# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 4 March, 2015

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### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committees on Health and Justice:**
**Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 700) (HB. 455) (*Referred*:16/7/2014).

2. **Committee on Health:**
**Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act to effect the change of the Name from National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja to National Hospital, Abuja and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 717)" (*Referred*: 9/7/2014).

3. **Committee on Housing and Habitat:**
**Hon. Usman Adamu Mohammed:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Housing and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Lands Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. F15, LFN, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 494)" (*Referred*: 31/10/2013).

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## MOTIONS

1. **The Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission to Liaise with the House to bring about the Staggering of Future Elections to Reduce Tension in the Polity and Improve Governance.**
**Hon. Eddie Ifeanyichukwu Mbadiwe:**

The House:

*Notes* the excessive tension in the polity as a result of the forth coming elections;

*Concerned* that if the tension is not properly channeled, the foundations of the nation could be eroded;

*Aware* that the election fever has to a large extent been caused by the clustering of all the series of elections within a short time frame;

*Convinced* that the National Assembly has an important role to play in stabilising the Nigerian nation;

*Resolves to*:

Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to work with the Committee on Electoral Matters to devise a way of staggering future elections in order to ensure a more serene electoral environment.

2. **Gas Emission from Irri/Kwale 18" Gas Pipeline and the Refusal of Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) to Address the Claims of the Impacted Community:**
**Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Irri/Kwale 18" Gas Pipeline operated by Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) emitted gas between 23rd to 29th December, 2009, which polluted the entire Umu-Eze Iwerrie Community of Aboh in Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State;

*Also notes* a report that the gas emission was promptly brought to the attention of Nigerian Agip Oil Company which neglected to clamp the source of the leakage until six (6) days after the disclosure of the information to it;

*Observes* another report that the heavy and extensive emission densely polluted the environment and adversely affected the health of the people of the community, many of whom were consequently hospitalized for long periods;

*Further notes* the claim that the pollution damaged crops, surface water, marine life, roofs of houses, vegetation and also caused the death of hundreds of domestic and wild animals, as well as poultry;

*Also observes* that the post-impact assessment carried out by representatives of the Delta State Ministry of Environment, National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) and Umu-Eze Iwerrie Community, contained in the field reports of Joint Investigation Visit (JIV) dated 29th December, 2009, required NAOC to effect immediate repairs of the facility and compensate the impacted community;

*Worried* that the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) had not only blatantly refused to pay the Four Hundred Million Naira (₦400,000,000.00) compensation requested by Umu-Eze Iwerrie community as a result of the pollution, but also backed out from further negotiations that could have led to an agreement for the payment of a fair compensation;

*Concerned* that there is an urgent need to prevail upon NAOC to comply with the recommendation of the Joint Investigation Visit (JIV) which it had earlier endorsed and agreed to implement;

*Resolves to*:

Mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to urgently investigate the claims within three (3) weeks with a view to prevailing upon the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) to pay a fair compensation to the Umu-Eze Iwerrie Community and then report back to the House.

3. **The Need to Establish Earthquake and Tsunami Monitoring Stations in the Hinterland and Coastlines of the Country:**
**Hon. Akpan Micah Umoh:**

The House:

*Notes* that despite Nigeria being a nation involved intensively in extractive industry, especially onshore/offshore and deep sea oil drilling, as well as indiscriminate water borehole drilling, there is no facility in place for early warning information on Seismic regimes that could lead to Earthquake/Tsunami, either along the Atlantic coastlines or in the hinterland;

*Worried* that activities with enormous seismic implications, especially deep sea drilling, are advancing with high intensity towards the mid-Atlantic edge where the massive African and South American tectonic plates meet;

*Also worried* that the edge of tectonic plates are usually sites of intense geological activities raising dangers of possible Tsunami in the Gulf of Guinea with its likely catastrophic consequences on all littoral communities along the entire Nigerian coastline;

*Concerned* that climate changes which led to recent unprecedented flooding in Nigeria is a pointer to the fact that the nation needs to be proactive in disaster and emergency management /preparedness;

*Also concerned* that undetected Tsunami and Earthquake could cause disaster that could spell doom for Nigeria because of its predominately mono economic status where 90% of the country's earnings are derived from petroleum activities, mainly from the Gulf of Guinea, and any unexpected seismic disaster will devastate the economy and adversely affect the coastal cities;

*Further concerned* that in the event of this type of disaster occurring, scientific studies have proven that cities like Calabar, Eket, Ikot Abasi, Warri, Lagos and others along the nation's coastline would be the worst hit, taking along all oil installations in its wake, as was the case with Japan recently;

*Disturbed* by recent scientific finding which has proven that "fracking" or fluid injection, which is a procedure in which oil companies recover more oil from reserves by pumping millions of liters of water underground to release trapped oil and gas, has the capacity to increase tremors and increase the likelihood of earthquake;

*Observes* that seismic monitoring devices for early warning signals have already been installed in parts of Republic of Cameroon, our immediate neighbor to the east, drawing from their experience in the eruptions of Lake Nyos in 1984 and 1986, when even Kastina Ala in Northern Nigeria, was adversely affected;

*Resolves to*:

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Emergency/Disaster Preparedness to work with relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDGs)in order to establish earthquake/Tsunami Monitoring Stations in Nigeria, and report back to the House within 4 weeks.

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## BILL

4. A Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation 1944, into Nigerian Law; to Establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Service and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 690) (*Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi*) — *Second Reading*.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

5. A Bill for an Act to Penalize the Commission of acts of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishments, to Prescribe Penalties Thereof and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 120) (*Committee of the Whole*: 16/5/2012).

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | *Committee* | *Date* | *Time* | *Venue* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rules and Business | Wednesday, 4 March, 2015 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Banking and Currency (*with Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company*) | Wednesday, 4 March, 2015 | 1.00 p.m. | Committee Room 201 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Science and Technology (*Budget defence with Federal Ministry of Science and Technology and its Agencies*) | Wednesday, 4 March, 2015 | 1.00 p.m. | Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Steel | Wednesday, 4 March, 2015 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Millennium Development Goals (*Budget defence*) | Wednesday, 4 March, 2015 | 1.00 p.m. | Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Human Rights (*Budget defence with Agencies under its jurisdiction*) | Wednesday, 4 March, 2015 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |