



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 23 March, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Pensions:**
Hon. Adamu Shekarau:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Pensions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 726)” (*Referred: 8/12/2016*).
2. **Committee on Land Transport:**
Hon. Aminu Sani Isa:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Land Transport on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, Cap. N129, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Re-enact the Nigerian Railway Act, Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Railway Authority; the Establishment of a Framework and Private Sector Participation in the Provision of Rail Services and Infrastructure and Provide for the Regulation of the Railway Sector and for Related Matters (HB. 22)” (*Referred: 22/10/2016*).
3. **Committees on Land Transport, Aviation, Ports, Harbours and Waterways, and Maritime Safety, Education and Administration:**
Hon. Aminu Sani Isa:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Land Transport, Aviation, Ports, Harbours and Waterways, and Maritime Safety, Education and Administration on a Bill for an Act

to Provide for the Establishment of the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Transport Sector Regulator for the Regulated Transport Industry and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 51)" (*Referred: 19/11/2015*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Preparation, Presentation, Enactment, Implementation and Oversight of the Budget and for Other Related Matters (HB. 927) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara and 6 Others*); and
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Procedure for the Conception, Preparation and Presentation of Annual Budgets; the Implementation of same, Yearly Records, Disclosure of Information, Timeliness, Prioritization of Failure to Implement the Annual Budget in Accordance with the Appropriation Act (HB. 615) (*Hon. Adamu Kamale*).

2. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Honours Act, Cap. N43, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Subjecting the Nomination for the Award of National Honours to the Confirmation of the Senate and Stipulating Qualifications and Conditions for the Award and for Other Related Matters (HB. 654) (*Hon. Orker-Jev E. Y.*);
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Honours Act, Cap. N43, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and the Nigeria National Merit Award Act, Cap. N122, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian National Honours and Merit Award Commission to, among Other Things, Provide for the Establishment of a Commission that will Regulate Matters Related to National Honours and Merit Award in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 559) (*Hon. Abbass Tajudeen*).

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal School of Medical Laboratory Technology (Science), Jos and to Provide for Courses leading to the Award of Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Technology and Other Related Courses and for Related Matters (HB. 39) — *Third Reading*.
4. A Bill For an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management for the Promotion, Study and Practice of Properly Managing the Treasury as a Safeguard against Fraud, Outright Embezzlement, Emasculation, Misappropriation/Misapplication of Resources Placed in the Custody of Fund Managers and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 100) — *Third Reading*.
5. A Bill for An Act to make Provisions for the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Harassment of Students in Educational Institutions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 843) (*Senate*) (*House Leader*) — *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal Sections 59-69 of the Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Traffic Wardens Service which shall be Responsible for the Appointment, Promotion and Disciplining of Traffic Wardens and Issuance of Certificates of Appointment and for Other Related Matters (HB. 596) (*Hon. Bassey Eko Ewa*) — *Second Reading*.
7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria to Provide for, among Other Things, the Regulation, Control and to Determine the Standards of Knowledge to be Attained by People seeking to become Chartered Auctioneers and for Other Related Matters (HB. 599) (*Hon. Austin Chukwukere*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Further Amend the National Universities Commission (NUC) Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Introduction of Parliamentary Studies as a Course in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 494) (*Hon. Prestige Ossy*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

9. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to provide Technical Training for Personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, and Other African Countries and for Other Connected Purposes:**

Hon. Muazu Lawal:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to provide Technical Training for Personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, and Other African Countries and for Other Connected Purposes was passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives with differences;

Aware that a Conference Committee was constituted by both Chambers to harmonize the areas of differences in the Bill as passed;

Also aware that the Committee met in conference on 14, 15, and 16 March, 2017 respectively and harmonized the two versions of the Bill;

In view of the importance of the Bill in creating a Technological, Research and Development Institute of a World Class Standard in all facets of Engineering and Technological endeavours in the country;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to provide Technical Training for Personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, and Other African Countries and for Other Connected Purposes.

10. **Need to Complete the Oshodi/Mile 2 Expressway in Lagos State:**

Hon. Shoyinka Abiola Olayinka:

The House:

Notes that the Oshodi/Mile 2 Express Way which cuts across Oshodi, Mushin, Surulere and Amuwo Odofin local government areas of Lagos State is a major highway route to the Tin-Can and Apapa Ports and also services the Oil Tank Farms, the major Marketers Loading Depots as well as linking the Badagry Expressway leading to the neighbouring Benin Republic;

Concerned that the construction of the highway which started from Mile 2 end was abandoned at Cele Bus Stop to the chagrin of the people, not to talk of the effects on business activities at that axis;

Also concerned that due to the deplorable state of the road, it takes tankers carrying petroleum products and trucks laden with goods from the ports or from the neighbouring country about 3 to 4 hours to traverse, thus giving room for hoodlums to attack motorists, in addition to the trucks and tankers tipping over and falling;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to urgently complete the highway and reactivate the street lights along it;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently rehabilitate the uncompleted part of the high way to make it motorable; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to include funds in the 2017 budget for the completion of the road.

**11. Urgent Need to Rehabilitate Eketa/Umuoga Road in Rivers State and Elelem Ngor in Imo State:
Hon. Jerome Amadi Eke:**

The House:

Notes with utmost regret the deplorable state of Eketa/Umuoga/Elelem Ngor Road that links both Etche Local Government Area in Rivers State and Imo State;

Also notes that the road has Ekete market, one of the biggest markets in Etche Local Government Area located along it;

Concerned that the deplorable condition of the road is hampering commerce and transportation of food stuff to neighboring communities and States as a result of which the food stuff go bad on account of low patronage owing to the condition of the road;

Cognizant that governments all over the world are encouraging farming to meet the needs of their ever increasing population, hence the urgent need to rehabilitate the road to enable those communities contribute to the growth of the nation's economy;

Resolve to:

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to rehabilitate the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to ensure implementation.

**12. Erosion and Flooding Disaster Threatening Lives and Properties at Idemili North and South Federal Constituency of Anambra State:
Hon. Obinna Chidoka:**

The House:

Notes that several communities in Idemili North/South Federal Constituency of Anambra State, including Obosi, Nkpor, Ogidi, Abatete, Alor, Ideani, Nnobi, Ojoto, Oba and others have, over the years, suffered untold hardships from gully erosion and perennial flooding which have displaced hundreds of families, made hectares of fertile farm lands useless and uprooted trees of economic value;

Concerned that roads linking those communities and their farmlands have now come under severe threats and it has now become an uphill task to access the farms to evacuate harvested crops and other items, a situation that could worsen food insecurity in the affected communities in particular and Anambra State in general;

Also concerned that various erosion management and flooding control self-help projects embarked upon by the communities have been ineffective and that with population growth and the gully erosion rapidly expanding, coupled with the perennial flooding, there might not be enough land to cater for the expanding population of the various communities in the foreseeable future;

Determined to address the menace of erosion and flooding threatening lives and properties in those communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to direct the Ecological Fund Office to carry-out environmental impact assessment of the affected areas and embark on erosion and flood control projects to alleviate the sufferings of the inhabitants of those communities;
- (ii) also call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to come to the aid of the affected communities and victims displaced by the erosion and flooding disaster; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to visit the erosion and flooding sites in those various communities, and make recommendations to the House within eight (8) weeks on measures to be adopted to ensure a permanent solution to the menace.

**13. Need to Provide Relief Materials, Food and Medical Supplies to Internally Displaced Persons in Konduga, Mafa and Dikwa Local Government Areas in Borno State:
Hon. Mahmud Lawan Maina:**

The House:

Notes that Konduga, Mafa and Dikwa Local Government Areas are among the worst hit Local Government Areas by the Boko Haram insurgency in Borno State, and almost the whole population of these areas were affected as a result of the insurgency;

Recalls that the people of these three Local Government Areas were displaced and are living in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps or with relatives in Maiduguri, Borno State;

Also notes that with the relative peace in Borno State now, people have started returning to their respective Local Government Areas however, most of the returnees and other rescued captives of Boko Haram are still living in camps in their respective Local Government headquarters i.e. in Konduga, Mafa and Dikwa towns;

Worried that these camps are mostly overpopulated, with overstretched facilities which are inadequate for the sustenance of their inhabitants;

Also worried that there was a fire outbreak in the Konduga Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camp on Wednesday, 16 March, where three people lost their lives, many others severely injured and the whole camp razed down;

Aware that though the Borno State Government is doing its best under the prevailing circumstances, the State's resources are equally overstretched due to the enormity of the problem across the State;

Further worried that the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and other residents in these Local Government Areas are prone to the risk of malnutrition/ hunger and diseases, hence the urgent need for the Federal Government to provide relief materials/ food items and medical supplies to complement the efforts of the State Government and other International Organizations;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Presidential Committee on North East Initiatives (PCNI) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide adequate relief materials/ food items/medical supplies and other consumables to cater for the growing need of these traumatized people; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone to ensure compliance.

14. Urgent Need to Investigate the Non-Remittance of ₦5.6 Billion by the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria:

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

Hon. Victor Onyemaechi Nwokolo:

The House:

Aware that the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria was established to provide long-term credit facilities to Mortgage Institutions and to encourage development of Mortgage Institutions at the rural, local, State and Federal levels;

Notes that the Bank is empowered through the National Housing Fund to, among other things, facilitate the mobilization of funds for provision of houses for Nigerians;

Observes that between 2011 and 2015, the Bank generated a total revenue of ₦44.073 billion, with ₦13.17 billion of it having been generated in 2015 but the Bank defaulted in the remittance to the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and Value Added Tax (VAT) collections in the sum of ₦2.2 billion;

Also observes that during the period under review, the Bank also defaulted in remittance of Withholding Tax deductions to the Federal Inland Revenue Service to the tune of ₦3.4 billion;

Concerned that due to poor management by successive Managements of the Bank, there had been unimaginable high volume of non-performance of 70% of the Bank's risk assets and loans, resulting in sharp erosion of its Capital Structure and the National Housing Fund deposits;

Also concerned that the mismanagement of the Bank has led to huge administrative expenditure to the extent that its annual average of staff maintenance is ₦4 billion, while Director's fees and expenses are on the average of ₦200 million annually;

Cognizant that Section 40 of the Federal Inland Revenue Service Act specifies a penalty of 10% on withheld or unremitted tax by any defaulter after 30 days from the date of default;

Also cognizant of the need to recover the un-remitted sum of ₦5.6 Billion from the Bank for injection into the economy;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Urban Development and Regional Planning to investigate the allegations and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

15. Need to Absorb Early Volunteers of Civil Defence into the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps:

Hon. Opiah Goodluck Nanah:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) was established in 2003 to complement the efforts of other Security Agencies in Nigeria;

Aware that before the establishment of the NSCDC, recruitment into the Civil Defence was voluntary by persons desirous to serve selflessly;

Also aware that the NSCDC has since its establishment complemented the efforts of the Nigerian Police Force and other Security Agencies;

Concerned that majority of the early volunteers of the Civil Defence Corps were not absorbed into the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps;

Regrets that since 2003, no concrete plans have been made to absorb the early volunteers of Civil Defence into the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, thereby worsening the unemployment situation in the country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Interior to investigate the matter of non-absorption of early volunteers of Civil Defence into the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**16. Need to Stem the Rising Tide of Defaced, Filthy and Mutilated Currency Notes in Circulation:
Hon. Segun Adekola Alexander:**

The House:

Notes with concern the alarming rate of mutilated currency notes in circulation which is now becoming a national embarrassment;

Also notes that for reasons best known to the banks; they are issuing torn, mutilated and unhygienic currency notes through the ATM machines and over the counter;

Aware that in 2014 six Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Officials along with sixteen Commercial Bank officials were arrested and charged by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) with fraud in an ₦8 Billion mega scam involving the theft and recirculation of defaced and mutilated currencies meant for destruction;

Observes that despite the arrest and subsequent prosecution of the culprits, there is still an existing Cartel in both the CBN and Commercial Banks who makes brisk business recycling old Naira notes meant for destruction, thereby enriching their bank accounts, acquiring properties through these illegal proceeds by converting the equivalent of the mutilated notes into their accounts and selling printed mint meant for customers to touts and hawkers;

Cognizant of the fact that Section 21 (4) of the CBN Act of 2007, makes it a punishable offence for any person to hawk, sell or trade in Naira notes, coins or any other notes issued by the apex bank;

Worried that most of these mutilated currency in circulation harbour pathogenic micro-organisms hazardous to human health and that infectious diseases like diarrhea, food poisoning and respiratory problems could be spread through these bacteria infected notes.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the CBN, to as a matter of urgency, withdraw and arrange for the destruction of mutilated currency notes in circulation and replace same with new ones;
- (ii) also urge the National Orientation agency to carry out a sustained public sensitization and enlightenment program to educate Nigerians on the need to handle the Naira notes cautiously and with care; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to conduct an investigation into the activities of these cartel by beaming its search light on the CBN, Commercial banks and other allied banks in order to ascertain those involved in these sharp practices of injecting mutilated and defaced notes into circulation and report back within 6 weeks.

17. **Need to Check the Manifest Lopsidedness in the Appointments of Directors for the Federal Airports Authority of Nigerian (FAAN) and Breach of the Federal Character Principles in Appointments into Public Offices:**

Hon. O. K. Chinda:

The House:

Notes with concern the apparent lopsidedness in the recent appointments of Directors for the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) which is in breach of the Federal Character principles as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Also notes that recently, there has been lots of concerns and discontent about the apparent lopsidedness in appointments into public offices by the Federal government and some of its agencies in favour of some region(s) and/ or religion.

Further notes that about a week ago, the Vice President made some key appointments in the Aviation sector, wherein about six (6) Directors out of others were appointed along tribal and religious lines, to the detriment of other geopolitical zones of the country;

Aware of the clear provision of Section 14 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which states that "the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be a State based on the principles of democracy and social justice";

Also aware of Section 14 (3) of the CFRN, 1999 (as amended) which states that "the composition of the Government of the Federation or any of its agencies and the conduct of its affairs shall be carried out in such a manner as to reflect the federal character of Nigeria and the need to promote national unity, and also to command national loyalty, thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance of persons from a few States or from a few ethnic or other sectional groups in that Government or in any of its agencies";

Further aware that in a bid to achieve the above objectives the Federal Character Commission (FCC) was established under the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 "with responsibility to promote, monitor and enforce compliance with the principles of the proportional sharing of all bureaucratic, economic and political posts at all levels of government";

Worried that the Federal Government and the Federal Character Commission (FCC) are clearly in breach of the above principle as there exist numerous cases of lopsidedness in appointments, recruitments and sharing of Federal Government posts including recent recruitments by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN); the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS); appointment into Boards and Parastatals, (NCAA), (NEMA) and (FAAN), among others;

Cognizant that unless urgent steps are taken to check the prevailing imbalance in the appointment and sharing of Federal Government posts in the country, people will continue to be discontent and generally become despondent;

Concerned that the consistent breach of the Principles of Federal Character is likely to promote national disunity and disloyalty as well as heighten ethnic agitation and national insecurity;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to urgently review its recent appointments of Directors and ensure compliance with section 14 (3) of the CFRN, 1999 (as amended); and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Character to undertake a comprehensive review of all appointments and recruitments made so far and report to the House on the level of compliance or otherwise with Section 14 (3) of the CFRN, 1999 (as amended) within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance of the resolution.

**18. Call on the Federal Government to Drop the 20% Tariff Imposed on Imported Medicines:
Hon. Henry Nwawuba:**

The House:

Notes that the Minister of Finance, Mrs Kemi Adeosun has communicated the approval of the President of an Import Adjustment Tax list wherein 20% tax was imposed on medicines such as paracetamol tablets and syrup, chloroquine tablets and syrup, imported into the country;

Aware that until this Import Adjustment List, Nigeria had a 0% duty on imported drugs as a result of the recommendation of an ECOWAS Committee on Health that member states impose zero percent (0%) duty on imported drugs, given that the healthcare needs of the region cannot be adequately addressed by local manufacturing;

Concerned that the situation that necessitated the ECOWAS recommendation prior to 2013 has not abated, instead it has exacerbated;

Also concerned that the reintroduction of duty and imposition of a whopping 20% tax on imported medicines will aggravate the already deplorable condition of the nation's healthcare delivery system and could lead to high death rates;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to delist medicines from the list of items that will attract imposition of duties until such a time that local manufacturing would have reasonably guaranteed not only the quality but the quantum of medicines to be administered in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Delegated Legislations to ensure implementation and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

19. Need to Carry out Personnel and Infrastructure Audit in the Nigeria Police Force before the Deployment of the 10,000 Recruits.

Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante	Hon. Leonard Okuweh Ogor	Hon. J.O. Betty Apiafi
Hon. Ogundu Kingsley Chinda	Hon. Ken Chikere Anayo	Hon. Blessing I. Nsiegbe
Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno	Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechuku	Hon. Boma Goodhead
Hon. Brown Randolph Iwo Oruene	Hon. Francis C. Uduyok	Hon. Diri Douye
Hon. Akinjo Kolade Victor	Hon. Agbedi Fredrick Y.	Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun
Hon. K. Rimamnde Shawulu	Hon. Olasupo A. Adeola:	

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Police Force is primarily charged with the responsibility of ensuring the internal security of the country which entails the prevention and detection of crime, preservation of law and order and protection of lives and property, among other statutory duties;

Also notes the extant delicate security situation in the country, thus giving rise to the pertinent need to help the Force reposition itself to checkmate acts of terrorism, armed robbery, kidnaping, and other sundry crimes threatening the corporate existence of the nation;

Commends the recent bold strides by the Federal Government to increase the policing capacity through the ongoing recruitment exercise aimed at engaging ten thousand (10,000) officers and men;

Observes that due to rapid urban migration, certain cities and locations seem to have excess police personnel allocated to them to the detriment of a more equitable deployment of manpower to provide security for the common man, particularly in the rural areas, such as Unyeada, Inyoron, Ibotirem and Oyoroko communities in Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency, which are home to at least 50,000 residents, yet not as many as twenty (20) police personnel are serving there and worse of all, Oyorokoto, the biggest fishing port in West Africa has no single police personnel or security infrastructure;

Concerned that the gains of the recent recruitment exercise may be lost if an adequate personnel and infrastructure audit of the Police Force is not carried out to guide a more equitable deployment and policing so as to improve the overall security architecture of the country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to liaise with the appropriate institutions of government to carry out a personnel and infrastructure audit of the Nigeria Police Force in order to guide the deployment of new recruits as well as revamping, for increased inclusiveness the security/policing architecture of the country and report back to the House in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

20. Need for Intervention in the Current Crises of Unpaid Pension Arrears Threatening the Lives of Nigeria's Retired Senior Citizens:

Hon. Toby Okechukwu

Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau

Hon. Etaba Michael Iron

Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu

Hon. Jones Onyereri

Hon. Abubakar Lawal Garba

Hon. Muazu Lawal:

The House:

Aware that in the ongoing budgetary appropriations exercise, no provision was made for accrued benefits of pensioners under the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and the Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS);

Concerned that pensioners under the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) who retired since 2015 have not been paid their pensions due to the failure of the Federal Government to contribute its statutory share of 5% to the Pension Redemption Fund in line with the Pension Reform Act, 2014 amounting to a total sum of ₦285,946,669,881.00 (Two hundred and Eighty Five Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty-Six million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-One Naira) only;

Also concerned that pensioners under the Defined Benefit Scheme (DBS) which include the Police Pensions, the Nigerian Customs Service, Nigeria Immigration Service, Nigerian Prisons Service, Civil Service and other parastatals are yet to be paid their 33% accrued arrears amounting to about ₦174 billion;

Worried that the delay in payment of pension arrears has resulted in dire situations where pensioners are wallowing in penury, sickness, hopelessness and regret for serving their fatherland diligently only to be abandoned by the government upon retirement;

Also worried that if urgent steps are not taken to pay the outstanding arrears within the current fiscal year, the much applauded Contributory Pension Scheme may collapse, leading to unimaginable consequences for the pensioners and the country as a whole;

Convinced that if the Federal Government could release bailout funds to pay outstanding workers' salaries, it behoves the government to do likewise for payment of pension arrears, which is its direct primary responsibility;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to provide emergency bailout funds to redeem all Federal Government pension liabilities;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to liaise with its Senate counterpart to include the required funds for the payment of pension arrears under the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and the Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS) of the Federal Government in the 2017 Budget estimates; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Pensions to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 21. 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) (*Committee of the Whole: 27/9/2016*).
- 22. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Manpower Board Act, Cap. N57, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 258) (*Committee of the Whole: 28/9/2016*).
- 23. **Committee on Pensions:**
Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Pensions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Intelligence Agency Pensions Board to Handle Pension Matters for Personnel of the Agency and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 842) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).
- 24. **Committee on Justice:**
Hon. Razak Atunwa:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Manner in which Individuals may in the Public Interest, Disclose Information that Relate to Crime, for the Protection against Victimization of Persons who make these Disclosures; to Establish a Fund for the sake of Enhancing Crime Information Gathering for Security Utilization and for Other Related Matters (HB. 03) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 26/1/2017*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 23 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Automobile Industry Non-Access to FOREX from CBN (<i>with Governor of CBN</i>)	Thursday, 23 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Commercialization and Privatization (<i>with DISCOs and GENCOs</i>)	Thursday, 23 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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| 4. | Custom and Excise
<i>(Budget defence)</i> | Thursday, 23 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 244
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Public Petitions
<i>(Investigative Hearing)</i> | Thursday, 23 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429
New Building (House)
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| 6. | Federal Character <i>(with
Head of Service of the
Federation, Chairmen of
Federal Civil Service and
Federal Character
Commissions)</i> | Thursday, 23 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |