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Thursday, 3 March, 2016

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Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba:
"That the House do receive the Report of the House Delegation to Kano State on the Unfortunate Fire Disaster at the Popular Singer Market, Kano" (*Referred*: 23/2/2016).

2. **House Delegation to Kogi State on the Illegal Removal of the Speaker of Kogi State House of Assembly:**
Hon. Pally Iriase:
"That the House do receive the Report of the House Delegation to Kogi State on the Illegal Removal of the Speaker of Kogi State House of Assembly" (*Referred*: 23/2/2016).

3. ***Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Activities of the Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs) pertaining to Infrastructure and Billing:**
Hon. Babajimi Benson:
"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Activities of the Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs) pertaining to Infrastructure and Billing" (*Referred*: 28/7/2015).

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4. ***Ad-hoc* Committee on the Request for an Increase in the Amount to be Raised through the Diaspora Bond from the International Market:**
Hon. Garba Shehu:
"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Request for an Increase in the Amount to be raised through the Diaspora Bond from the International Market" (*Referred*: 29/9/2015).

5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Messrs Musa Lema, Innocent Odumah and 1999 others against the Nigerian Immigration Service on alleged non-engagement after recruitment and training" (*Referred*: 10/12/2015).

6. **Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations**
Hon. Samuel Ikon:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Inter-parliamentary Relations on the 38th Conference of the African Parliament Union (APU) held in Bissau, Guinea Bissau on the 5th and 6th December".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Food, Drugs and Related Products (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. F33, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the fines and confer Jurisdiction on the High Court of a State to try Offences under the Act; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 359) (*Hon. Emmanuel M. Udende*) — *Second Reading*.

2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria Act, Cap. D4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Re-enact the Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 399) (*Hon. Oluwole Oke*) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an act to Provide for Secured Transactions, Registration and Regulation of Security Interest in Movable Assets; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 147) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Grazing Route and Reserve Commission to establish and control Grazing Routes and Reserves in all parts of Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 388) (*Hon. Karimi Steve Sunday*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Productivity Centre Act, Cap N70, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in order to Empower the Centre to Design, Setup and Operate Productivity guideline for training, certification of Artisans and Technicians and to Establish a Registry for the Registration of qualified members; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 387) (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Postgraduate College of Physiotherapy to be charged with the Responsibility of Promoting Professional Physiotherapy Education, Providing Specialists in Physiotherapy with critical thinking and creative problem solving Skills and prepare Knowledgeable, Skilled, Culturally Competent, Compassionate and Reflective Physiotherapy Practitioners in the study and Practice of Physiotherapy in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB.372) (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Yunusa*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 35 (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to ensure that persons arrested for comission of crimes are Promptly Charged to Courts of Competent Jurisdiction and are not Unlawfully Detained; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 378) (*Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 147 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to among others require the President to indicate the port folio that a Ministerial Nominee shall occupy; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB 386) (*Hon. Abudulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

9. **Receipt and Adoption of Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Act, 2016; and for Other Related Matters:**
Hon. Herman Hembe:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Act, 2016; and for Other Related Matters was passed by the House on Tuesday, 23 February, 2016 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

The Senate passed same Bill with some differences;

The Two Chambers met on Wednesday 2 March, 2016 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 for the administration the Federal Capital Territory;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Act, 2016; and for Other Related Matters.

10. **Call for Repair of Sections of the Owerri/Onitsha Highway and Construction of Drainage System in the Ogbaku Axis:**
Hon. Henry Nwawuba:

The House:

Notes that the Owerri/Onitsha Highway, a very busy road touching on the social and economic activities of the people of the South Eastern States of Anambra, Imo, and Abia and the South Southern States of Delta, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Cross River and Bayelsa, is in a deplorable condition:

Also notes that the Okija-Ihiala section in Anambra State and the Eziama Obiato, Ogbaku and Irette sections in Imo State have been badly damaged by erosion as a result of the near total absence of drainage system;

Concerned that the deplorable state of some sections of the road has resulted in increased accidents and loss of man hours, and is also bringing untold hardships on motorists;

Concerned about the absence of drainage facilities on the Ogbaku/Irette section in Imo State which has contributed greatly to the dilapidation of the highway;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to appropriate money in the 2016 budget proposal for the rehabilitation of the Owerri/ Onitsha highway, including the construction of drainage system in the Ogbaku/Irette section.

11. Calling Attention to the High Cost of Rent in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja: Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola:

The House:

Aware of the universally acknowledged fact that shelter is a basic human necessity and a pre-requisite for survival, in addition to food and water, and it is the responsibility of every government to provide shelter for its citizens;

Notes with concern the outrageous rent regime on residential and commercial buildings in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and its negative effects on the social and economic lives of residents of the city;

Also notes that at a time when many Nigerians do not have access to anything close to a decent accommodation, the number of completed, but unoccupied structures litter the nation's capital in the prime areas of Maitama, Asokoro, Wuse and Garki, thereby forcing many people to live in the outskirts of the city;

Also aware that from statistics, the housing deficit in Nigeria is about 17million, with the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja accounting for 10% of this deficit;

Recalls that in the past, the Government took the lead in constructing residential houses for the citizenry but worried about the Federal Government's current policy thrust that recognizes only the private sector as the main solution to the housing deficit in the country, thereby giving room for indiscriminate charges being placed on rent by private developers;

Concerned that if this abnormal situation is not addressed, the middle and low income earners residing in the Federal Capital Territory will continue to suffer;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to put in place a policy that would regulate house rents and impose taxes/rates on unoccupied houses that have remained so for a specified period of time; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Housing to review all existing Housing Policies with a view to evolving a legislative framework for a comprehensive and integrated housing Policy.

12. Call for Implementation of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2007 and Fixing of Debt Ceiling for the Federation:
Hon. Chukwudi Jones V. Onyereri:

The House:

Aware that Section 42 (1) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2007 provides that the President shall, within 90 days from the commencement of the Act and with advice from Minister of Finance, subject to approval of the National Assembly, set overall limits for the amounts of consolidated debts of the Federal, States and Local Governments, pursuant to the provisions of items 7 and 50 of Part I, of the Second Schedule to the 1999 Constitution and the limits and conditions approved by the National Assembly, shall be consistent with the rules set in the Act and with the fiscal policy objective in the Medium-term Fiscal Framework;

Also aware of subsection (3), that for the purpose of verifying compliance with the limits specified pursuant to this section, the Commission shall, at the end of each quarter, determine the amount of the consolidated debt of each tier of government;

Further aware of subsection (4) that the Commission shall publish, on a quarterly basis, a list of the Governments in the Federation that have exceeded the limits of consolidated debts, indicating the amount by which the limits were exceeded;

Equally aware of subsection (5) that where, at the end of any quarter, the consolidated debts of the Federal, States or Local Governments exceed the respective limits, it shall be brought within the limit no later than the end of the three subsequent quarters with a minimum of 25 percent reduction in the first quarter;

Notes that subsection (6) requires that violators of the limits shall:

(*a*) be prohibited from borrowing from internal or external sources, except for the refinancing of existing debts;

(*b*) bring the debt within the established limit by restricting funding commitments accordingly; and

(*c*) where non-compliance with the limits persists, be prohibited from receiving grants from any other Government in the Federation;

Also notes subsection (8) that whenever the fundamentals of the proposals are changed due to economic instability or change in monetary policies, the President shall submit to the National Assembly a request for a review of the current limits;

Observes that since the coming into force of the Fiscal Responsibility Act in 2007, no President has complied with the mandatory requirement to, within 90 days, set overall limits for the amounts of consolidated debts of the Federal, States and Local Governments;

Believes that the main intention of the Act is to ensure that no tier of government borrows when it is not necessary for it to do so, and if it must resort to borrowing at all, it must be for a verifiable venture and must exhibit a capacity to repay;

Concerned that the failure/refusal of successive Governments has, in the main, been responsible for the debt profile of all tiers of Governments which have shown indiscretion and recklessness in the borrowing process and the actual utilization of the borrowed funds which have worsened the economic profile of most States;

Also concerned that the continued failure to comply with the mandatory requirement of the Act will ultimately defeat the intendment of the Act, stifle economic growth, thereby mortgaging the future of generations yet to be born;

Resolves to:

Urge the President of Nigeria to initiate the implementation of Section 42 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, within 90 days of this Resolution.

13. Attendant Effects of Increasing Gas Explosions in the Country:
Hon. Tajudeen Yusuf:

The House:

Notes that there has been an increasing rate of gas explosions across the country, notably in Akure, Abuja, Lagos and Jos, resulting in loss of lives and other victims sustaining various degrees of burns and bodily damage;

Aware that most of these explosions reportedly occurred as a result of the use of metal cylinders, which are obsolete and potentially prone to leakages and exploding;

Concerned that the continued use of metal cylinders could only lead to more explosions and loss of lives and properties across the country;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to evolve a policy initiative through which metal cylinders will be replaced with fibre cylinders; and

(*ii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to give relief materials to victims of these gas explosions across the country and offset their medical bills.

14. Need to Provide Foreign Exchange at Official Rate for those Studying Abroad:

Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar
Hon. Alhassan Doguwa
Hon. Herman Hembe
Hon. Emmanuel M. Udende
Hon. Abayomi Ayeda
Hon. Tajudeen A. Obasa
Hon. Oghene Egoh
Hon. Okolo Ikari Benjamin
Hon. Chime Oji
Hon. Aminu Sani
Hon. Danladi Baido
Hon. Shadimu Mutiu
Hon. Nasiru G. Sule
Hon. Muhammed Ali Wudil
Hon. Raphael Igbokwe
Hon. Asadu Patrick
Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani
Hon. Aishatu J. Dukku
Hon. Babajimi Benson
Hon. Philip Shaibu
Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji
Hon. Babatunde Kolawole
Hon. Ahmed Yerima
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Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun

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Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu
Hon. Mohammed N. Sheriff
Hon. Sulaiman Aliyu Romo
Hon. Ahmed Garba Bichi
Hon. Edward Pwajok
Hon. Aminu Shagari
Hon. Jagaba A. Jagaba
Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta
Hon. Murtala Isah
Hon. Muhammed Kazaure
Hon. Oladele Bosun George
Hon. Yusuf Buba
Hon. Agunsoye Rotimi Ojo
Hon. Kabiru Marafa Achida
Hon. Magaji Dau Aliyu
Hon. M. T. Monguno
Hon. Yunusa A. Abubakar
Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin:

Hon. Samson Okwu
Hon. Binta Bello
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Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun
Hon. Lazarus Ogbee
Hon. Abubakar Chika Adamu
Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife
Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu
Hon. Aliyu Danladi
Hon. Abdulrazak Namdas
Hon. Sergius Ogun
Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello
Hon. Sani U. Bala
Hon. Aminu Suleiman
Hon. Zephaniah B. Jisalo
Hon. John Dyegh
Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega
Hon. M. Sani Zorro
Hon. Adekunle Akinlade
Hon. Bamgbose H. Joseph
Hon. Sani Danlami
Hon. Yusuf Teejay
Hon. Evelyn Omavowan Oboro
Hon. Beni Lar
Hon. Isah Salihu Bashir

The House:

Notes that the concept of foreign exchange is not only used to determine the wellness of a country's economy, but is also a facilitating vehicle for international trade, balance of payment and other undertakings, in furtherance of education and medical care of Nigerians abroad;

Aware that the foreign exchange regime is regulated by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) with strict measures against the backdrop of increasing devaluation of the Naira and dwindling price of crude oil;

Worried that the scarcity of dollars at the official foreign exchange rate and the devalued status of the Nigerian currency have negatively impacted on operations of the Bureau De Change (BDC) and commercial banks, arising from inability to access sufficient foreign currencies for international transactions;

Concerned that the strict measures and subsequent introduction of the Dutch Auction Sale (DAS) and the Whole Dutch Auction System (WDAS) by the CBN which objectives were to stabilize and improve the operations of the foreign exchange market did not yield appreciable results, rather the forex market is becoming increasingly complex with unprecedented scarcity of foreign exchange and when available, sells at very exorbitant rate, only affordable to few Nigerians;

Also concerned that due to global financial meltdown, foreign direct investments are no longer flowing in as before to the extent that foreign investors in oil and gas industries are diverting from Nigeria's economy which is further aggravating the scarcity of foreign currencies in Nigeria;

