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ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 21 January, 2014

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6. Other Announcements (*if any*)
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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Federal Capital Territory:
Hon. Emmanuel Jime:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Board of Internal Revenue and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 147)" (*Referred*: 18/7/2012).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **Call for a Review of Import Restriction Placed on Imported Fabrics, Furniture, Fruit Juice and Assorted Drinks in Nigeria:**
Hon Yacoob E. A. Alebiosu:

The House:

Notes that import restriction is a fiscal policy aimed at checking arbitrary dumping of all sorts of goods into the country and also a tool to protect local industries towards building the economy;

Further notes that there have been series of measures proscribing imports under the guise of protecting local industries which are laudable policies by the government; however, efforts must be made to provide room for competition for the local industries to develop;

Concious of the fact that consumers also deserve the right to have access to the kind of goods they want to purchase and not to be needlessly limited in that choice;

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Realising that many of the proscribed products such as fabrics, furniture, fruit juice, assorted drinks and beer are still found in shops and stores in the country as a result of massive smuggling activities which are made possible by the nation's porous borders and corrupt activities of the personnel of the agency saddled with the responsibility of implementing the fiscal policy;

Concerned that continuous and blanket proscription of importation of products into the country has many consequences which include resort to smuggling as many of the proscribed products could still be found in stores and many supermarkets across the country, thereby defeating the very essence of the policy;

Worried that the policy is unwittingly depriving the Federal Government of revenues it would have obtained from tarrifs on the products, rather ordinary citizens are now benefitting from the smuggling activities and enriching themselves;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Customs, Commerce, and Justice to investigate the implications of the blanket ban on importation of products into the country and its impact on the people as well as the economy of Nigeria.

BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition of Illegal Use and Sale of Uniforms of the Armed Forces, Police, Paramilitary and Other Government Security Services and for Other Related Matters (HB. 203) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Defence Academy Act, Cap. 101 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by providing for ways of Inculcating Civil Ideas in Military Officers and for Other Related Matters (HB. 315) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Security Trust Fund and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 533) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act, Cap. C21 LFN, 2004 to Provide that the Consent of the National Assembly shall be Sought and Obtained before the Use of Waiver Clause and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 603) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 21 January, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Gas Resources	Tuesday, 21 January, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Crude Oil Theft	Tuesday, 21 January, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex