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ORDER PAPER

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. ***Ad-hoc* Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill:**
Hon. Bawa Ishaka Mohammed:
"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Legal, Fiscal and Regulatory Framework for the Petroleum Industry in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters and a Bill for an Act to Establish the National New Frontier Exploration Agency, for the Purpose of Exploration and Production of Oil and Gas in the Frontier of Chad Basin, Dahomey Basin, Imo Basin, Benue Trough, Bauchi Basin and Sokoto Basin and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 383 and 360)" (*Referred*: 15/11/2012).

2. **Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management:**
Hon. Jibril Abdulmummuni:
"That the House do receive and consider the Report of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the 2014 - 2017 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper of the Federal Government of Nigeria" (*Referred*: 15/10/2014).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Immortalize Late Dr Stella Ameyo Adadevoh and Compensate the Families of the Health Workers who Died after Contracting Ebola Virus Disease:**
Hon. Olajumoke Okoya-Thomas:

The House:

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Notes that prior to the coming into Nigeria of late Mr Patrick Sawyer, a Liberian -American, there was no recorded case of Ebola Virus Disease in the country;

Also notes that after the Late Patrick Sawyer came into Nigeria and started feeling sick, he was rushed to First Consultants Medical Centre, Obalende, Lagos where late Dr Stella Ameyo Adadevoh attended to him;

Further notes that after conducting diagnosis on late Patrick Sawyer and suspecting that he had Ebola virus disease, Dr Stella Adadevoh forcibly prevented him from leaving the hospital, when he attempted to do so, in order to prevent him from spreading the disease to Nigerians;

Saddened that as a result of the physical contact Dr Adadevoh had with late Patrick Sawyer, she contracted the disease which eventually killed her on 19th August, 2014;

Also saddened that some other medical personnel who also had direct contact with Mr Sawyer equally contracted the disease and had also died as a result;

Observes that the gallantry, patriotism and professional competence of Dr Adadevoh went a long way in curbing the spread of the deadly disease in Nigeria;

Convinced that there is a need to immortalize her by naming a medical institution after her;

Also convinced that there is a need to compensate the families of late Dr Adadevoh and other health workers who died as a result of the outbreak of Ebola virus disease;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Observe one minute silence in honour of the medical personnel who died after treating patients who had Ebola virus disease;

(*ii*) Urge the Federal Government to immortalize late Dr Stella Ameyo Adadevoh by naming a medical Institution after her;

(*iii*) Also urge the Federal and the State Governments concerned to compensate the families of late Dr Adadevoh and those of the other health workers who died of the disease.

2. Reckless Borrowing and Consequent Indebtedness of Akwa Ibom State:
Hon. Robinson Uwak:

The House:

Cognizant of the Second Schedule, Part I of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 which deals with the Exclusive Legislative List, where item 7 places the borrowing of moneys within or outside Nigeria for the purposes of the Federation or any State within the legislative competence of the National Assembly;

Observes that standard form loan agreements between sub-national groups, such as States or Local Government Councils and multinational organizations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, African Development Bank etc, are required to be guaranteed by the Federal or Central Government of the concerned country;

Recognizes that Section 21 (2) of the Debt Management Office (DMO) Establishment Act, 2003, codifies this arrangement into Nigerian domestic law, such that loans taken by States are charged and guaranteed on the Assets of the Federation; bearing in mind that where such States default, the Federation will have to bailout the State, while suffering the consequences of having the country's credit rating downgraded;

Aware of the increasing rate of borrowing by the Akwa Ibom State Government despite the relatively high prices of oil over the last decade which has culminated into huge revenue for Akwa Ibom State;

Also aware of the Report of Debt Management Office (DMO) that Akwa Ibom State is among the 5 States that are near the insolvency bar, which necessitated the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to issue a warning to commercial banks on the need to curb their lending to Akwa Ibom State, as the State is considered to be critical on the debt sustainability analysis scale, as a result of its huge debt profile;

Notes that the high level of indebtedness of the State has left it cash strapped, as it has recorded late payment of salaries and pension to workers and pensioners;

Also notes the joint Report of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Debt Management Office (DMO) that the State is owing contractors a whooping sum estimated at ₦41,092,250,444.06 for completed projects while also owing pensioners the sum of ₦161,655,094;

Concerned that despite the staggering loans that have been obtained by Akwa Ibom State, ostensibly to improve its basic infrastructure, a great number of the population still languishes in squalor, without access to social amenities such as health care services, roads and potable water;

Also cognizant of the provisions of Sections 21 (2) and 24 of the Debt Management Office (DMO) Act, 2003 which requires the Federal and State Governments or any of their agencies to obtain a guarantee from the Minister before obtaining any external loan; and also in case of domestic borrowing, for any bank or a financial institution intending to lend money to any such government or its agency to obtain a prior approval of the Minister;

Equally cognizant of Section 88 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which grants the National Assembly power to conduct investigation into any matter over which it has power to make laws, and to investigate the conduct of any person or authority charged with or intended to be charged with the duty of executing or administering laws enacted by the National Assembly;

Worried that lack of access to vital information does not promote accountability, but rather diminishes the powers of the House to properly oversee borrowings which are charged on the assets of the Federation;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

(*i*) Ascertain if the quantum of loans and overdrafts taken by Akwa Ibom State Government have not put undue pressure on its income;

(*ii*) Ascertain all the sources of the loan facilities and overdrafts and the terms and conditions of each of such loans;

(*iii*) Ascertain if all the loans and overdrafts taken have been judiciously utilized for the purposes that they were sourced;

(*iv*) Ascertain whether the conditions provided in the Fiscal Responsibility Act were fulfilled before the loans were taken by State;

(*v*) Require the Minister of Finance to furnish the House with all approvals given to Akwa Ibom State to obtain both domestic and external loans;

(*vi*) Ascertain any factors relating to external and internal borrowings by Akwa Ibom State which may prejudice the financial health of the Federation, and submit its recommendations within 30 days.

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2003 (as amended) and Enact the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act to Provide Measures against Trafficking and for Other Related Matters (HB. 474) — *Third Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes and For Other Related Matters (HB. 669) (*Hon. Mulikat Akande- Adeola*), a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Cyber Security and Information Protection Agency Charged with the Responsibility to Secure Computer Systems and Networks and Liaison with the Relevant Law Enforcement Agencies for the Enforcement of Cyber Crime Laws, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 407) (*Hon. Daniel Akpan*), and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Promotion of Internet Safety, to require Internet Service Providers and Mobile Phone Operators to provide a service that excludes Pornographic Images and to require Electronic device Manufacturers to provide a means of filtering the contents of devices made for use in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 673) (*Hon. Charles C. Odedo*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 744) (*Hon. Abiodun Isaq Akinlade*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal Sections 59-69 of the Police Act, Cap.359, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Traffic Warden Service Act which shall provide for the Appointment, Promotion and Discipline of Traffic Wardens, Issuance of Certificates of Appointment and discharge and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 681) (*Hon. Bassey Eko Ewa*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Enact the Federal Capital Territory Traffic Management Authority Bill to make elaborate Provisions for the Management of Traffic in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria and for Other Maters Connected Therewith (HB. 725) (*Hon. Samuel Babatunde Adejare and Hon. Solomon Olamilekan Adeola*) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8. **Committee on Electoral Matters:**
Hon. Jerry Manwe:
"That the House do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Electoral Matters on a Bill for an Act to further amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010 to ensure a level playing field for all participants in the Electoral Process and for a more Transparent Process of conducting Elections in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 718) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Adjourned Consideration*: 30/9/2014).

9. **Committee on Banking and Currency:**
Hon. Jones Onyereri:
"That the House do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Amend Sections 2, 16 (5), 34 (1) and (2), 35, 46 (2), 48, 60, 61 and 62 of the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria Act, 2010 (HB. 531) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Adjourned consideration*: 23/10/2014).

10. **Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management:**
Hon. Jibril Abdulmummuni:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the 2014-2017 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper of the Federal Government of Nigeria".

11. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Celina Omotunde Anibaba*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Celina Omotunde Anibaba against the Nigerian Army on alleged wrongful sentence and dismissal of her son, Ex-Major C. A. Fagbohun, from the Nigerian Army and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*:11/12/2013):

(*i*) Review the case of Ex-Major C. A. Fagbohun and retire him appropriately and also pay him all his entitlements;

(*ii*) Pay all entitlements till the date of appropriate retirement together with all retirement benefits.

12. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Major Jacob Ebiowei Mebaike*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Major Jacob Ebiowei Mebaike against the Nigerian Army on alleged wrongful retirement and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 26/3/2014):

That the petitioner's retirement should be upheld.

13. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Mr Ebo Emmanuel Chiadikobi*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Ebo Emmanuel Chiadikobi against the Governing Council of Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Uwana, Afikpo, Ebonyi State on alleged indefinite interdiction and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 26/3/2014):

That the House do discountenance the petition for lack of merit, but urge the Rector and Management not to victimize the petitioner on the basis of the matter.

14. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Mr Michael Femowei*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Michael Femowei against Halliburton on alleged illegal and indefinite suspension and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 26/3/2014):

(*i*) That the House should advise the parties to toe the line of dialogue or submit themselves to arbitration to resolve their differences;

(*ii*) Also advise the petitioner to seek redress in Court if he is dissatisfied with the outcome of the arbitration.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 28 October, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Federal Character (*with National Pension Commission, National Biotechnology Development Agency and National Lottery Commission*)	Tuesday, 28 October, 2014	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

3.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Review of the 1999 Constitution (*Transmission of the Constitution* (*Fourth Alteration*) *Bill,* 2014 *to the Conference of Speakers of State Legislatures*)	Tuesday, 28 October, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Conference Room 022 New Building (Senate) Assembly Complex