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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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## ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 25 February, 2015

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### PRESENTATION OF BILL

Electoral Act, 2010 (Further Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 769) (*Hon. Muhammad Bashir Galadanchi*) — *First Reading*.

### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Commerce:**
**Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria charged, among other things, with the responsibility of entrenching Professional excellence, enhancing competence and setting the Standards for best practices in Learning and Performance among other Human Capital Development Practitioners in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 542)" (*Referred*: 5/11/2013).

2. **Committee on Commerce:**
**Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria, to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 422)" (*Referred*: 19/3/2014).

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3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
*Report on the Petition by Muhammed K. Idris*:
**Hon. Uzo Azubuike:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Muhammed K. Idris against the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) on alleged non-release of land and title deeds of Plot No. 247, Cadastral Zone B07, Katampe" (*Referred*:12/2/2014).

4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
*Report on the Petition by Nnamdi Chijioke Steve Aralu*:
**Hon. Uzo Azubuike:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Nnamdi Chijioke Steve Aralu against Total E & P Nigeria Limited on alleged refusal of the Company to pay medical bills for injury sustained in the course of duty" (*Referred*: 18/2/2014).

5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
*Report on the Petition by Tasoluk-Oakland Limited*:
**Hon. Uzo Azubuike:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Tasoluk-Oakland Limited against the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) on alleged double allocation of Plot 657, Cadastral Zone B02, Durumi District" (*Referred*: 11/12/2013).

6. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
*Report on the Petition by Olawale & Associates on behalf of Wasiu Aromashodu and Family*:
**Hon. Uzo Azubuike:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Olawale & Associates on behalf of Wasiu Aromashodu and Family, the entire residents of Aminatu Ilo Street and the Community Development Association of Ejigbo (LCDA) against the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) on alleged unconstitutional acts" (*Referred*:19/12/2013).

7. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
*Report on the Petition by Samuel Umeadi Mogekwu*:
**Hon. Uzo Azubuike:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Samuel Umeadi Mogekwu against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on alleged wrongful dismissal from service" (*Referred*: 21/11/2013).

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## MOTIONS

1. **Unconstitutional Deployment of Military Personnel for Election Purposes:**
**Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila:**

The House:

*Notes* with dissatisfaction the deployment of military personnel to polling 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 polling 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, now in the public domain, involving some personnel of the Nigerian Military revealing how the gubernatorial election held in Ekiti State in June 2014 was allegedly rigged;

*Also aware* of the recent judgment of the Federal High Court, Sokoto stating that other than for the purposes of protecting the territorial integrity of Nigeria, 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 elections, 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 polling units and wards is capable of generating unwarranted apprehension that could scare away innocent citizens, thereby preventing them from peacefully and willingly 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 back 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.

**2. Motion for Rescission Pursuant to Order IX Rule 57 (6) of the House Standing Orders: *Food Security Advancement Fund Establishment Bill*, 2012 (HB. 355):**
**Hon. Kaka Kyari Gujbawu:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Food Security Advancement Fund (FOSAF) for the Purpose of ensuring Food Security, Local Production of Imported Food items, Empowerment of Peasant Farmers and Arresting Capital Flight through Food items Import and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 355); a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agro-Processing and Food Safety Service Commission charged with the Responsibility to, among other things, Prevent and Fight against Food and Waterborne Diseases in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 449); and a Bill for an Act to Establish Food Processing and Preservation Centres which shall Collate, Process and Preserve Agricultural Produce into Finished or Semi-Finished Goods; Ensure Food Security in Nigeria thereby creating Employment and for Other Related Matters (HB 490) were consolidated on Tuesday, 13 January, 2015;

*Aware* that the Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Food Security Advancement Fund (HB. 355) seeks to address the fundamental issue of appropriate funding mechanism and proffer window for that purpose to all sectors of the agriculture which makes it different from the other two Bills (HB. 449) and (HB. 490);

*Resolves to*:

Rescind its decision of Tuesday, 13 January 2015 and deconsolidate the Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Food Security Advancement Fund (HB. 355) from the Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agro-Processing and Food Safety Service Commission charged with the Responsibility to, among other things, Prevent and Fight against Food and Waterborne Diseases in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 499); and the Bill for an Act to Establish Food Processing and Preservation Centres which shall Collate, Process and Preserve Agricultural Produce into Finished or Semi-Finished Goods; Ensure Food Security in Nigeria thereby creating Employment and for Other Related Matters (HB. 490).

3. **Need for Clarification of the True Position of Imam Abubakar Shekau, Leader of Boko Haram Sect:**
**Hon. Benjamin I. Aboho:**

The House:

*Notes* the claim which was widely reported in Nigerian Newspapers sometime in September 2014 that Imam Abubakar Shekau, the leader of the Boko Haram Sect had been killed;

*Also notes* that the Vanguard Newspaper of Wednesday, 17 September, 2014 gave a detailed account of how Imam Shekau met his waterloo in an ambush at Konduga, where Nigerian soldiers spotted and opened fire on him;

*Further notes* with surprise, publications in Nigerian Newspapers of Monday, 23 February, 2015 where the military authority mandated troops to ensure that the same Imam Abubakar Shekau is captured alive;

*Puzzled* by the turn of events, therefore seeks a clarification on the exact position of whether Imam Shekau is dead or alive in view of the above conflicting publications;

*Resolves to*:

Mandate the Committees on Defence, and Army to investigate the matter within 1 (one) week and report back to the House.

4. **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 posthumous national awards are 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.

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## BILLS

**5.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Transport Authority for the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 434) (*Hon. Gideon Gwani*) — *Second Reading*.

**6.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Rapid Build-Up of Industrial Capacity in Nigeria and to Promote Competitiveness of Nigeria's Manufactured Goods and Products and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 757) (*Hon. Stella Oluwarotimi Ayamara Dorgu*) — *Second Reading*.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

**7.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Management of Biosafety and for Other Related Matters (HB. 579) (*Committee of the Whole*: 19/3/2014).

**8.** A Bill for an Act to Make Provisions for Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 265) (*Committee of the Whole*: 29/1/2014).

**9.** **Committees on Commerce, and Labour, Employment and Productivity:**
**Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:**
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Commerce, and Labour, Employment and Productivity on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Social Work to Regulate the Practice of Professional Social Work in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 365) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 31/10/2013).

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | *Committee* | *Date* | *Time* | *Venue* |
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| 1. | Rules and Business | Wednesday, 25 February, 2015 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06<br>Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Army | Wednesday, 25 February, 2015 | 2.30 p.m. | Room 2.04<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |