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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**
Hon. Iorwase Herman C. Hembe:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Civil Service Commission; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 167)" (*Referred*: 28/1/2016).

2. **Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Gas Resources, Local Content, and Legislative Compliance:**
Hon. Victor Nwokolo:
"That the House do receive the Report of Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Gas Resources, Local Content, and Legislative Compliance on the Investigation of Acts of Procedural Breach by the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)" (*Referred*: 8/3/2016).

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. Consolidation of Bills:

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Act, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Regulation of Unsolicited Telephone Communications from all Communication Industries in Nigeria and to make Provision for the Promotion of online safety that will require Internet Service Providers and Mobile Phone Operators to Provide a Service that excludes Adult Content; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 422) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*); and

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Act, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Prohibiting Sales of Pre-Registered Sim Cards; falsely or illegally Registered Sim Cards; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 423) (*Hon. Peter Ohiozojeh Akpatason*).

2. Consolidation of Bills:

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prevention, Treatment and Control of Cancer; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 462) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*);

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Establish a National Cancer Institute to be the Nation's Principal Agency for Cancer Research; to Coordinate a National Research Programme on Cancer Causes, Prevention, Detection, Diagnosis and Treatment Through Various Research Projects and Clinical Trials; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 463) (*Hon. Gideon Gwani*); and

(*c*) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 464) (*Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma*).

3. Consolidation of Bills:

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Penalties and Fines Provided Therein; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 317) (*Hon. Saheed Akinade Fijabi*); and

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap. 03, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Penalties Provided Therein; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 426) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*).

4. A Bill for an Act to mandate the Roll-Over of all Unspent or Unlisted CapitalExpenditure of Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies in a financial year to the next Financial year under the same Head of Capital Expenditure, 2016 (HB. 164) — *Third Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for a Process of National Planning and for Compliance with the Provisions of a National Development Plan for the overall objective of achieving rapid national development; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 428) (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 68(g) and 109 (g) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to further provide a Proviso on the Vacation of seats by Legislators; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 431) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Credit Administration to Regulate and set Standards for Professional Conduct of those who manage Credit; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 425) (*Hon. Emmanuel M. Egwu*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

8. Urgent Need for the Completion of the Dam Project at Ile-Ife:
Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government, in its quest to provide potable water for the people of Ile-Ife, awarded a contract for the sum of ₦6,823,000,000,00 (Six billion, eight hundred and twenty-three million Naira) to Reynolds Construction Company Ltd to construct a dam at Ile-Ife, and the contractor mobilized to site in March 2005;

Also notes that the Federal Government paid ₦2,033,000,000.00 (Two Billion, Thirty-Three Million Naira only) to the contractor, leaving a balance of ₦4,493,000,000.00 (Four Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety Million Naira) only and the contractor suspended further works on the project in 2009 when the Government did not sustain the financing of the project;

Aware that the level of work done so far was 35% of the total work required for completion of the dam before the contractor moved out of the project site;

Also aware that the dam, when functional, will not only provide potable water but will also support irrigation which will boost food production, generate employment and enhance food security;

Concerned that the ₦2,033,000,000.00 (Two Billion, Thirty-Three Million Naira) only already paid for the project may become a colossal waste if urgent action is not taken to complete the Dam Project;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to ensure that priority attention is given to the completion of the Dam Project in order to salvage the over 2 billion Naira public fund already incurred on the project.

9. Urgent Need to Rehabilitate the Effurun-Sapele Federal Highway:
Hon. Evelyn Omavowan:

The House:

Notes that the Effurun/Sapele Highway is the only road that leads to the Warri Refinery, Ekpan and the Nigerian Ports Authority, Warri, Delta State;

Observes that on both sides of the Highway, there are very bad spots that hinder free flow of traffic as heavy duty vehicles such as fuel tankers, lorries, and trailers find it difficult to pass through the road, especially when they are carrying goods, as they fallon the failed portions which result in blockage of the road;

Disturbed that the aforesaid incidence may lead to accidents which could result to loss of lives and damage to properties if the failed portions are not rehabilitated;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, carry out maintenance of the failed portions of the Effurun/Sapele Highway.

10. Need to Investigate the Alleged Massive Fraud in ₦117 Billion Rice Import Quota Scheme: Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House:

Recalls that the Federal Government, in 2014 developed a new Rice Policy to fast-track national self-sufficiency in rice production;

Also notes that in order to facilitate the implementation of the policy, an inter-ministerial committee was set up to work out the national rice supply gap, allocate import licenses with appropriate quotas based on four key criteria to assess investments of individual companies in local Rice production;

Aware that the Policy was aimed at building local capacity in rice production, hence owners of existing rice mills and new investors with verifiable background integration into the rice value chain were allowed to pay 10 percent import duty and 20 percent levy while merchants who have nothing to contribute to local rice production were charged 10 percent duty and 60 percent levy;

Cognizant that investigations into the alleged frauds committed by Umza International Farms Ltd, one of the 26 beneficiaries of the rice quota scheme revealed that it received import quota of 36,000 metric tonnes under existing miller allocation and 49,000 metric tonnes under investor allocation, a rate higher than the rate prescribed by the policy despite the fact that it has only 30,000 metric tonnes capacity with no other investment in local rice production;

Worried that apart from Umza International Farm Ltd, Dangote and Golden Penny companies do not also have existing mills, but got 115,204 metric tonnes and 91,887 metric tonnes respectively, while Micap rice with a very small scale mill of between 15,000 to 20,000 metric tonnes got 82,897 metric tonnes;

Disturbed that several other companies such as Umza International Farm Ltd are in the habit of diverting parboiled rice from one port in a particular country to another port in some other countries, a situation that maritime experts described as another red flag irregularity and sabotage of the rice value chain that cumulatively undermine the efficacy of the rice import policy;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Customs and Excise to:

(*i*) Investigate the allegations and ascertain the extent of non-compliance with the rice import policy by any individual, public officer, public authorities or rice milling company;

(*ii*) ascertain the extent of revenue losses arising from misapplication of the rice import policy or abuse of authority in the implementation of the policy;

(*iii*) device strategies for recovery of lost, diverted and unremitted revenues due to gross misapplication of the policy, and make appropriate recommendations to address the challenges with a view to ensuring the development of the Rice industry, and to report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Call for Investigation of the Abandoned Contract of Agadagba-Obong-Arogbo link Bridge: Hon. Kolade V. Akinjo:

The House:

Notes that in September 2012, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) awarded a contract for the Construction of Agadagba-Obon-Arogbo Road/Bridge with spur to Agwobiri-Egbesubiri (Phase I) to Piccolo-Brunelli Engineering Limited for the sum of ₦6,136,367,333.25 (Six Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Three Hundred and Sixty Seven Thousand, Three-Hundred and Thirty-Three Naira, Twenty-Five Kobo) with a completion period of fifty-two (52) weeks;

Also notes that the Commission made payment of ₦500,000,000.00 (Five Hundred Million Naira) only representing 15% mobilization fee to Piccolo-Brunelli Engineering Limited;

Aware that Piccolo-Brunelli Engineering Limited, acting on the standing instruction of the Niger Delta Development Commission, paid the sum of ₦50,000,000.00 (Fifty Million Naira) only as compensation to the inhabitants of Agadagba-Obon and Arogbo Communities;

Concerned that even though the company mobilized men and materials to the site for a few months during which they only struck and pegged some iron rods, the company thereafter abandoned the site without any recorded milestone commensurate with the mobilization fee paid to it and it has since wound up and a receivership order of court granted to Skye Bank Plc;

Also concerned that the project, aimed at connecting the Ijaw oil-bearing riverine communities of Ondo State to the mainland, thereby easing the age-long transportation challenges of the people, boosting their economic activities and making life more conducive, has suddenly become an illusion owing to the abandonment of the contract;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to investigate the abandonment of the contract by Piccolo-Brunelli Engineering Limited and then initiate measures that will ensure the completion of the contract.

12. **Need to Investigate the abandonment of the 2x60 MVA and 132/33KV Sub-Station at Ogbomosho and 2x132KV Sub-Station line Bays Extension at Ganmo, Ilorin:**
Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:

The House:

Notes that there cannot be any meaningful development in any community without a steady power supply as households and industries depend on it for sustenance and growth of the economy;

Aware that the contracts for the construction of 2x60 MVA and 132/33KV sub-station at Ogbomoso and 2x132KV sub-station line bays extension at Ganmo were awarded in 2008 to Messrs Cart Lark International Limited;

Worried that a huge amount of tax payers' money to the tune of (₦1,869,151,440) One Billion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine Million, One Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Naira only had been appropriated between year 2010 - 2013 for the projects but the construction works have stalled since 2013 and the consequent unstable power supply is worsening the state of the already under-developed communities;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the abandonment of the projects with a view to seeing to their completion, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

13. **Need to Investigate the Sudden Death of Miss Comfort Dazan:**
Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe:

The House:

Notes with sadness the untimely death of one Miss Comfort Dazan, a final year student of the Department of Office Technology Management (OTM), Yaba College of Technology, Lagos which resulted into uncontrolled rampage by the students leading to the closure of the school;

Concerned that the medical centre of the Institution was alleged to have demanded for ₦35,000.00 deposit before the late Comfort Dazan could be attended to;

Also concerned that the situation where the youths, the acclaimed leaders of tomorrow, are allowed to die without necessary steps being taken by relevant authorities to prevent it is becoming worrisome;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Human Rights to conduct an investigation into the matter and report back to the House within two (2) weeks, for further legislative action.

14. Urgent Need to Investigate the Status of NNPC Crude Oil and Products Distribution Pipeline Network, Butanisation Plants and Depots across the Country:

Hon. Toby Okechukwu:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Crude Oil Products Distribution Pipeline Network is a vast pipeline network measuring 5,120 kilometers and comprising 21 distribution depots, 9 LPG Depots, pump stations/houses, and other ancillary facilities spread across Nigeria;

Also notes that Pipeline Distribution Network is the nerve centre of operations within the downstream sector as it transports crude oil and refined petroleum products to and from the refineries, depots and jetties, and as a national grid pipeline, it traverses the entire Nigerian space, including Port Harcourt, Aba, Enugu, Markurdi, Warri, Benin, Auchi, Lokoja, Excravos, Mosimi, Atlascove, Ejigbo, Ibadan, Ore, Abaji, Suleja, Kaduna, Kano, Gusau, Jos, Gombe, Yola, Maiduguri, etc.;

Aware that the 9 LPG Depots which cost billions of naira to build have not been put to use over 20 years since their construction, in spite of challenges of accessing cooking gas or LPG by most Nigerians, thus leading to decay of the pipelines and depots;

Also aware that the network, which is managed by the Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC), a subsidiary of the NNPC also supplies refined petroleum products to strategic locations and distribution depots from where tankers lift the products to designated retail outlets across Nigeria;

Worried that the non-utilization of the pipelines has led to petroleum and other products being conveyed through the roads thus, resulting in countless incidence of petrol tanker explosions in various parts of Nigeria and also exacting heavy tolls on the road network;

Alarmed by the report that the PPMC, the products distribution arm of the NNPC accounted for 87% of the over ₦350 billion loss incurred by the NNPC in the first eight months of 2015;

Convinced that a fully functional and efficient products pipeline distribution network and operational butanisation plants will reduce accidents and gridlock on the highways and save Nigeria huge sums of money, both in man-hours and on road maintenance;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the status of the NNPC Products Distribution Pipeline Network and Butanisation Plants, and report back to the House within 4 weeks, for further legislative action.

15. Urgent Need to Curb the Daily Incidents of Armed Robbery Attacks along Okene-Lokoja Road, in Kogi State:
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:

The House:

Notes the current security challenges in the country being manifested in part in the almost daily incidents of armed robbery attacks, killings and kidnappings of innocent Nigerians along the Okene/Lokoja road;

Worried that these wave of gruesome killings, robberies and kidnappings, have exacerbated the fears and apprehension of Nigerians over their security while traveling along that road;

Recalls that section 14 (2) (*b*) of the 1999 Constitution provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Resolves to:

Call on the Inspector General of Police to, as a matter of urgency, crack down on the activities of these criminals operating along the Okene-Lokoja road and deploy more personnel for surveillance purposes, in order to ensure the safety of travelers.

16. Call for Review of the Country's Universities Curricular to Reflect Present day needs of Nigeria:
Hon. Joseph Edionwele:

The House:

Notes that the National Universities Commission is the regulatory Agency for the orderly development of University Education in Nigeria;

Also notes that the vision of the Commission is to be a dynamic regulatory Agency acting as a catalyst for positive change and innovations for the delivery of quality University Education in Nigeria and to carry out oversight of the development of a well-coordinated and productive University system that guarantees quality and relevant education for national development and global competitiveness;

Aware that the Universities' curricular presently in use were designed between 40 to 50 years ago and not much reviews have been undertaken over the years to reflect the present day realities and needs of our ever changing society, and the Universities have continued to turn out professionals in only the traditional areas like law, medicine, conventional engineering, etc. to the detriment of technology based courses, which are more relevant and in more demand at the present time;

Anxious to ensure the offering of courses in cinematography, movie production, sex education, human resources, skills in petroleum, gas drilling and exploration, renewable energy, iron welding, construction of bridges and dams, wastes management, research in tropical diseases, food storage/preservation, space technology, entrepreneurship and other new areas in the Universities;

Concerned that many Nigerians now travel abroad to acquire skills in those areas with the attendant foreign exchange drain on the national economy and the need to indigenize the acquisition of these skills that are in growing demand because of their immediate relevance;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Universities Commission (NUC) to, as a matter of urgent national importance, make provision for such programmes to be taught in Nigerian Universities; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

17. Urgent Need for Infrastructural Audit of Oil and Gas Companies as a way of curbing Environmental Pollution through Oil Spillages and Pipeline Explosions in the Country: Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike G.:

The House:

Aware that the consequences of oil spillages include the poisoning of the waters and the destruction of vegetation and agricultural land; as a result of which people in the affected areas develop health issues such as breathing problems and skin diseases;

Concerned that a major reason for the frequent oil spillages in Nigeria is that many of the country's oil firms use obsolete and inadequate infrastructure to channel and distribute petroleum products in the country;

Also concerned by the report of the Institute for Global Energy Research that the oil exploration equipment of Shell Petroleum Development Company, Nigeria is over 40 years old, as against the permissible life span of 25 years for oil exploration and production infrastructure before maintenance or overhaul is required;

Further concerned that a percentage analysis of causes of oil spills established by the same Institute shows that corrosion of pipes and tankers accounts for 50% of oil spill cases, sabotage accounts for 28%, oil production operations accounts for 21% and inadequate or non-functional production equipment is put at 1%;

Equally concerned that most of the government's efforts to address these issues were curative rather than preventive, such as the establishment of regulatory agencies like the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) and Federal Environmental Protection Agency (FEPA), all of which have resulted, majorly in addressing the effects while doing little to be proactive enough in preventing the causes of oil spillages;

Believes that as part of the strategy of reducing the adverse effects of the activities of the oil sector majors in Nigeria, old and obsolete infrastructure as well as old habits of doing things must give way to accommodate modern techniques and procedure;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the relevant Agencies of government, including the Department of Petroleum Resources and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that oil and gas companies operating in Nigeria comply with modern standards and techniques of production as a means of preventing/addressing the causative agents rather than waiting to repair the damages from the effects of these environmental hazards; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to cause an infrastructural audit on oil and gas companies in Nigeria with a view to ascertaining the status of their equipment and techniques, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 14 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Population	Thursday, 14 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

3.	Power	Thursday, 14 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Local Content	Thursday, 14 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex