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ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 17 July, 2014

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5. Message from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)
6. Other Announcements (*if any*)
7. Petitions (*if any*)
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Special Duties**
Hon. Muraina Ajibola:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Special Duties on the Need to Investigate the Activities of Oil Companies and the Encroachment of Anambra State into some parts of Ibaji Local Government Area of Kogi State" (*Referred*:11/7/2012).

2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Bulus Daniel on behalf of Other Disengaged Temporary Staff of Central Bank of Nigeria*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Bulus Daniel on behalf of other disengaged Temporary Staff of Central Bank of Nigeria on alleged non-payment of terminal benefits" (*Referred*: 28/11/2013).

3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Mrs Mary Yusuf*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Mary Yusuf against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged wrongful auctioning of her imported container" (*Referred*: 11/10/2012).

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4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Festus Olawale Ogundipe*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Festus Olawale Ogundipe against the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources on alleged non-payment of retirement benefits" (*Referred*: 18/7/2012).

5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Omenyi Samuel*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Omenyi Samuel against the Nigeria Police Force on alleged wrongful dismissal from service" (*Referred*: 11/12/2012).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Receipt and Adoption of Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide a Framework for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standards for rendering Health Services in the Federation and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 301):**
Hon. Ndudi Elemelu:

The House:

Notes that the National Health Bill, 2014, was passed by the House on Tuesday, 8 July, 2014 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

The Senate passed same with some differences;

The two Chambers met in Conference on Wednesday, 16 July, 2014 and adopted a harmonized version of the Report;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for presentation and adoption;

And in view of the importance of this Bill to the development and management of Health System in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide a Framework for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standards for rendering Health Services in the Federation and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.301).

2. **Declaration of Support by the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Parliamentary Assembly over the Condemnatory Position of the European Parliament on the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Act:**
Hon. Mukhtar M. Ahmed:

The House:

Notes that the National Assembly enacted the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Act of 2014, which was assented to by President Goodluck Jonathan;

Also notes that the Act provides for a penalty of 14 years imprisonment for anybody who engages in same sex marriage and a penalty of 10 years imprisonment for any person witnessing same sex unions or participating in lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gender or inter-sex (LGBTI) activities or operating bars, organisations or societies promoting same sex unions;

Further notes that the European parliament adopted a resolution on 12th March 2014 to commence consultations aimed at suspending Nigeria and Uganda from the Cotonou Partnership Agreement over the passage of legislations by both countries further criminalising homosexual activities;

Observes that the said Resolution of the European Parliament was brought to the attention of the Parliamentary Assembly of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States at its 35th session in Strasbourg, France from 14th to 19th March, 2014, by the Head of the Ugandan delegation;

Appreciates the Declaration issued by the ACP Parliamentary Assembly in reaction to the said Resolution of the European Parliament in which it, among others, expressed solidarity with the Parliaments of Nigeria and Uganda as well as calling on the European Union to appreciate the democratic choices made by these countries and to delink cultural preferences from the need to address developmental and poverty issues;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Commend the ACP Parliamentary Assembly for its exemplary show of solidarity by its declaratory show of support;

(*ii*) Remain steadfast and unwavering in the legislative oversight on the implementation of the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Act; and

(*iii*) Urge the Executive arm of the Government not to bow to pressures from any quarters seeking for the repeal of the Act.

3. The Ongoing Exercise to demarcate the Borders between Nigeria and Cameroun Republic: Hon. Robinson Uwak:

The House:

Notes that Surveyors employed by the United Nations (UN) and the Nigeria/Cameroon Boundary Commission are currently conducting survey exercises in accordance with the Order of the International Court of Justice at the Hague, Netherlands requiring a final demarcation of Nigeria's borders with Cameroon;

Further notes that the ongoing demarcation exercise by the Surveyors has caused uproar and agitation in communities that border Cameroun, as the Surveyors have created new boundary lines from Boundary Pillar 110 - 113 after a failure to find and identify boundary pillar 113A.

Worried that the Surveyors did not bother to visit the archives to obtain the 1913 Anglo-German Treaty in order to ascertain the exact location of the boundary pillars, including boundary pillar 113A;

Aware of the economic importance of that area to Nigeria as it hosts more than 76 oil wells and is also home to the Obudu Cattle Ranch Resort in Cross River State;

Also aware of the allegation that the Cameroonian Authorities had connived with the United Nations (UN) officials to expand its borders into Nigeria's hinterland, especially into some villages in Cross River State;

Recalls Resolution 16 (1) of the First Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States and Governments of the defunct Organization of African Unity (OAU) held in Cairo, Egypt from 17th to 21st July, 1964, where all African Nations, including the Republic of Cameroun, pledged to respect the borders of other African States after the attainment of Independence;

Concerned that it does not appear that the Nigeria - Cameroun Boundary Commission is doing its utmost best to ensure that errors are not made in demarcating the borders;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Nigeria - Cameroun Boundary Commission to be alert to errors that could be made in the demarcation of the borders;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committee on Special Duties to oversee the Nigeria - Cameroon Boundary Commission and ensure that decisions made by the Commission do not prejudice Nigeria's national interest;

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4. **Committee on Rules and Business:**
Hon. A. T Sam-Tsokwa:
"That the House do resume consideration of 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" (*Adjourned Consideration*: 26/3/2014).

5. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**
Hon. Emmanuel Jime:
"That the House do resume 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*: 8/4/2014).

6. **Committee on National Planning and Economic Development:**
Hon. Bethel Amadi:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria to be charged with the responsibility to determine what standards of Knowledge and Skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the Statistics Profession and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 541)" (*Laid*: 15/7/2014).

7. **Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes:**
Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre as the Central Body in Nigeria responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Reports and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities and for Other Related Matters (HBs 495 and 574) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 20/5/2014)

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to give Technical Training to Personnel of the Nigerian Air Force, Other Services of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and Other African Countries; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 127) (*Committee of the Whole*: 9/5/2012.

9. A Bill for an Act to Facilitate Electronic Transaction in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 3) (*Committee of the Whole*: 30/11/2011).

10. **Committees on Human Rights and Justice:**
Hon. Beni Lar:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Human Rights and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2003 (as amended) and to Enact the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act to Provide Measures against Trafficking and for Other Related Matters (HB.474) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 18/3/2014).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 17 July, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Steel (*Public Hearing on Metallurgical Industry Bill*)	Thursday, 17 July, 2014	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Thursday, 17 July, 2014	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Civil Society and Donor Agencies	Thursday, 17 July, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Internal Security, and House Services (*Joint meeting*)	Thursday, 17 July, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 New Building (House) Assembly Complex