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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 19 April, 2016

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7. **Petitions (*if any*)**
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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to, among other things, empower the Commission to ensure that existing Vacancies above Grade Level 10 or its equivalent in Ministries, Departments and Agencies are not filled with persons from outside the affected Ministries, Departments and Agencies except where there are no qualified persons, in order to avoid stagnation, redundancy and to encourage effective service delivery; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 53) (*Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar*);

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for a more Comprehensive guideline and procedure for Recruitment in Order to ensure Transparency; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 176) (*Hon. Peter O. Akpatason*);

(*c*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by giving the Commission additional Powers to enable it discharge its functions more effectively; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 272) (*Hon. Ahmed Idris*); and

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(*d*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to strengthen the Act, Prosecute Violators, remove it from the direction of the President and stiffen the punishment of Offenders; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 338) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*).

2. **Consolidation of Bills:**

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Energy Commission of Nigeria Act, Cap. E10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Establishment of Solar Energy Development and Utilization Fund; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 72) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*); and

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Energy Commission of Nigeria Act, Cap. E10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 446) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*).

3. 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, 1956, the Public Accounts Committees Act, Cap. P35, LFN, 2004 and Re-enact the Federal Audit Service Bill, 2016; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 107) — *Third Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Independent National Electoral Institute; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 129) (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. P17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to streamline the number of Deans of Pharmacy Schools on the Council, ascertain certainty of False Statements and review fines upwards; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 364) (*Hon. Ahman Pategi*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 81 and 82 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to ensure that proposed budgets are passed into law before first day of January of every year as provided in section318 of the Constitution; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 483) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Alter Parts I and II of the 2nd Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 in order to move certain items from the Exclusive to the Concurrent Legislative List; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 384) (*Hon. Hazeez Akinloye*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide the Framework for handling Unclaimed Financial Assets, to Establish the Unclaimed Financial Assets Agency and the Unclaimed Financial Assets Trust Fund; and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 385) (*Hon. Abudulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar*) — *Second Reading*.

## MOTIONS

9. **Call for Provision of Relief Materials to Victims of Communal Clashes and Rainstorm in Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency:**
**Hon. Peter Akpatason:**

The House:

*Aware* that on Tuesday, 15 March, 2016, Ikakumo and neighboring communities in Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency were ravaged by a devastating rainstorm;

*Also aware* of the communal clashes between Erhurun and Okpella communities on 21 February, 2016 and Ekpedo and Bekuma Communities on 30 March, 2016, which resulted in loss of lives and damage to several houses, thus rendering many people homeless, and they are presently taking refuge in make shift and unbefitting accommodation arrangements under severe weather conditions;

*Disturbed* that if relief materials and other necessary supplies are not urgently provided, they will suffer avoidable health hazards from further rainfall and severe heat waves;

*Resolves to*:

Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials for the displaced victims in those communities.

**10. Call for an End to the Deconstruction of Nigeria's Flag:**
**Hon. Sam I. Onuigbo:**

The House:

*Notes* that National symbols are important instruments for creating and sustaining a people's identity and Nations take their Flags and other National symbols seriously;

*Aware* that the National Flag and the Coat of Arms are two entirely different National symbols with separate essence and representations which are distinct from each other;

*Also aware* that the appropriate colours and design conceived by the designer of the National Flag, Pa Michael Taiwo Akinkunmi, in 1959, were green and white without the embellishment of the Coat of Arms on the Flag;

*Further aware* that the two green colours on the left and right sides of the National Flag represent Nigeria's vast forests, agricultural potentials, abundant national wealth and its lush and arable vegetation, while the white at the center represents peace and unity;

*Cognizant* that a person's identification with his/her nation begins to take root during childhood which experiences are usually the bedrock upon which self-identity and national consciousness are built, but this is hardly the case with Nigeria;

*Concerned* that a great percentage of our school children sing the lines of the National Anthem wrongly and cannot even establish the correct nature of the National Flag as a separate National symbol from the Coat of Arms and what each of them represents and as such, get confused over the true identity of the National Flag, as a result of the embellishment of the Coat of Arms on the Flag, which deconstruct the Flag;

*Worried* that the deconstruction of the National Flag is not limited to the public alone, as it is also being perpetrated by Government Institutions;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to direct the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to embark upon public enlightenment and re-orientation on the need to put an end to the deconstruction of the Nigerian Flag;

(*ii*) also urge the Government to mandate the Agency to be the only source of obtaining the national Flag so as to ensure that the correct format of the Flag is produced; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

11. ***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 consider 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: (*Laid*: 3/3/2016):

That the Request of the President on the increase in Diaspora Bond from USD 100 Million Euro Bond to USD 300 Million Euro Bond captured under the Federal Government's External Borrowing Plan 2016 - 2018, be approved.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | *Committee* | *Date* | *Time* | *Venue* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rules and Business | Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Public Procurement (*with officials of National Information Technoloy Development Agency* (*NITDA*), *Bureau of Public Procurement* (*BPP*), *Pension Commission* (*PENCOM*) *and Industrial Training Fund* (*ITF*)) | Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Freedom of Information (Reform of Government Institution) | Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Gas Resources | Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 5. | *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Development and Standardization of House Manuals and Templates | Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Power | Tuesday, 19 April, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |