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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. (*i*) *Consolidation of Bills*:

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Repeal and Re-enact the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act, and to provide for the Designation and Establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones and Special Investment Areas in Nigeria; Establishment of the Oil and Gas Investment and Free Zones Authority; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 64) (*Hon. Darlington Nwokocha*).

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act, Cap. O5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 with a view to providing for the Designation and Establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones and Sub-Zones in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 332) (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jev, Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*).

(*c*) A Bill for an Act to Repeal and Re-enact the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act to provide for the Designation and Establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones and Special Investment Areas in Nigeria, Establishment of the Oil and Gas Investment and Free Zones Authority; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 400) (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga*).

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(*ii*) *Consolidation of Bills*:

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make the Appointments of Service Chiefs subject to confirmation by the National Assembly; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 70) (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe*).

(*b*) 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*).

(*iii*) *Consolidation of Bills*:

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, Cap E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 326) (*Hon. Bede Uchenna Eke*).

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for quick Recovery Procedures for Stolen Assets, Implement active pursuit of cases, Build Capacity and improve Trust and Co-operation with Foreign Counterparts; ensure adequate funding of the Commission; Establish the Economic and Financial Crimes Courts; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 393) (*Hon. Bassey Eko Ewa*).

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to among others, facilitate the process of incorporation: and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB 151) (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim*) -- *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Reduce the Incidence of Unsolicited Telephone Calls and Text Messages being Received by Consumers; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 406) (*Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Authorize Private Persons to initiate or conduct a Criminal Proceeding against another person who is alleged to have committed a crime or contravened any Act; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 408) (*Hon. Oni Olamide Johnson*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act, Cap M 8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to among others, make Provisions for Compensation for Medical Malpractice and Negligence and review upwards practising fees and penalties; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs. 141 and 351) (*Hon. Kingsley Obinna Onwubuariri, Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Establishment and Development) Commission to encourage, Promote and Co-ordinate Traditional Medicine Practice in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 409) (*Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pre-Shipment Inspection of Export Act, Cap. P25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide that a person acting for a body corporate is equally guilty alongside the body corporate for an offence committed by it; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 363) (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk*) -- *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

8. **Briefing/Presentation of the House Code of Conduct to Honourable Members:**
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:

9. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly; Order XII, Rule 94: *Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun Bill*, 2016 (HB. 381):**
Hon. Evelyn Oboro:

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. 381 and read the first time on Wednesday, 17 February, 2016;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

10. **Call on the Federal Government to Constitute the National Council on Public Procurement:**
Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo:

The House:

Notes that eight (8) years after the enactment of the Public Procurement Act, successive Federal Governments have failed to constitute the National Council on Public Procurement as required by Section 1 of the Public Procurement Act;

Also notes that section 7 (1) of the Act provides for a Director General for the Bureau of Public Procurement who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Council, after a competitive selection process;

Aware that all the previous Directors-General of the Bureau had been appointed even though the Council has never been constituted, hence it could not have recommended them, as a result of which, the appointments were in breach of the Act;

Further notes that the Public Procurement Act has the capacity to ensure efficient and transparent public procurement process if implemented judiciously;

Concerned that all the functions of the Council provided for in section 2 of the Act that would have led to effective administration of the Bureau are not being carried out owing to the continued failure to constitute the Council;

Worried that corruption, conflicts of interests, fraud, irregularities, underpricing, bribery, faking of technical and financial capacities by bidders, leading to compromise in quality delivery, have tainted public procurement process and these have retarded national development and economic growth;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to constitute the National Council on Public Procurement without further delay.

11. **Need to Intensify Efforts to Check Illegal Possession of Firearms Across the Country: Hon. Odebunmi Oluesegun Dokun:**

The House:

Notes that arms, ammunitions and explosives are item number two (2) on the Exclusive Legislative List in the Second Schedule, Part I of the 1999 Constitution and are clearly defined in Section 2 of the Firearms Act, Cap F28, LFN, 2004;

Concerned about the proliferation and the high rate of illegal possession of firearms by individuals and groups in violation of Sections 3, 4, 8, 11 and 12 of the Fire Arms Act, a situation that substantially contributes to the high rate of insecurity and crime in the country;

Recalls that several publicized efforts at recovering those firearms from people possessing them illegally had yielded little or no results as they were either abandoned or the firearms later found their ways back into the hands of those from whom they were recovered;

Cognizant of the urgent need to recover those illegal firearms from the public in order to guarantee security of lives and properties;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence and Police Affairs to liaise with the relevant Security Agencies and other Stakeholders to device a means of curbing illegal possession of firearms in the country, and report back to the House within four weeks for further legislative action.

12. **Urgent Need to Investigate the Lukewarm Attitude of States Defaulting on UBEC Funds: Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku:**

The House:

Notes that the Universal Basic Education (UBE) programme is a nine (9) year basic educational programme which was introduced in September 1999 to eradicate illiteracy, ignorance and poverty as well as stimulate national development, political consciousness and national integration;

Also notes that the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Act, provides for not less than 2% of the Consolidated Revenue of the Federal Government to be contributed to the Fund and for any State to qualify for the intervention Fund, it must contribute 50% of the cost of whatever project it intends to embark upon as a commitment to its execution;

Aware that the idea of UBEC has been hailed as one of the best policies that has ever happened in the Nigerian education sector, as it helps to provide free and universal basic education for every Nigerian child of school-going age, thereby laying a solid foundation for life-long learning;

Concerned that some States have failed to claim their grants since 2005, while over ₦58 billion from the Commission is idling away in the Central Bank of Nigeria unclaimed, yet States moan that they do not have money to develop the education sector;

Also concerned that the lukewarm attitude of the defaulting States have been a source of worry to well-meaning Nigerians, as both conditional matching grants and non-conditional special education fund from UBEC have been neglected by the States;

Disturbed that States like Abia, Benue, Cross River, Ekiti, Enugu, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Osun and Oyo, with an average of over ₦3 billion each idling away in the CBN have failed to access their allocations since 2011, despite the dilapidating state of infrastructure in primary and secondary schools in those States;

Also disturbed that while the Federal Government contributed about ₦70 billion in 2014 and about ₦8 billion so far in 2015, twenty-seven (27) States and the FCT have not contributed their grants, and have, as a result, been deprived of the right to access the fund:

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Government to remit the statutory allocations for the months of January to April, 2015 to the UBEC Fund without further delay; and

(*ii*) urge the defaulting State Governments and the FCT to, in the national interest, contribute their counterpart funds to enable them access the UBEC fund to bring education in the States to the reach of every child.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

13. 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) (*Adjourned Consideration*: 09/03/2016).

14. **Committees on Telecommunications and Privatization and Commercialization:**
Hon. Saheed Akinlade Fijabi:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Telecommunications and Privatization and Commercialization on the Liquidation and Takeover of Nigerian Telecommunications PLC (NITEL) and Nigerian Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTEL) by NATCOM and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 1/3/2016):

(*i*) That the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) in enforcing due process, transparency and adopting procedure in line with international best practice during the entire sale process should adopt and apply such procedure in future Privatisation exercises;

(*ii*) that the Federal Government should encourage NATCOM Consortium, owners of NITEL and MTEL by creating an enabling environment that will make the two entities compete favourably with other Telecom Companies. This is because, NATCOM Consortium is an indigenous Company with great potentials for creating employment opportunities, reducing the huge amount of capital flight that is currently being experienced in the telecoms sector and foster strategic competition that is capable of further reducing the cost of communications in Nigeria;

(*iii*) that the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) should meet its obligations and commitments to the Bureau of Public Enterprises and the core investor (NATCOM) in line with the Presidential approval on licenses and spectrum for the effective take-off of NITEL and MTEL;

(*iv*) that the Bureau of Public Enterprises, in its post-acquisition functions, should in line with efficacy and efficiency, encourage a local company like NATCOM, being the core investor,