wednesday, 2 October, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex