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7. Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 411) (*Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu*) — *First Reading.*
8. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 413) (*Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu*) — *First Reading.*

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9. Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 413) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) — *First Reading*.

10. Environmental Impact Assessment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 414) (*Hon. Bede Uchenna Eke*) — *First Reading*.

11. National Poverty Alleviation and Eradication Commission of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 415) (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar*) — *First Reading*.

12. Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 416) (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki*) — *First Reading*.

13. Chartered Institute of Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 417) (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk*) — *First Reading*.

14. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 418) (*Hon. Ali Muhammad Wudil*) — *First Reading*.

15. Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 419) (*Hon. Usman Mohammed*) — *First Reading*.

16. Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 420) (*Hon. Bukar Lawan*) — *First Reading*.

17. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 421) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) — *First Reading*.

18. Nigerian Communications Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 422) (*Hon. Ossai N. Ossai*) — *First Reading*.

19. Nigerian Communications Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 423) (*Hon. Peter Ohiozojeh Akpatason*) — *First Reading*.

20. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 424) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *First Reading*.

21. National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 425) (*Hon. Emmanuel M. Egwu*) — *First Reading*.

22. Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 426) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *First Reading*.

23. Nigerian Constitution Studies (Inclusion in Schools Curriculum) Bill, 2016 (HB. 427) (*Hon. Owoidighe Ime Ekpoattai*) — *First Reading*.

24. National Planning Process Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 428) (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi*) — *First Reading*.

25. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 430) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *First Reading*.

26. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 431) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *First Reading*.

27. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 432) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *First Reading*.

28. Taxes and Levies (Approved List for Collection) (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 438) (*Hon. Zakariyau M. Galadima*) — *First Reading*.

29. National University Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 439) (*Hon. Prestige Ossy*) — *First Reading*.

30. Renewable Energy Bill, 2016 (HB. 440) (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi*) — *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Urgent Need for the Construction of Cross Kauwa-Mallam Fatori, Abadam-Gashigar, and Damasak-Gaidam Road in Borno State:**
Hon. Bukar Gana:

The House:

Notes with concern that the Cross Kauwa-Mallam Fatori, Abadam-Gashigar, and Damasak-Gaidam road linking Borno and Yobe States, is in such a deplorable state that is characterized by dangerous potholes which dot the entire stretch of the road, making it difficult for movement of persons and goods;

Also notes that the deplorable state of the road is adversely affecting the socio-economic activities of the people of the States and their environs as it serves as the major link road between the affected communities and their neighboring States;

Concerned that if the road is not constructed, the lives of commuters will continue to be endangered and the economic activities of the areas will continue to dwindle;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to appropriate funds in the 2016 budget for the construction of the road.

2. **Urgent Need to Fence the Federal College of Education (Technical) Omoku, Rivers State:**
Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi:

The House:

Aware that the Federal College of Education (Technical), Omoku was established to address the deficit in technical education by training teachers in technical, vocational, science and business courses amongst others, while also stimulating interest of students in the oil bearing Communities to embrace technical education for self-reliance;

Also aware that the school, which offers courses leading to the award of Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE) in technical, science, vocational and allied subjects, commenced academic activities in April 1989;

Further aware of the avalanche of challenges the school is facing, ranging from insecurity to flooding, hence the urgent need for the erection of a fence around the school and construction of drainages to channel the flood;

Cognizant that the absence of a fence around the school has been a constant source of insecurity and trespass onto the school, leading to cancellation of the proposed resumption of the 2014/2015 session and has occasioned a sharp drop in the admission rate, and if urgent steps are not taken to address the problems, the noble idea behind the establishment of the school will be defeated;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education to find a lasting solution to the plight of the Federal College of Education (Technical), Omoku, Rivers State; particularly in the areas of fencing of the 237,347 hectares of school land and reconstruction of the laboratories, hostels, classrooms and staff quarters that were destroyed by flood.

3. **Need to Investigate the Non Compliance with the terms of Agreements by Concessionaires and Privatized/Partially Privatized Government Companies.**
Hon. Gabriel Babatunde Kolawale:

The House:

Notes the uproar by individuals, staff and Unions of Privatized/Partially Privatized and conceded Government owned Enterprises owing to concerns on the non-conformity to the terms of sales and/or Agreements by the Concessionaires of the enterprises;

Aware that the non-conformity to the terms of the Agreements have caused the country enormous losses in income, owing to the non-remittance of appropriate taxes and other financial commitments;

Conscious of the expressed determination of the Federal Government to block all leakages in the revenue chain and the zero tolerance stance to corrupt practices;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate all failed Concessions, and the terms of outright sales and/or Agreements of Privatized Enterprises, with a view to determining why some of the Agreements failed and proffer solutions on how to avoid further failures and enhance the productivity and profitability of the affected Enterprises, and report back to House within eight (8) weeks, for further legislative action.

4. **Need to urge States Defaulting on the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) Funds to Pay Up:**
Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku:

The House:

Notes that the Universal Basic Education (UBE) programme is a nine (9) year basic educational programme introduced in 1999 to eradicate illiteracy, poverty, 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 UBEC 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 for its execution;

Aware that the idea of UBEC has been hailed as one of the best policies to have been introduced 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 of the Commission's fundis 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 has 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 the primary and secondary schools in those States;

Also disturbed that while the Federal Government contributed about ₦70 billion in 2014 and about N8 billion so far in 2015, twenty-seven (27) States and the Federal Capital Territory (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.

5. Urgent Need to Investigate the Status of the Nigerian Education Bank:
Hon. Ahmed Yerima:

The House:

Notes that the crucible of civilization, progress and social development revolves around Education, but concerned that Nigeria, over the years, has not been providing enough funds to stimulate the Education sector;

Aware that the Nigerian Students Loans Board, established in 1972, had by 1991, provided loans totaling ₦46 million (USS 3.8 million) to enable students finance undergraduate or graduate studies within Nigeria and abroad, but by 1992, the Board was faced with the problem of recovering outstanding loans of over ₦40 million (USS 3.34 million), thus leading to its suspension;

Also aware that the Board was, in 1993, replaced by the Nigerian Education Bank with the main functions of lending money to students, lending for publishing, equipment leasing, project financing, funds mobilization and provision of advisory services for educational purposes;

Observes that the loans to undergraduates were designed to place some debt burden on students ranging from ₦24,000-₦32,000 (USS 201-268) for four years by 1998, and within this range, student loans are assumed to vary, according to the type of course being untaken, duration, level, professional or non-professional, degree or non-degree, and the loans were also structured to meet the higher costs of students in professional fields such as medicine, law, accountancy, architecture, quantity surveying, etc.;

Also observes that other functions of the Bank include mobilizing educational savings from parents and teachers by advising parents to take out educational insurance policies and initiate savings schemes for their children, providing advisory services and undertaking scientific research on economics and financing of education, analyzing recurrent and capital costs of education, undertaking cost-benefit analysis of educational investments and advising on manpower development issues;

Concerned by the Global Monitoring Report that Governments of various countries across the world spend on average, 5.1 per cent of their Gross National Income (GNI) on education, and in the United States of America and Western Europe, the figure is 6.2 per cent, while some country's investments in education is even in excess of 8 per cent of their GNI, whereas some developing countries barely achieved 3 per cent in 2011;

Recalls that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) benchmark for developing countries is 26% of their budgets for education, whereas Nigeria budgeted 8.43% in 2012, 8.7% in 2013 and 10.7% in 2014;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Banking and Currency to investigate the current status of the Nigerian Education Bank with a view to bringing about its revival; and

(*ii*) call on the Federal Government to endeavour to meet up with the UNESCO benchmark of 26% of State budget for funding of education.

6. **Need to Investigate the Various Intervention Funds by the Central Bank of Nigeria: Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji:**

The House:

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has over time, made conscious efforts to supplement shortfalls in allocations to the real sector by lending directly to consumers, contrary to its original mandate of going through commercial banks on issues involving consumer lending, the basic intention being to assist in stimulation of the economy;

Also aware that the CBN has executed and continues to execute various intervention projects in different sectors of the economy running into over ₦1.233 trillion, including:

(*i*) commercial agricultural credit schemes amounting to ₦200 billion,

(*ii*) power and aviation sectors intervention fund amounting to ₦300 billion,

(*iii*) micro, small and medium enterprises development fund, amounting to ₦220 billion,

(*iv*) real sector support facility, amounting to ₦300 billion,

(*v*) Nigeria electricity market stabilization facility, amounting to ₦213 billion;

Further aware that the above sums are part of the sum of ₦2.02 trillion set aside by the CBN as Intervention fund for operators in the various sectors of the economy to access;

Observes that given that the CBN's intervention in any particular sector is synonymous with a declaration of a state of emergency in that sector, it is therefore expected that there would be an expeditious handling of such projects with noticeable impacts, however, the power sector for instance, has not really shown appreciable improvement as electricity supply is still very epileptic in most parts of the country;

Notes that these intervention funds have not yielded the expected economic development as people who are supposed to benefit from the micro, small and medium enterprises development fund, which was supposed to be the catalyst to grow businesses, create jobs and empower people across various incomes, have at various times, complained of their inability to access these funds, hence the need for the CBN to adopt a process that will ensure that the targeted beneficiaries can access these funds without impediments;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate the disbursements of these funds, assess their impacts on the relevant sectors of the economy and also the performance of the various schemes undertaken by the CBN, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

7. **Call on Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDA's) to forward all Existing Treaties yet to be Domesticated to House:**
Hon. Yakub Abiodun Balogun:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has entered into many Treaties and other International Multilateral and Bilateral Agreements aimed at enhancing the socio-economic development of the Nation;

Aware that such Treaties cannot have the force of law unless they are laid before the National Assembly for domestication, and the fact that this has not happened has resulted in the country not being able to harness the benefits of the Treaties;

Cognizant that unless the Treaties are domesticated without further delay, the country is running the risk of damage to its diplomatic image;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Request all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to forward all the Treaties and other International Agreements they have entered into to the House for domestication; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements to assess the Treaties when forwarded with a view to recommending their domestication.

8. **Call on the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to establish a National Orientation Brigade to be known as War against Indiscipline Brigade (WAI BRIGADE):**
Hon. Ali Muhammad Wudil:

The House:

Recalls that the National Orientation Agency (NOA) was established in 1993 to, among other things, re-orient and encourage Nigerians to take part in decisions affecting their general and collective welfare;

Notes that among the functions of the Agency are establishment of social institutions and framework for deliberate exposure of Nigerians to democratic norms and values, and re-orient them to shed their general attitude of wastages, vanity and pretenses of affluence in their lifestyles;

Also notes that to be able to effectively discharge the functions assigned to it, the Agency is empowered by section 10 (*b*) of the National Orientation Agency Act to establish a National Orientation Brigade, to be known as WAI Brigade;

Also recalls that the Minister of Information and Culture recently expressed the readiness of the Federal Government to reintroduce the policy of War Against Indiscipline (WAI), which will be a welcome development, given the level of moral decadence in the Society;

Aware that the re-introduction of the War Against Indiscipline (WAI) would require pro-active approaches for success, hence the belief that the establishment of a WAI Brigade would be the appropriate machinery for instilling discipline in Nigerians;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to set up, without further delay, the War Against Indiscipline Brigade to be known as WAI Brigade; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with this Resolution.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 6 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Delegated Legislation	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Agricultural Production and Services	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Works, and Finance (*Joint meeting*)	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 107 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Local Content	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	*Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Award of Contract for the Installation of CCTV Cameras in Lagos and Abuja	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Drugs and Narcotics (*Investigative Hearing*)	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Federal Character (*with Federal Staff Hospital and National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)*)	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	Public Procurement (*with Officials of NSCDC, NHIS, PEF, RMRDC, NNRA, NBBRI, NERC, USF and NITDA*)	Wednesday, 16 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex