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ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 27 September, 2016

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Public Petitions:
Report of the Petition by Alabi Peter Akubo:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Alabi Peter Akubo against the Nigerian Communications Commission on alleged unlawful termination of employment" (*Referred*: 25/2/2016).

2. Committee on Public Petitions:
Report of the Petition by Igwenagu O. Ngene and Associates:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Igwenagu O. Ngene and Associates on behalf of the People of Mbulu Owo, in Owo Community of Nkanu East Local Government Area of Enugu State, against the 82 Division, Nigerian Army, Enugu on the unwarranted invasion, displacement, threat and ejection of the communities by Soldiers from the Division" (*Referred*: 3/3/2015).

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3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report of the Petition by Mrs Jane Okoye:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Jane Okoye against the University of Benin on alleged wrongful termination of appointment" (*Referred*: 10/12/2015).

4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report of the Petition by Fred Agbaje Chambers:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Fred Agbaje Chambers on behalf of ACP Fausat Azeez Oduwole on the failure of the Nigeria Police Force to comply with the Court Judgment of October 14, 2014" (*Referred*: 23/3/2016).

5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report of the Petition by J. I. Abaagu and Co.:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by J. I Abaagu and Co. against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Persistent refusal to obey court judgment in suit No. FHN/ABJ/CS/562/2004 between Ushongo Local Government Area and three others" (*Referred*: 21/4/2016).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
   (*a*) A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council for Public Assistance to Widows, Dependent Children and Orphans; a Bill for an Act to Establish a Welfare Trust Fund and Management Commission for Effective Management of the Welfare of the Unemployed, People with Disability (Temporal/Permanent), Orphans, Widows, the Elderly and the Youths, Compensation for Citizens who are deprived of means of Livelihood as a result of Population, Demolition, Forced Relocation, Retirement and Health, Provision of Medical Care and Subsidies for Poor Families and to Protect the Less Privileged in the Society; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HBs 124 and 126) (*Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello and Hon. Rita O. Orji*).

   (*b*) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Control of Orphanages and Other Institutions for the Boarding, Care and Maintenance of Orphans and Deserted Children; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 183) (*Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada*).

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Forest Research Institute of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 41) — *Third Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Commodity Brokers of Nigeria (CICBN); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 417) (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 206) (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Make Development Planning Compulsory for all Tiers of Government in Nigeria and to Create Coherent and Measureable Targets in Developmental Initiatives in support of the Attainment of the Goals of Vision 20:2020; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 592) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 221) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Quarantine Act, Cap. Q2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the Penalty; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 289) (*Hon. Jones Onyereri*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Internal Loans Act, Cap. I18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Internal Loans (Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development) Act, Cap. I19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 188 and 189) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *Second Reading*.

9. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Establishment of State Police and to Ensure Effective Community Policing in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 184) (*Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

10. **Need to Complete the Construction of Boyi Small Earth Dam, Madallah and Sabon Wuse Water Reservoir in Suleja, Tafa and Gurara Federal Constituency of Niger State:**
Hon. Abubaker Lado Abdullahi:

The House:

Notes that the Boyi Small Earth Dam, Madallah and Sabon Wuse Water Reservoir which were billed to improve the living standards of the people of Boyi in Lefu, Madallah and Sabon Wuse in Suleja, Tafa and Gurara Local Government Areas of Niger State had been abandoned for many years now with the attendant hardships on the people;

Recalls that the Dam Project and the Water Reservoir were initiated by the Federal Government, having considered the need to address the agro challenges of the benefitting communities who are predominantly farmers and need water and irrigation facilities to earn their living;

Believes that an urgent intervention of the Federal Government is required to realize these noble causes;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to interface with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to ascertain the extent of work done on the Dam Project and Water Reservoir, with a view to including them in the 2017 budget for completion.

11. **Call to Investigate the Prolonged Disconnection of Electricity Supply to Ossomala-Ogwu Ikpele in Ogbaru Federal Constituency, Anambra State:**
Hon. Chukwuka W. Onyema:

The House:

Notes with concern the prolonged disconnection of electricity supply from Ossomala-Ogwu Ikpele in Ogbaru Federal Constituency of Anambra State by the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC);

Worried that the Communities which include Ossomala Obeagwe, Akili Ogidi and Ogwu Ikpele with a total population of over one (1) million rural dwellers have been in complete darkness for about three years now;

Also worried that economic activities have been paralyzed as a result of the disconnection and alleged illegal demand/collection of money by officials of the EEDC in order to reconnect the affected communities;

Concerned that if nothing is done to save the situation, miscreants may resort to vandalizing the facilities;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring reconnection of the Communities to the National grid and report back to the House within two (2) weeks, for further legislative action.

12. **Call for Investigation of the Extra Budgetary Spendings by the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) between 2012 and 2015:**
Hon. Olasupo Abiodun Adeola:

The House:

Notes that the National Broadcasting Commission was established by the National Broadcasting Commission Act of 1992, and by the provision of section 2 (1), is a revenue generating agency of the Federal Government;

Aware that the agency, between year 2012 and 2015, generated revenues in excess of ₦40 billion made up of ₦843 million in 2012; ₦1 billion in 2013; ₦2.4 billion in 2014 and ₦37 billion in 2015;

Concerned that the agency engaged in extra budgetary spendings of the realized funds without the approval of the National Assembly, in clear violation of section 80 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

Also concerned that the ongoing digitization exercise being undertaken by the agency has become an unending process in spite of the billions of Naira that have been expended on it;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to carry out an investigation of the extra budgetary spendings as well as the digitization process being undertaken by the NBC, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

13. **The Imperative of Investigating the Activities of Federally Owned Development Finance Institutions in Light of the Current Economic Recession:**
Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government, in furtherance of its strategic objective of engendering rapid industrial development, established a number of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) with the primary mandate of providing long-term financing to the industrial and productive sector of the economy;

Aware that these DFIs which include the Bank of Industry (BOI), the Bank of Agriculture (BOA), the Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM), the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (SMEDEN), the National Economic Reconstruction Fund (NERFUND), the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) amongst others were, mainly conceptualized to finance the establishment of large, medium and small scale industries, as well as facilitate the expansion, diversification and modernization of the existing concerns;

Concerned that despite the huge budgetary provisions being made for these DFIs over the years, their impact in stimulating economic renaissance is yet to be felt as these agencies have seemingly been unable to fulfill their statutory mandates, the resultant effect being the stultification of the Nation's economic growth;

Also concerned that the Management teams of these DFIs do not seem to realize the urgency of stimulating economic development, as they are not taking proactive measures in line with the present economic realities;

Convinced that the current economic challenges being experienced in the country can be reversed within the shortest possible time if these DFIs are made to live up to their statutory obligations;

Cognizant that Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 empowers the House to investigate the activities of any Government Ministry, Department or Agency in order to engender transparency, accountability and overall national development;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the activities of the Federally-owned Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) with a view to ascertaining the immediate and remote causes of their seeming inability to fulfill their statutory mandates and proffer solutions on ways of streamlining their activities with a view to repositioning them for effective service delivery, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

14. **Call on Manufacturers of Cell Phones, Electronics and Electrical Appliances to Establish Factories in Nigeria:**
Hon. Henry Archibong:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has become a large market for the importation, distribution and sales of finished Cell phones, Electronics and other electrical appliances of various types;

Also notes the economic boost those items have brought to the respective countries of origin of those items, and the huge negative pressure the practice of wholesale importation is putting on the economy of Nigeria;

Aware of the appreciable technical know-how Nigerians have acquired in undertaking major maintenance and repairs of those cell phones, electronics and electrical appliances whenever any of the items break down;

Also aware of the technological, financial and economic gains Nigeria stands to benefit from the localization of the plants and factories of these manufacturers through job creation and reduction of capital flight;

Acknowledges that the import duties paid for the importation of the finished items are not commensurate with the skills and manpower training that will be acquired by millions of Nigerian across the country if such plants and factories are sited in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Commerce, and Industry to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Trade and Investments to formulate a blueprint that would encourage manufacturers of cell phones, electronics and electrical appliances to site their factories in Nigeria; and

(*ii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor and ascertain the level of compliance with this resolution and report back to the House within six weeks for further legislative action.

15. **Call for Decongestion of Abuja Municipal Area Council:**
Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja is divided into six (6) Area Councils of Abuja Municipal, Bwari, Gwagwalada, Kwali, Kuje and Abaji;

Aware that over 95% (ninety-five percent) of all the Federal Government establishments, all foreign countries' embassies, the 36 States Liaison Offices and major private companies are sited at Abuja Municipal Area Council which is not more than 3-4 kilometers in radius, as a result of which 95% of the workforce within the Federal Capital Territory invariably do their works within the metropolis of Abuja Municipal Area Council;

Concerned that this untoward development has led to the amenities within the metropolis being over stretched by excessive population, thereby causing unhealthy congestion, gridlock, unhygienic environment, threats to lives and properties and constant disruption of social life and business activities, which negatively affect the productivity of the workers and consequently lead to fall in government revenues and rendering of services;

Also aware that various attempts by the Federal Capital Territory Administration to curb the menace caused by this congestion through demolition of illegal buildings failed mainly because a permanent solution was not sought to effectively check the over-congestion;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on FCT, and FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to appraise the situation with a view to ascertaining the economic, social, developmental and environmental risks posed by the congestion, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

16. **Urgent Need to Address the Problem of Casualization and Outsourcing of Jobs and Its Socio - Economic Consequences:**
Hon. Wale Raji Tasir:

The House:

Notes that section 7 (1) of the Labour Act provides that no worker should be engaged on probation or temporary employment for more than 3 months;

Aware that in recent years, the scourge of casualization has assumed a worrisome dimension both in the private and public sectors as employers capitalize on the high level of unemployment and the quest to maximize profits to engage casual workers and pay them slave wages under deplorable working conditions;

Also notes that some employers, especially in the banking and other sectors, in an attempt to cover up their illegal acts, outsourced jobs to firms to recruit workers for them;

Also aware of the clamour by various stakeholders such as the Nigeria Labour Congress, Trade Union Congress and other Non- Governmental Organizations for the Federal Government to develop the political will to enforce compliance with decent and acceptable work environment in Nigeria;

Further aware that the International Labour Organisation recognizes the transition of employees from temporary to permanent employment within three to twelve months of their contracts and, in its Report of 2004, Nigeria was indicted on account of frequent termination of contract workers employment when they became qualified to be considered for permanent employment;

Concerned about the negative effects of casualization on workers which lead to deprivation of employment benefits and lack of legal status, thus making them dispensable at the convenience of the employers;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment, and Productivity to investigate the incidence of casualisation and outsourcing of jobs in both the private and public sectors of the economy and report back to the House within (6) six weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Nigeria-China Relations	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Service Matters	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on the Investigation of Alleged Corruption, Malpractice and Breach of Due Process in the award of OPC	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Army	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Rural Development	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Telecommunications	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

10.	Works	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
11.	Local Content	Tuesday, 27 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex