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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 23 January, 2014

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **Urgent Need to Call on the Executive Arm of Government to Address the High Rate of Deforestation in the Country:**
Hon. Patrick Ikhariale:

The House:

Notes that the ability of any nation to protect and preserve its physical environment from degradation, goes a long way to determine how well such a nation can protect and promote the socio-economic and politico-cultural well-being of its citizens because what the body is to the human being, is what the physical environment is to the soul of a nation;

Worried that deforestation in Nigeria is the mother of all forms of environmental degradation leading to such other environmental issues like desertification, erosion, flooding, earth warming, etc.;

Further worried that whereas a successful waging of war against deforestation in the country requires a well coordinated and holistic approach, however the passive interest given to this life-threatening problem by States and Local Government Councils leaves much to be desired, as the Federal Government Agencies, all by themselves alone, cannot carry out the fight and win convincingly without support from the States and Local Government Councils;

Concerned that it is not just enough for the Federal and State Governments to have Ministries of Environment and other Parastatals as mere structures with insufficient capacity to deal decisively with the problem of deforestation in the country;

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Resolves to:

Urge the Hon. Minister of Environment to present to the House an action plan towards reducing the incidence of deforestation in the country.

BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Impact Assessment Act, Cap. E12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to strengthen the Process of Approvals and Decision making on Project Inclusivity and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 501) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 292 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Other Related Matters (HB. 601) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 265) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 23 January, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Thursday, 23 January, 2014	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Power	Thursday, 23 January, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 107 New Building (House) Assembly Complex