Disturbed that insufficiency of foreign currencies has made it difficult for Nigerians to freely conduct foreign transactions, especially the payment of school fees and medical bills, as well as exchange of foreign goods and services;

Cognisant that if this issue is not properly addressed, those studying abroad may find it difficult to access foreign currency to facilitate payment of their school fees and other necessary activities;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to create a desk office that shall collate a comprehensive data bank of all Nigerian students studying abroad in order that the required foreign currency should be released to their parents, especially those on self-sponsorship, to cater for their tuition. accommodation fees and personal upkeep allowances on monthly basis:

(*ii*) also urge the CBN to designate certain Banks for the purpose of payment of school fees and mandate them to ensure prompt release of such funds as and when due; and

(*iii*) further urge the CBN to publish a list of certified students with details of their bio and academic data to avoid abuse by the designated Banks.

15. Need to Address the Menace of Accidents Involving Articulated Vehicles:
Hon. Ayodeji Adebayo Joseph:

The House:

Notes the spate of accidents, almost on a daily basis, involving articulated vehicles which have continued to claim lives:

Recalls that sometime in June 2015, 12 students of the Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU), Ago Iwoye who were traveling to Lagos were crushed to death when a truck carrying an unlatched container tripped and fell on the bus conveying the students;

Also recalls another incident in Awka. Anambra States in July 2015, where a truck laden with containers tripped over and crushed a Toyota Camry car killing a couple and their eldest son instantly;

Worried about the poor enforcement of speed limit and lack of specialized training for drivers of articulated vehicles by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and also the negligent or nonchalant attitude of companies and individuals to the requirement to latch containers to the trucks to prevent their tripping over while being conveyed;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to Institute specialized training for drivers of articulated vehicles, conduct random alcohol tests on them, restrict their movements to the night period and enforce speed limits; and

(*ii*) urge the Ministries of Power, Works and Housing, and Transport to consider the creation of dedicated lanes on the highways for tankers and articulated vehicle.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

16. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Roll-Over of all Unspent or Unutilized Capital Expenditure of Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies in a Financial Year to the next Financial Year under the same Heads of Capital Expenditure; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 164) (*Committee of the Whole*: 23/2/2016).

17. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Health Officers Registration, etc. Act, 2002; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 29) (*Committee of the Whole*: 4/11/2015).

18. **House Delegation to Kogi State on the Illegal Removal of the Speaker of Kogi State House of Assembly:**
Hon. Pally Iriase:
"That the House do consider the Report of the House Delegation to Kogi State on the Illegal Removal of the Speaker of Kogi State House of Assembly" (*Laid*: 3/3/2016):

19. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by George Temidara Akinfolarin*:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by George Temidara Akinfolarin against the Nigerian Ports Authority on wrongful disengagement from service and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 16/2/2016):

That the House do uphold the prayer of the petitioner for reinstatement and payment of all the entitlements accruing to him from the day the alleged dismissal took effect.

20. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Usaini Garba Yakassi*:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Usani Garba Yakassi against the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 16/2/2016):

Urge the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to compute the entitlements of the Petitioner. Usaini Garba Yakassi and pay him within a reasonable time.

21. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Mr Lawal Ayodele:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Lawal Ayodele against the Federal Road Safety Commission for unlawful termination of his appointment without benefits and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 16/2/2016):

(*i*) Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to pay all his entitlement;

(*ii*) that the petitioner should apply formally to the Federal Road Safety Commission for the computation of his pension and gratuity and other entitlements.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Solid Minerals Development (*with Officials of Nigerian Miners Association*)	Thursday, 3 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Appropriations (*with Hon. Ministers of Finance, Budget and National Planning, CBN Governor, Accountant-General of the Federation and the DG Budget Office of the Federation on the* 2016 *Budget*)	Thursday, 3 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 236 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Transport and Railway (*Investigative Hearing*)	Thursday, 3 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Treaties, Protocols and Agreements	Thursday, 3 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Petroleum Resources (Downstream) (*with PENGASSAN, NNPC and Management of PPPRA*)	Thursday, 3 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 028 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Public Procurement (*with (NNRA, NERC, NCS, FERMA and DPR*)	Thursday, 3 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex