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Thursday, 28 April, 2016

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PRESENTATION OF BILL

Office of the Accountant General of the Federal Government (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 506) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara and Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. 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*.

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to empower the Commission to set out Code of Conduct for Assessment of Universities' Students' Characters alongside Academic Performances as Condition precedent to award of Degrees to deserving Students and a Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for immediate issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students in all Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 56 and HB. 439) (*Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar and Hon. Prestige Ossy*) — *Second Reading*.

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3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase the Functions of the Commission; and a Bill for an Act to Introduce Peace Studies as part of the Basic National Curricular in both the Junior and Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 419 and HB. 420) (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan and Hon. Usman Muhammad*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Act, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for 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 a Bill for an Act to Prohibit Sales of Pre-Registered and falsely or illegally Registered Sim Cards; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB.422, HB. 423) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai and Hon. Peter Ohiozojeh Akpatason*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Urban Development Bank of Nigeria, Act, Cap. U16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Infrastructure Bank of Nigeria Act, 2016 for the purposes of Encouraging Infrastructural Development through the provision of Financial Assistance on qualified Infrastructure Projects selected by the Bank; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 470) (*Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act Repeal the National Agricultural Seeds Act, Cap. N5, LFN, 2004 and Re-enact the National Agricultural Seeds Council, 2016; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 472) (*Hon. Munir Dan Agundi*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

7. **Need to Ascertain the Status of Recovered Public Funds:**

Hon. Segun Adekola:

The House:

Notes with concern the recent statement by the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation that the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), has so far recovered more than $2trillion (over ₦400 trillion at the current rate) looted from the national treasury, in its twelve years of existence;

Also notes that further recoveries have been made by the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and Department of State Services (DSS), in addition to the huge amounts of money returned by those who, at various times, entered into plea-bargain with the EFCC;

Further notes the present government's assertion that some former officials of the previous government have been returning unspecified sums to the treasury;

Aware that for many years now, successive Governments have continued to take possession of billions of dollars of looted public funds returned from various parts of the world, with Switzerland returning a higher percentage of the amounts;

Concerned about the persistent confusion as to the exact amount that had been recovered, and what happened to it;

Also concerned that successive governments have not been transparent regarding their management or spending of recovered public assets, giving vent to the allegations that some of the recovered funds may have been spent, mismanaged or simply disappeared;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Public Accounts to carry out a comprehensive investigation of public funds and assets recovered from 1999 till date, particularly but not limited to the uses to which such funds had been put, with a view to reporting to the House within 3 months on the status of the funds;

(*ii*) urge the government to set out clear rules on how recovered funds should be utilized and ensure strict accountability in its disbursement in line with extant laws and national priorities; and

(*iii*) also mandate the Committee on Financial Crimes to investigate whether any crimes may have been committed in the course of the management and disbursements of the recovered funds in the last 12 years.

8. **Need to initiate measures to address the Menace of overloading of Commercial Vehicles: Hon. Abbas Tajudeen:**

The House:

Aware of the prevalent practice of overloading of commercial vehicles plying the nation's roads, given the attendant risks to passengers;

Also aware that the additional loads being carried by the vehicles accelerate the deterioration of the road network, leading to rutting, fatigue, cracking and in certain cases, structural failure, which undoubtedly contribute to the plethora of accidents on the highways, not to mention reduced performance of the vehicles while trying to cope with the excess load;

Concerned about the damage to the roads arising from overloading of vehicles which result in higher maintenance costs and in turn, place an additional burden on the country, as well as to other road users who, ultimately suffer the consequences of the menace;

Also concerned that agencies like the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Vehicle Inspection Offices (VIO) charged with the responsibility of managing the uses of the Road network appear to have been overwhelmed by the menace;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to initiate measures to address the menace; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on FRSC to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

9. **Committee on Interior:**
Hon Jagaba Adams Jagaba:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on Criminal Act of Assault and Battery Allegedly committed on Hon. Onyemaechi Joan Mrakpor by Men and Officers of the Nigerian Prison Service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 26/04/2016):

(*i*) That from the testimonies of 6 (six) credible witnesses, it is established beyond reasonable doubt that SIP Idaa Odeh with service number 40258 assaulted Hon. Onyemachi Mrakpor and is therefore culpable for an offence under Section 16 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, LFN, 2004;

(*a*) SIP Idaa Odeh with Service Number 40258 should be arrested and prosecuted in accordance with Section 16 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and privileges) Act, by the Attorney General of the Federation;

(*b*) he should be dismissed from the service with immediate effect;

(*ii*) that Corporal Esther Hassan, ASP Sunday Akoh of the Nigeria Police and Adeboye I. O. of the Department of State Services should be disciplined and immediately reprimanded and redeployed;

(*iii*) that training and re-training of all resident security agencies in the National Assembly is needed;

(*iv*) that the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act should be amended as a matter of urgency to the effect that only the President, Vice President and Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) or a visiting President can come into the premises of the National Assembly with moderate convoys, and penalties should be provided for offenders;

(*v*) that a complete overhaul of the Office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the National Assembly is urgently needed;

(*vi*) that all the security personnel currently serving at the National Assembly gates, including the Sergeant-at-Arms staff, should be redeployed;

(*vii*) that the ACG Budget and Finance who came down from his vehicle and confronted Hon. Mrakpor is culpable under the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act and should therefore be disciplined;

(*viii*) that for refusal to appear before the Committee, DCG Usman Shehu Kangiwa with service number 28446 is culpable under Section 11 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, and for obstructing a Member of Parliament within the precincts of the National Assembly, he is also culpable under Section 16 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act:

(*a*) he should be arrested and prosecuted in accordance with Sections 11 and 16 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, by the Attorney General of the Federation;

(*b*) he should be demoted from the rank lower than DCG;

(*ix*) that the Committee on Legislative Compliance should ensure strict compliance with all the recommendations and report back to the House within 2 (two) weeks.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 28 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Legislative Compliance	Thursday, 28 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

3.	Privatization and Commercialization (*Public Hearing*)	Thursday, 28 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Procurement (*with Energy Commission, PTDF, Uniabuja, AGIS, AEPB, NDDC and FCT Water Board*)	Thursday, 28 April, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 1.09 New Building (House) Assembly Complex