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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Ambassador Jerry Sonny Ugokwe*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ambassador Jerry Sonny Ugokwe against the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) on alleged re-designation and re-allocation of a green area assigned to him at Apo Legislative Quarters" (*Referred*: 27/3/2013).

2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Major Jacob Ebiowei Mebaike*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Major Jacob Ebiowei Mebaike against the Nigerian Army on alleged wrongful retirement" (*Referred*: 7/2/2013).

3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Gabriel A. Haruna*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Gabriel A. Haruna against the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company on alleged wrongful termination of his appointment" (*Referred*: 6/10/2011).

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4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Finidi K. Jahbless*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Finidi K. Jahbless against Shell Petroleum Development Company Ltd (SPDC) on alleged breach of contract" (*Referred*: 24/10/2013).

5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Ebo Emmanuel Chiadikobi*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Ebo Emmanuel Chiadikobi on alleged indefinite interdiction against the Governing Council of Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Uwana, Ebonyi State" (*Referred*: 7/2/2013).

6. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Michael O. Femowei*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Michael Femowei on alleged illegal and indefinite suspension from Haliburton" (*Referred*: 2/7/2013).

7. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Mr. Emmanuel Adeniyi Ajibade*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Emmanuel Adeniyi Ajibade against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on alleged wrongful dismissal from employment" (*Referred*: 15/11/2012).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Urgent Need to Enforce a One Lane Traffic on the Existing Niger Bridge at Onitsha Pending the Completion of the Second Niger Bridge:**
Hon. Cyril Egwuatu:

The House:

Notes that the existing Niger bridge which was completed and commissioned in 1965, but was blown up during the Nigerian Civil War and later rehabilitated after the war in 1970, is the only link or gateway from the South-East to the South-West in particular and the Northern part of the country in general;

Further notes that human and vehicular movement across the bridge has multiplied tremendously between 1970 and 2014 as cars, commuter buses, trucks and lorries laden with goods and passengers pass through the bridge to bring goods and passengers into and out of the South-East;

Observes that vehicles heavily loaded with goods sometimes break down on the bridge and obstruct the smooth flow of traffic, thereby causing other drivers to begin to maneuver around the broken down vehicle;

Worried that despite the fact that the bridge was not designed for double lane purpose, reckless drivers have now taken to forming four driving lanes on the bridge;

Further worried that the formation of four driving lanes causes gridlock on the bridge and its approaches, resulting in the bridge being laden with dead load well beyond its installed load bearing capacity;

Concerned that the bridge now vibrates intermittently as a result of bearing tremendous dead load and if the situation is not checked, could result in its eventual collapse;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Corps Marshall of the Federal Road Safety Commission to mobilise and station officers on the bridge to enforce a one lane traffic formation pending the completion of the Second Niger Bridge;

(*ii*) mandate the Corps Marshall to station a towing truck on the approach to the bridge to facilitate the prompt removal of any vehicle that breaks down on the bridge.

2. Urgent Need for the Executive Arm of Government to Reconsider the Constitution of a Special Committee to Conduct Fresh Recruitment Exercise into the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS): Hon. Ahmed Idris:

The House:

Notes that on Saturday, March 15, 2014, Nigerians received the shocking news of the death of nineteen (19) job applicants (including three pregnant women) at various venues across the country during the recruitment examinations of the Nigerian Immigration Service;

Further notes that the Vanguard and Daily Trust Newspapers of Monday, 17 March, 2014 reported that about 700 of those applicants were also injured during the exercise;

Aware that in response to the incident, the President, after the Federal Executive Council meeting of 19 March, 2014, cancelled the recruitment exercise and ordered that a fresh one be conducted by a Special Committee to be chaired by the Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission;

Also aware that section 4(2) of the Civil Defence, Fire, Immigration and Prisons Service Board (CDFIPB) Act, Cap. 12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 confers powers exclusively on the Board to make appointments, transfer, confirm, dismiss and exercise other disciplinary control over persons appointed into any of the Services pursuant to paragraph (*a*) of the subsection;

Further aware that section 6 (1) to (2) of the Act further empowers the Board to delegate the powers to appoint officers on grade levels 01 - 07 to the Nigerian Immigration Service, which it had done through a policy, obviously for the purpose of efficiency;

Conscious of the fact that it amounts to a disregard of the rule of law for the Executive Arm of Government to unilaterally constitute a separate Committee to conduct a fresh recruitment exercise when there is an existing Act of the National Assembly vesting the Civil Defence, Fire, Immigration and Prisons Service Board (CDFIPB) with such powers;

Observes the testimony of Mr S. D. Tapgun, a Commissioner in the Board, before the Public Accounts Committee on 19 March, 2014, that the Minister of Interior, Mr Abba Moro unilaterally hired the consultancy firm that conducted the botched recruitment exercise after having allegedly swindled young and unemployed Nigerians of over a billion Naira;

Disturbed that the declaration by the President without recourse to the existing Act of the National Assembly undermines the sacred doctrine of constitutionalism and rule of law which, if allowed, may verge into dictatorship;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Bring to the attention of the Executive Arm of Government the existence of the Civil Defence, Fire, Immigration and Prisons Service Board (CDFIPB) Act;

(*ii*) Urge the Executive Arm of Government to reconsider its decision on the Special Committee; and

(*iii*) Urge the Senate to concur with this Resolution.

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Government Accountability Department and to Institutionalize Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement in Governance and Implementation of the policies of the Federal Government of Nigeria; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 611) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) by changing the motto of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from "Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress" to "Justice and Equity, Peace and Progress" thereby creating strong political will to achieve political objectives in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 566) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry and for Other Related Matters (HB. 576) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**
Hon. Emmanuel Jime:
"That this House do resume the consideration of 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 Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 147) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Adjourned Consideration*: 25/3/2014).

7. **Committee on Rules and Business:**
Hon. A. T. Sam-Tsokwa:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Rules and Business on the further Review of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 25/3/2014).

8. **Committee on Agriculture:**
Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agriculture on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science Act, No. 26 of 2007 to properly define the Institute's Regulatory Role, Enforce the Provisions of the Act and Provide Penalties for Breach Thereof and for Other Related Matters (HB. 478) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 13/11/2013)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 26 March, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Anti-Corruption, National Ethics and Values (*with Kuje Area Council*)	Wednesday, 26 March, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Anti-Corruption, National Ethics and Values (*with Gwagwalada Area Council*)	Wednesday, 26 March, 2014	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex