



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 8 June, 2017

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### ADMITTANCE INTO THE CHAMBER

Admittance into the Chamber pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (1) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:

**Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila:**

“That the House do admit into the Chamber, Invited Guests for the Second Anniversary of the 8th House of Representatives, on Friday, 9 June, 2017, at 10.00 a.m.”

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### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

**Hon. Betty Apiafi:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for An Act to Repeal the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. P17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Act to Regulate the Training and Practice of Pharmacy and for Other Related Matters (HBs 656 and 364)” (*Referred: 16/11/2016*).

2. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

**Hon. Betty Apiafi:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Radiographers (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. R1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,

2004 to Provide for Increased Penalties and Confer on the Federal High Court Appellate Jurisdiction and for Other Related Matters (HB. 676)" (*Referred: 24/11/2016*).

3. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

**Hon. Betty Apiafi:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Medical Residency Training Programme in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 982)" (*Referred: 30/3/2017*).

4. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

**Hon. Betty Apiafi:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on an Investigative Hearing on the Joint Venture Agreement between the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada and Crystal Thorpe Nigeria Limited" (*Referred: 30/3/2017*).

5. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

**Hon. Betty Apiafi:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Profession of Dietetics and for Other Related Matters (HB. 547)" (*Referred: 14/6/2016*).

6. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

**Hon. Betty Apiafi:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a National Centre for Research, Management and Control of Autism and Down Syndrome and for Other Related Matters (HB. 322)" (*Referred: 13/10/2016*).

7. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

**Hon. Betty Apiafi:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Agency for Albinism and Hypo-Pigmentation (NAAH) and for Other Related Matters (HB. 837)" (*Referred: 19/1/2017*).

8. **Committee on Industry:**

**Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for Tyres to bear Manufacturing and Expiry Dates, and to Prohibit the Importation of Used, Substandard and Expired Tyres and for Other Related Matters (HB. 499)" (*Referred: 21/7/2016*).

9. **Committee on Industry:**

**Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Small And Medium Scale Industries Development Agency (Establishment) Act, 2003 and to Establish the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria to Regulate, Oversee, Coordinate, Monitor and Evaluate the Development Activities and Operation of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Nigeria and amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Act to Expressly Provide the Agency with Power to Protect Artisans, Market Women and Traders and to Organize them into Clusters for Optimum Benefits and for Other Related Matters (HBs 803 and 808)" (*Referred: 23/11/2016*).

10. **Committee on Industry:**

**Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria, a body charged with Responsibility to Regulate the Practice and Profession of Training and Development and for Other Related Matters (HB.401)" (*Referred: 18/10/2016*).

11. **Ad-hoc Committee on Intervention in the Uneasy Congestion of the Country's Sea Ports as a Result of Difficulties Clearing Imported Goods:**  
**Hon. John Dyegh:**  
 "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Intervention in the Uneasy Congestion of the Country's Sea Ports as a Result of Difficulties Clearing Imported Goods" (HR. 115/2015)" (Referred: 14/10/2015).
12. **Ad-hoc Committee on the Need for the Government to Address the Menace of Accidents involving Fuel Tankers and other Articulated Vehicles:**  
**Hon. Raji Tasir Olawale:**  
 "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Need for the Government to Address the Menace of Accidents involving Fuel Tankers and other Articulated Vehicles (HR.11/2015)" (Referred: 29/7/2015).
13. **Committee on Foreign Affairs:**  
**Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeje:**  
 "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Need to Address the Scarcity of Nigerian Passport Booklets" (HR.181/2017)" (Referred: 4/5/2017).

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculture and to make Provisions for the Establishment, Functions and Administration of Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists and for Other Related Matters (HB. 838) (Hon. Mohammed Monguno and Hon. Munir Dan Agundi) — *Second Reading.*
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act, Cap. N13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Effective and Efficient Repairs and Maintenance of Agricultural Equipment and for Other Related Matters (HB. 916) (Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun) — *Second Reading.*
3. A Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by Enabling the Conversion and Re-registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares and for Other Related Matters (HB. 983) (Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen) — *Second Reading.*

#### MOTIONS

4. **Call for Reconstruction of Dilapidated Parts of Okpella-Auchi-Ekpoma-Benin Federal Highway:**
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| <b>Hon. J. Egwakhide Oghuma</b>     | <b>Hon. Iriase Pally I. O.</b>  | <b>Hon. Akpatason P. O.</b>     |
| <b>Hon. Agbonayinma J. Ehiozuwa</b> | <b>Hon. Aisowieren Patrick</b>  | <b>Hon. Edionwele Joseph E.</b> |
| <b>Hon. Omosede G. Igbinedion</b>   | <b>Hon. Ogbeide I. Omoregie</b> | <b>Hon. Sergius O. Ogun:</b>    |

The House:

*Notes* that the Federal Highway that runs through Okpella to Benin is a major artery that cuts across the three Senatorial Districts of Edo State and links the North, East and Western parts of Nigeria;

*Aware* that the deplorable state of the highway has been the major cause of vehicular accidents which has led to the loss of many lives and destruction of properties worth millions of Naira and is also affording criminals opportunity to kidnap motorists;

*Also aware* that when the road was in good condition, it used to take less than an hour to travel from Okpella to Benin, but now, it takes at least four hours to cover the same distance, if there is free flow of traffic;

*Concerned* that with the on-set of the rainy season, the road is likely to worsen or even some parts cut off, with the resultant effects of more accidents and destruction of properties, and also motorists having to spend longer hours due to traffic jam;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence reconstruction of the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on FERMA to ensure implementation and report back in three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

**5. Need to Provide Potable Water, Medications, and other Relief Materials for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Banki Town, Bama Local Government Area of Borno State:  
Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff:**

The House:

*Notes* that Banki town is one of the gateway of international trade and had been a centre of commerce for decades but, it was turned into a battle ground by the Boko Haram terrorists who occupied the area for nine months before they were dislodged by the military aided by the civilian joint task force members;

*Also notes* that the insurgency in the north-east zone created over two million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from various states in the zone and Banki town alone accounted for over one hundred thousand of them;

*Aware* that in the last three weeks, over fifteen thousand Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) voluntarily returned to Banki town, while over five thousand of them were forced to leave the Cameroon by the Cameroonian Government and given their large number, the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), the Medicins Sans Frontiers, Doctors Without Borders and other non-governmental organisations that have been rendering assistance to the IDPs are overstretched in meeting their needs and demands;

*Also aware* that it is not all the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) currently in Banki town that are from Banki as a substantial number are from all the surrounding areas of Andara, Kumshe, Kote, Bomari, Walasa, Gulumba and Zanageri Kash Kash, which are in the Sambisa axis in Bama Local Government Area;

*Cognizant* that despite accommodating over one hundred thousand Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the town has only one bore hole that provides water and sometimes it takes the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) the whole day queuing and at times, ending up without getting water;

*Also cognizant* that due to poor sanitation, lack access to potable water and proper medications, and poor feeding, there is an outbreak of epidemic diseases, thirst and hunger among the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Banki town;

*Concerned* that majority of those vulnerable Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are women and children, along with some elderly people, who were recently rescued by gallant troops and civilian Joint Task Force members from long period of captivity during which they were traumatized, tortured and even assaulted in many forms;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Presidential Committee on the North East Initiative, the Victim Support Fund Team (VSF Team), the National Refugees Commission, and other Government related bodies to urgently provide medications and other relief materials to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Banki town, Bama Local Government Area, Borno State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to drill bore holes so as to provide potable water for them; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone, and Water Resources to ensure compliance.

**6. Need to Arrest the Spate of Kidnaping in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency, Kaduna State.  
Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde:**

The House:

*Notes* that despite the efforts being made by the security agencies to curb the menace of kidnaping, coupled with the ongoing legislative process by the National Assembly to enact laws that will checkmate the menace, the spate of kidnaping incidents is still on the rise and has even become a daily occurrence in most parts of the country;

*Also notes* that the activities of those criminal syndicates have assumed a wider dimension in and around communities in Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency and have impacted adversely on the socio-economic lives of the people as they can no longer move freely to transact their legitimate businesses for fear of being kidnaped;

*Recalls* that on Friday, 2 June, 2017, one Mrs Sara Amos, her son Jesse and a family member, Mr Isaac Michael were kidnaped in Kagurdna-Kakau community and in their escape bid with the victims, the kidnappers killed a member of the local vigilante team named Yakubu Adamu and are now demanding for the sum of 20 million Naira as ransom for their release;

*Also recalls* other incidents of kidnaping of several other people, some of whom were released after ransom was allegedly paid while others are still being held in expectation of ransom;

*Concerned* that the activities of the kidnappers are becoming nightmarish for the people who can no longer go to their farms freely, with the obvious consequences of shortage of food that will result in hunger and untold hardship;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to direct the Commissioner of Police, Kaduna State to constitute a search team for the rescue of the victims in custody of those criminal syndicates;
- (ii) also urge the Chief of Army Staff, the Chief of Air Staff and the Inspector-General of Police to form a joint task force to comb the area, apprehend and ensure the prosecution of those criminals; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army, and Air Force to ensure compliance and report back in three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. Call for Review/Scraping of the Disparity in the National Common Entrance Examination Cut off Marks for Admissions into Unity Schools/Federal Government Colleges:**

**Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi:**

The House:

*Aware* that Federal Government Colleges/Unity Schools were established on the principle of promotion of national unity and integration but the concept of educationally disadvantaged States which was formulated to help promote education in certain States in the Northern part of the country is distorting the principle and becoming a formula for promoting injustice and sacrificing merit;

*Also aware* that the cut off marks for admissions into the schools differ for students from different states of the Federation with students from Abia, Delta, Lagos and Edo States needing to score approximately five (5) times the scores of their counterparts from Zamfara, Sokoto and Yobe states before the former can be considered for admissions while the latter gain admissions effortlessly with lower grades;

*Notes* that out of the 1,590,284 students that sat for the 2015 West African School Certificate Examination, only 562,413 candidates obtained credits in five (5) subjects and above (including English Language and Mathematics) while 1,029,871 candidates, representing 64.63 percent failed to obtain the admission requirements into universities, with four Federal Government Colleges not being able to produce a single candidate that scored five credits that included English and Mathematics;

*Convinced* that the categorization of some States as being educationally disadvantaged has become obsolete and no longer a positive policy to advance education and foster unity in Nigeria but is rather creating suspicion, injustice, mediocrity, distrust and disunity;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to interface with the Federal Ministry of Education and relevant stakeholders on whether the discriminatory policy is still relevant in the contemporary world and make recommendations within four (4) weeks on alternative arrangements that will ensure justice and equity in the admission process into Federal Government Colleges/Unity Schools.

**8. Call for Reinstatement of the Tenure Policy in the Civil Service:**

**Hon. Emmanuel Kehinde Agboola:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Federal Government had, in 2009, introduced a tenure policy for permanent secretaries and directors in the Public Service which stipulated two terms of four years each for permanent secretaries and a single eight (8) years tenure for directors;

*Aware* that the tenure policy facilitated career progression by ensuring the availability of vacancies, especially at the directorate cadre, thereby motivating the staff for enhanced productivity;

*Also aware* that the policy also extensively checked the bureaucratic corruption in the civil service underpinned by people occupying the same positions for inordinately long periods of time, in some cases, 15 to 20 years;

*Cognizant* that the Federal Government, in June, 2016, inextricably cancelled the tenure policy, an action that amounted to a major setback to reform in the civil service which was required to ensure a cost effective, efficient and result oriented civil service;

*Believes* that the decision to cancel the policy is yet another in the series of policy inconsistencies that have plagued the civil service over the decades and have caused instability in the system, thus stunting its growth and making it susceptible to political manipulations;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to reinstate the tenure policy in the civil service; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

### CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 381) (*Committee of the Whole: 11/5/2017*).
10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) (*Committee of the Whole: 11/5/2017*).

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

|    | <i>Committee</i>  | <i>Date</i>            | <i>Time</i> | <i>Venue</i>   |
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| 1. | Rules and Business  | Thursday, 8 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 06<br>(White House)<br>Assembly Complex         |
| 2. | Pensions  | Thursday, 8 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 312<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Tertiary Education and Services ( <i>with Hon. Minister of Education, Executive Secretary, NUC, V.C. and Council Chairmen of Federal University, Duste-Ma</i> ) | Thursday, 8 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 236<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Federal Character ( <i>with Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria Immigration Service</i> )  | Thursday, 8 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 247<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 5. | <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to carry out investigation on the approach for Reparation and Repatriation of historical artefacts carted away from Nigeria             | Thursday, 8 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 468<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |

