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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 1 March, 2016

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ORDERS OF THE DAY
BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Population Programmes and Development Act, Cap. N2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004to change the qualification for appointment of the Board Members from "highly respected "to highly qualified"" and for Other Matters Related Thereto, (HB. 276) *(Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba) – Second Reading.*

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004"to Review Penalties and Fines and for Other Matters Related Thereto, (HB. 226) *(Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) – Second Reading.*

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Sales of Goods Act of 1893 and Re-enact the Sales of Goods Bill, 2016 to provide for Regulations of Sales of Goods in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 371) *(Hon. Lawal Abubakar Garba) - Second Reading.*

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. P34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to give room for fair hearing in the disciplining of any student for misconduct and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, (HB. 352) (*Hon. Adamu D. U Kamale) – Second Reading.*

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Inland Fisheries Act, Cap. I10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review upward the penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 357) (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki) - Second Reading.*

6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,

2004 to provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, (HB. 149) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok) - Second Reading.*

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Public Accounts Committee Act, Cap. P5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith; (HB.341) *(Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok) – Second Reading.*

8. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Disposal of Waste by Industries or Companies; Prohibit Environmental Pollution, Prescribe Penalties against Offenders and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 346) *(Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello) – Second Reading.*

9. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Loans (State Development) Act, Cap. L16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, (HB. 360) *(Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo) – Second Reading.*

MOTIONS

10. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order XII, Rule 94 Electronic Transaction Bill, (HB. 374) 2016
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:
The House

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence were made or negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence were made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo.

Also notes that the aforementioned Bill was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 374 and read the first time.

Resolves to:
Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration**.**

11. Urgent Need for Completion of Kano Western *By-Pass* Linking Kano-Kaduna Road to Dawanau Village on Kano-Katsina Road
Hon. Garba Ibrahim Mohammed:
The House:
Notes that the Federal Government awarded a contract to Dantata and Sawoe for construction of Kano Western *by-pass* linking Kano-Kaduna to Dawanau Village on Kano-Katsina Road on the 10th of May, 2007 with an estimated completion date of May 19th, 2010, which has been postponed twice;

Aware that the full complement of work on the 26.6 kilometers road include construction of an interchange at the tip of the bridges, an over pass bridge over a railway line and other ancillary works, but concerned that only 38.23% of the work has been done despite the passage of 80% of the allotted completion time;

Also aware that the completion of the road will boost the revenue profiles of the affected areas, enhance agricultural activities and socio-economic conditions of the people, provide alternative linkage to many settlements and ease difficulties and time for conveyance of goods from the Northern to other parts of the country;

Disturbed that the execution of the contract has been characterized by inadequate budgetary provisions since inception, the worst being lack of any provision in the 2015 budget, which made it impossible for the contractor to receive the second advance installment in the payment plan, leading to stoppage of work;

Resolves to:
Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to appropriate money in the 2016 budget for the completion of the Road.

12. Need for Implementation of the 2015 Constituency Projects by the Rural Electrification Agency:
Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok Hon. Iboro Ekanem:
The House:

Notes that despite the extension of the 2015 financial year to 31st March, 2016, the implementation of the constituency projects of members in the power sector tagged "Light -Up Rural Nigeria" has been stalled;

Also notes that the projects were captured in both the Appropriation Acts of 2014 and 2015;

Aware that the President of Nigeria approved the payment for the projects and N1.3billion was the actual amount of the budgetary release for the projects;

Disturbed that the Hon. Minister of Power, Works and Housing stopped payments for the projects without any cogent reason and concerned about whether a Ministerial directive could override the President's approval;

Worried that the action of the Hon. Minister is capable of undermining the authorities of both the President and the National Assembly and those projects, which have direct bearing on the lives of people in the rural areas, are being sidelined to the detriment of the people living in the rural areas;

Resolves to:
(i) Urge the Hon. Minister of Power, Works and Housing to immediately comply with the Presidential directive and the 2015 Appropriation Act as passed by the National Assembly, by ensuring the payments of the outstanding sums to ensure implementation of the Constituency Projects under the Rural Electrification Agency;

(ii) Mandate the Committee on Power to ensure compliance, and report back to the House within four weeks, for further legislative action.

13. **Urgent Need to Resuscitate the Gamma Irradiation Facility (GIF) at the Sheda Science and Technology Complex (SHESTCO) Abuja:**
Hon. Ahmed Yerima:
The House:

Aware that the Federal Government established the Gamma Irradiation Facility in 2006 at the cost of about 50 billion Naira to provide farmers a means of storage to prevent post-harvest losses, and treat over 20 metric tons of products daily;

Also aware that there had been workshops that brought farmers and beverage companies and pharmaceutical companies together to see how they can benefit from the Facility, which has a capacity to treat over 20 metric tons of products daily and was expected to generate 7.245 billion Naira annually but has never worked and is now wasting away at the Nuclear Technology Centre (NTC), Sheda Science and Technology Complex (SHESTCO) Abuja;

Resolves to:

(i) Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Science and Technology to determine the current status of the Gamma Irradiation Facility and recommend ways to make it functional within the shortest possible time;

(ii) Also mandate the Committee on Science and Technology to investigate the movement of the Facility from SHESTCO to Nigeria Atomic Energy Agency (NAEC) without amendment of the enabling law establishing SHESTCO and also determine NAEC's relationship with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the project.

14. Need to Investigate the multiple Appointments being held by some Nigerians and the unlawful payments of Emoluments to them in those capacities:
Hon. Abdulahi Umar Faruk:
The House:
Notes that there are some senior public and civil servants holding more than one public office at the same time and are receiving emoluments and benefits for such offices in contravention of Sections 6 and 8 of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, Cap. 15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, an action that corrupts public morality;

Concerned that too much money is being spent to maintain public officials to the extent that about seventy percent of the nation's yearly budget is allocated for recurrent expenditure to the detriment of other developmental projects;

Convinced that there is a need to put an end to the illegal and unjust enrichment of such individuals with public funds to the detriment of millions of other Nigerians, especially at this period of dwindling resources as a result of fall in the price of oil;

Also convinced that stopping the practice of public officials holding multiple appointments and earning emoluments therefrom would help in reducing the recurrent expenditure of the Government and curb this act of corruption;

Resolves to:
Mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to conduct investigation to determine the number of Nigerians currently holding more than one public office and are receiving emoluments/benefits from such offices in Ministries, Departments and Agencies and report back to the House within four weeks for further legislative action.

15. Need for Intervention in the activities of the Federal Scholarship Board:
Hon. Samaila Suleiman:
The House:
Aware that the Federal Scholarship Board has the mandate to provide sponsorship for eligible students to pursue undergraduate and post-graduate programmes in some selected Universities across the world under the Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA);
Also aware that under the Agreement, participating countries are responsible for the students' tuition and accommodation, while the Board takes care of the students' monthly stipends, health insurance, warm clothing allowance, research and yearly take off grant;

Notes the incessant reports of delays, under payment and neglect of students on scholarships in various foreign countries by the Board which has a dampening effect on their studies and general well-being and is also a breach of the Agreement;

Observes that in recent years, the activities of the Board have been shrouded in secrecy without adequate dissemination of information to the general public, thereby depriving some eligible students from taking part in the scholarship scheme;

Resolves to:
(i) Call on the Federal Scholarship Board to settle all outstanding allowances to enable the students under its sponsorship have hitch free studies;

(ii) Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to carry out an oversight on the activities of the Board as it affects poor handling and selection of beneficiaries, including the level of compliance with the federal character principle and report back to the House within 4 weeks, for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

16. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, Provide for Additional Powers and Functions to the Office, Establish the Federal Audit Service Commission; Repeal the Audit Act of 1956, the Public Accounts Committees Act, Cap. P35, LFN, 2004 and Re-enact the Federal Audit Service Bill, 2015; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 107) *Committee of the Whole 15/12/2015.*

17. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, Provide for the Engagement of Nigerians in Diaspora in the Policies, Projects and Participation in the Development of Nigeria and for the Purposes of utilizing the Human, Capital and Material Resources of Nigerians in Diaspora towards the overall Socio-Economic, Cultural and Political Development of Nigeria, and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 160) – *Committee of the Whole 21/1/2016.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	***Date***	***Time***	***Venue***
1.	*Ad-Hoc* Committee on Alleged Fraudulent Practices in the Collection and Management of Non-Oil Revenue Remittance *(Investigative Hearing with Ministry of Transport , NICOMSAT, etc.)*	Tuesday, 1 March February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 028 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	*Environment and Habitat*	Tuesday, 1 March February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 244 New Building (House)

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3.	*Ad-Hoc* Committee to Investigate Accounting Procedure of Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) *(Investigative Hearing)*	Tuesday, 1 March February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	*Ad-Hoc* Committee to Investigate Award of Contract for the Installation Of CCTV Cameras in Lagos and Abuja	Tuesday, 1 March February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	*Education*	Tuesday, 1 March February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex