HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 19 February, 2015

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report 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):
Hon. Beni Lar:

The House:

Notes that Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Bill, 2013 was passed by the House on Tuesday, 28 October, 2014 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:

The Senate passed same Bill with some differences;

The two Chambers met in Conference on Tuesday, 10 February, 2015 and adopted a harmonized version of the Bill;

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

And in view of the importance of the Bill in eradicating trafficking and smuggling of persons in Nigeria;

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Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Report on 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).

2. **Unconstitutional deployment of Military Personnel for Election Purposes:**
Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila:

The House:

Notes with dissatisfaction the deployment of Military personnel to pooling units for election purposes contrary to section 217 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, as amended;

Also notes that the maintenance of public safety and public order anywhere in Nigeria, including all pooling units and wards during elections, is a constitutional function of the Nigerian Police Force under sections 214 and 215 of the Constitution;

Aware of a secretly-recorded audio tape involving some personnel of the Nigerian Military, now in the public domain, revealing or suggesting how the gubernatorial election in Ekiti State was allegedly rigged;

Also aware of the recent judgment of the Federal High Court in Sokoto stating that other than for the purposes of protecting Nigeria's territorial integrity, there is no constitutional provision that allows for the deployment of Military personnel for election purposes;

Concerned that the general elections being just 5 (five) weeks away, and considering the role played by Military personnel in the recent postponement of the general elections in Nigeria, the Federal Government may once more deploy Military personnel to election centres to intimidate innocent Nigerians if the matter is not addressed;

Disturbed that the presence of Military personnel in pooling units and wards is capable of generating unwarranted apprehension that will scare away innocent citizens, thereby preventing them from peacefully and willfully exercising their franchise;

Resolves to:

(*i*) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the role played by military personnel and any other person who featured in the said audio tape and report to the House within 4 days;

(*ii*) call on the Federal Government, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the Military Authority and indeed all stakeholders to obey the decision of the Federal High Court, Sokoto until it is set aside;

(*iii*) also call on the Federal Government not to deploy military personnel during the oncoming elections in compliance with the decision of the court.

3. **Devastating Rainstorm at Afijio, Atiba, Oyo East and Oyo West in Oyo Federal Constituency of Oyo State:**
Hon. Kamil Akinlabi Mudashiru:

The House:

Notes with sadness the recent rainstorm which devastated Oyo Metropolis comprising four Local Government Areas namely, Afijio, Atiba, Oyo East and Oyo West in Oyo Federal Constituency;

Also notes that the rainstorm destroyed about five hundred buildings thereby rendering the occupants homeless and they have now resorted to living with relations within and outside Oyo Metropolis;

Concerned that the disaster, which occurred at night, did not only destroy buildings, but also household equipment;

Worried that if nothing is done to assist the victims to rebuild their houses, majority of them, who are peasant farmers and petty traders, may remain homeless for the rest of their lives, and this will negatively affect their children who already have been living in congested apartments with relations;

Resolves to:

(*i*) commiserate with entire Oyo community over the unfortunate incident;

(*ii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately take accurate stock of those affected and provide them with relief materials, assist them in rebuilding their houses and also provide them with equipment that were destroyed by the rainstorm.

4. **Increasing Rate of Motor Accidents on the Nation's Highways:**
Hon. Stella Dorgu:

The House:

Notes that on 14 February, 2015, the wife of the Secretary to the Government of Bayelsa State and ten (10) other prominent female politicians from the State were burnt beyond recognition when their vehicles were involved in multiple crashes along the East-West road, Ahoada, Rivers State;

Also notes that the road which is currently under construction, has claimed the lives of many Nigerians on various occasions including Mrs Iwari Oba (mother of the First Lady) on 23 July, 2013; unnamed women and children who were burnt beyond recognition on 15 November, 2013; and seven (7) other Nigerians who were killed in another vehicle crash on the road on 26 December, 2013;

Equally notes that the accident of 14 February, 2015 involving the female politicians is a tip of the iceberg of fatalities on that road, most of which are not reported;

Worried about the Report of the World Health Organisation (WHO) on "Road Safety in the African Region" which stated that Nigeria accounts for 33.7% per 100,000 population for deaths on the roads every year in the African Region;

Also worried about the claim in the Report that more than one in four road accident deaths in Africa occurs on Nigerian roads and also that accidents are the third leading cause of deaths in Nigeria; equally, that Nigeria has the second worst traffic fatalities in the world;

Wonders why it does appear that the relevant government agencies are not doing much to reduce this high rate of road fatalities and even more baffling is the absence of rapid response facilities along the stretches of most highways which would have been helping in reducing fatalities;

Regrets the untimely death of the eleven (11) female politicians and others on that road which has thrown the people of Bayelsa State and the families of the deceased into mourning;

Also wonders when Bayelsa State would be able to raise those calibre of female politicians especially at this period of time when Nigerian women are beginning to exercise their rights in large numbers to participate actively in politics;

Resolves to:

(*i*) observe one minute silence for the victims of the crash;

(*ii*) call on the Federal and State Governments through its Agencies, Federal Road Safety Commission, Fire Services, National Emergency Management Agency and States Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to establish and maintain well equipped Rescue Centers complete with fire and ambulance services at strategic points along the East-West Road, and indeed other highways across the country to avert or minimize such sad and tragic occurrences;

(*iii*) further call on the Federal Government to establish functional Emergency, Casualty and Trauma centres in hospitals as part of our healthcare system and care for accident victims;

(*iv*) mandate the Committee on Land Transport and other relevant Committees that carry out oversight functions on Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) to investigate the use of Hiace buses for commercial transportation given their record of bursting into flames in the event of an accident;

(*v*) adequately compensate the families affected by this great loss.

5. Urgent Need for the Federal Government to send immediate aid and relief materials to Onicha Olona and other Communities in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State that were ravaged by rainstorm:
Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu:

The House:

Notes that on Monday, 16 February, 2015, a heavy rainstorm occurred in Onicha Olona and other communities in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State;

Also notes that the roofs and ceilings of over 400 (four hundred) houses were blown off by the rainstorm while the affected houses were damaged in the process, thereby rendering thousands of people homeless, grounding economic activities and destroying properties worth over ₦500,000;

Worried that if immediate emergency aid and relief materials are not provided to these communities, the victims would remain helpless and lose faith and confidence in government;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials as a matter of urgency to victims of rainstorm in Onicha Olona and all other affected communities in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State;

(*ii*) urge the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) to live up to its responsibilities by engaging in weather forecasting activities and advising citizens to evacuate disaster prone areas before occurrence of such disasters in order to avoid or minimize loss to human lives and properties;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Environment to visit the victims of the rainstorm in Onicha Olona and all the other affected communities, assess the level of damage and ascertain the level of assistance to the victims from Government and Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) and report back to the House in two (2) weeks.

6. **Need to Salute the Bravery and Patriotism of Wing Commander Chimda Hedima and his Colleague:**
Hon. Emmanuel Jime:

The House:

Notes a video recording that was posted on the internet by the Boko Haram Sect which showed the charred debris of a plane and the scene of the beheading of a man who was later identified as Wing Commander Chimda Hedima, a pilot with the Nigerian Air Force;

Recalls that the late Wing Commander Hedima and his colleague were captured when their plane came down after sustaining gun fire;

Realizes that Commander Hedima and his colleague opted to inflict maximum damage on the enemy at a risk to their own lives when they could have parachuted from the doomed plane, at a time that could have afforded them a likelier chance of avoiding capture, but instead, they chose to fly the plane to a point where it would crash-land on the enemy position, thus leaving them no escape route from capture;

Concerned that they took the decision to put the nation first by paying the ultimate sacrifice for their beloved nation which they had fought to protect;

Impressed by the sheer outpouring of praises and admiration in the media by colleagues of Commander Hedima and his colleague, and believing them to be heroes whose sacrifice for their nation ought to be applauded and recognized;

Resolves to:

(*i*) observe a minute's standing ovation for the bravery shown by Late Wing Commander Hedima and many other personnel of the Armed Forces who continue to put their lives in harm's way for the unity of our country;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Defence to liaise with the Executive Arm of Government to ensure that a posthumous national award is given to late Wing Commander Hedima and his colleague for their uncommon acts of bravery and patriotism;

(*iii*) urge the Nigerian Air Force to name the brand of aircraft flown by Late Wing Commander Hedima after him;

(*iv*) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to award scholarship up to at least first degree level to the children of the Late Wing Commander Hedima and his colleague.

BILLS

7. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) the total sum of ₦59,258,397,000 (Fifty-Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand Naira) only, of which, ₦16,242,056,000 (Sixteen Billion, Two Hundred and Forty-Two Million, and Fifty-Six Thousand Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, ₦10,978,187,000 (Ten Billion, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand Naira) only, is for Transfer to the Federal Government of Nigeria, ₦8,682,751,000 (Eight Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Two Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand Naira) only, is for Transfer to Universal Service Fund, while the Balance of ₦21,175,403,000 (Twenty-One Billion, One Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Four Hundred and Three Thousand Naira) only, is for Capital and Special Projects for the Year Ending on the 31st Day of December, 2015 (*Hon. Mulikat Akande- Adeola*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Customers Relationship Management to be charged with responsibility for Registration and Discipline of its members, to Regulate and Control the Practice of Customer Service Profession and for Other Related Matters (HB. 736) (*Hon. Abdulrahman Terab*) — *Second Reading*.

9. A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prohibition of Acts of Thuggery, Criminal Intimidation, Blackmail and Other Related Offences in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 752) (*Hon. Ismail Inah Hussain*) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

10. **Committee on Power:**
Hon. Patrick Ikhariale:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Power on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Authority (NEMSA), to carry out the Functions of Enforcement of Technical Standards and Regulations, Technical Inspection, Testing and Certification of all Categories of Electrical Installations, Electricity Meters and Instruments etc. to ensure the Efficient Production and Delivery of Safe, Reliable and Sustainable Electric Power Supply and Guarantee Safety of lives and property in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry and for Other Related Matters (HB. 685) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 16/10/2014).

11. **Committees on Commerce and Justice:**
Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Commerce and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Industrial Property Commission to take over the Functions of the Registration of Trade Marks, Patents, Designs, Plant Varieties, Animal Breeders and Farmers' Rights and Supervise the New Registries created under the Industrial Property Act (HB. 64) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 24/10/2013).

12. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by disengaged Staff of the National Health Insurance Scheme*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by disengaged Staff of the National Health Insurance Scheme against the Scheme on alleged wrongful disengagement from service and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 16/7/2014).

urge the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to reinstate the petitioners.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 19 February, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Education (*with the Hon. Minister of Education*)	Thursday, 19 February, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex