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ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 26 April, 2016

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Further Consolidation of Bills:**

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act of 2010 to Empower Election Tribunals and Courts to declare Candidates who scored the Second Highest Votes as Winners of Elections when the Tribunal or Court finds/holds that the Winner of the Election is Unqualified for the Election ab initio; a Bill for an Act to ensure that all Political Parties are Gender Sensitive and to Eliminate all forms of Discrimination in all Political Parties; and a Bill for an Act to include the Use of Card Reader as Part of the Act and clearly specify the Tenure of Office of the Secretary, Independent National Electoral Commission; and for Other Related Matters; (HB. 165, HB. 174 and HB. 220 (*Hon. Karimi Steve Sunday, Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok and Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta*);

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act of 2010 to make Provisions to cover the Lacuna in the event of Death of a Governorship Candidate any time before the Conclusion of an Election; and for Other Related Matters; (HB. 429) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*);

(*c*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act of 2010 to increase the amounts Permitted as Maximum Election Expenses to be incurred by Candidates Standing for Elections; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 468) (*Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar*); and

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(*d*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act of 2010 on Nullification of Election by Tribunals or Courts; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 492) (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe*).

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Judicial Institute Act, Cap. N55, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria; 2004 to specify the tenure of office of the Administrator; and for Other Matters Related Thereto HB. 302) (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari*) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Public Officers Protection Act, Cap. P41, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 301) (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari*) — *Second Reading*.

4. 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; a Bill for an Act to Provide for a more Comprehensive guideline and procedure for Recruitment in Order to ensure Transparency; a Bill for an Act to give the Commission additional Powers to enable it discharge its functions more effectively; a Bill for an Act to strengthen the Act, Prosecute Violators, remove it from the direction of the President and provide stiffer punishment for Offenders; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HBs 53, 176, 272 and 338) (*Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar; Hon. Akpatason O. Peter; Hon. Ahmed Idris; and Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *Second Reading*.

5. 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 a Bill for an Act to Update the Commission and Make the Minister of Science and Technology directly responsible for the business activities of the Commission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 72 and HB. 446) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta and Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Advertising Practitioners (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. A7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the Prescribed Penalties, Transfer Appellate Jurisdiction in matters under the Act from the Court of Appeal to the High Court; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 303) (*Hon. Abdulrazak Saád Namdas*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology to provide Technical Training to personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other services of the Nigerian Armed Forces; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 313) (*Hon. Samson Okwu*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

8. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly; Order XII, Rule 94: *Federal Capital Territory Hospitals Management Board* (*Establishment, etc.*) *Bill*, 2016 (HB. 441): Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

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. 441 and read the first time on Thursday, 21 April, 2016.

Resolves to:

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

9. **Need to Tackle the Devastating Gully Erosion in Njikoka/Anaocha/Dunukofia Federal Constituency:**
Hon. Ferdinand Dozie Nwankwo:

The House:

Notes that the South eastern part of the country is a rain forest zone that is constantly faced with ecological problems;

Also notes the devastating gully erosion in communities within Njikoka/Anaocha/Dunukofia Federal Constituency, particularly in Enuagu village Enugwu Ukwu in Njikoka, Ududonka (Agulu-Nanka) and Haba Agulu erosion sites; Adazi Nnukwu gully erosion site; Enuabo village Obeledu erosion site; Dunukofia Nkwelle, Umunachi and Ukpo erosion sites;

Aware that the erosion has continued to wreak severe havocs in the communities leading to loss of lives, properties worth millions of naira and farmlands, while displacing families;

Concerned that the enormity of the devastation has put the menace beyond the capacity of the Local and State Governments; hence the need for intervention of the Federal Government to arrest the situation;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Environment to include contracts for the control of gully erosion in the supplementary budget for 2016;

(*ii*) urge the Ecological Fund Office to take measures aimed at controlling the menace;

(*iii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, send relief materials to victims of the erosion.

10. **Urgent Need to Curb the Daily Incidents of Armed Robbery attacks along Okene-Lokoja Road, 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.

11. Urgent Need to Transform the Ihunekwagu Cave to a Tourist Destination:
Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam:

The House:

Notes that the famous Ihunekwagu Cave is situated in an area of tropical vegetation, set amidst the natives of Akpugu community of Nkanu West Local Government Area of Enugu State;

Aware that the Cave houses a natural spring, consisting of tunnels, which are filled with streams and small pools, and a main chamber;

Also aware that the Cave has retained some elements of biodiversity for hundreds of years and is like a glimpse into another world, with adjoining, slippery rocks and the nests which are high above the Cave floor;

Further aware that the manifest potentials of the Cave have remained untapped and considering the present economic downturn and the need to diversify the nation's earnings, it has become imperative to harness the tourism potentials abounding in the local communities;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Federal Ministry of Information, Culture, Tourism and National Orientation to conduct an assessment of the Cave with a view to ascertaining its viability as a tourist destination.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010;and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 99 and 118) (*Committee of the Whole*) (*Adjourned consideration*: 12/4/2016).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 26 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Local Content	Tuesday, 26 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

3.	Legislative Compliance	Tuesday, 26 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Power	Tuesday, 26 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Agricultural Production and Services (*Public Hearing on Referrals*)	Tuesday, 26 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 028 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Public Procurement (*with MDAs*)	Tuesday, 26 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Tertiary Education and Services	Tuesday, 26 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex