



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 9 May, 2018

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency with a view to Conducting Research in Areas of Ethno-Medical and Veterinary Surveys, so as to Develop Comprehensive Inventory of Medicinal, Aromatic and Pesticidal Plants, Animal parts, Minerals and other Bio-Diversities used in Natural Medicine in Nigeria and to Provide Research, Develop, Promote, Collate, Document and Preserve Nigeria's Indigenous (Traditional) Healthcare Systems, Medications and Non-Medications Healing Arts, Sciences, Technologies, Bio-Resources and Facilitate their Integration into the National Healthcare Delivery System; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219 and 1383) (*Leader and Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria and Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) Zaria and Establish the Federal University of Land and Air Transport, Zaria, to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such other fields of Applied Learning relevant to the needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students; and for Related Matters (HB. 1195) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Council for Social Works to Regulate the Practice of Professional Social Work in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 161) (*Hon. Ossai N. Ossai*) (*Veto Override*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

4. **Alleged Mismanagement of the Save Schools Initiative (SSI) Funds in the North-East Zone:**

Hon. Shuaibu Abdulrahman:

The House:

Recalls that a global intervention Fund named Save Schools Initiative (SSI), under the leadership of the Hon. Gordon Brown, the former British Prime Minister, was launched four years ago in the wake of horrific abduction of students of the Government Secondary School Chibok;

Aware that an undisclosed amount of funds were collected for the purpose of enhancing physical security around vulnerable schools against further abduction of students in boarding Secondary Schools in the North East Zone;

Regrets that there is no evidence that such schools in the North East Zone are now secured and protected by trained Security Personnel or fortified with CCTV Cameras, high perimeter fence, heavy duty electricity generators, etc., as provided for in the original concept of the Save Schools Initiative;

Also regrets that the absence of security infrastructure in the North East Zone Schools has recently led to another incident of abduction of Students of the Government Secondary School, Dapchi, Yobe State, which brought about embarrassment and attendant trauma on the Nigerian nation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on the North-East Zone to investigate the extent of the funds collected, its management, custodian(s), and whether or not the funds have been applied for the purpose for which they were collected and report to the House within 8 weeks for further legislative action.

5. **Alleged Extortion of International Inbound Travellers to Nigeria:**

Hon. Obinna Chidoka:

The House:

Notes that consistent with international best practices, the Nigeria Customs Service has exempted personal and household effects accompanying international inbound travelers to Nigeria from import duties, subject to a value of N50, 000.00;

Aware that the operational manual of the Nigeria Customs Service clearly provides for the modality for assessment and valuation of all items imported into Nigeria, including personal and household effects accompanying international inbound travelers to Nigeria;

Alarmed that there have been strong expression of public disapproval, anger and outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria on alleged excessive and arbitrary valuation of their personal and household effects by Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service, which

they claimed, are usually reduced below the N50, 000.00 threshold, on payment of illicit sums of money to such officials;

Concerned that the strong expression of public disapproval, anger and outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria could foist a lasting negative impression on the entire Nigeria Customs Service, undermine its effectiveness and above all, reverse the nation's progress on the World Bank rating of ease of doing business;

Convinced that in view of series of allegations of arbitrary charges, extortions, bribery, corruption and abuse of office against Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service there is need for investigation, in order to restore the confidence of the Nigerian tax payers.

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria on allegations of arbitrary charges, extortions, bribery, corruption and abuse of office against Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service, and also interface with the management of the Customs Service to review the operational manual of the Nigeria Customs Service with respect to treatment and valuation of personal and household effects of international Inbound travelers to Nigeria and to report within two weeks for further legislative action.

6. Need for the Central Bank of Nigeria to Comply with the Provisions of Section 50(1) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act:

Hon. O.K. Chinda:

The House:

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria was established under the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Also aware that S.50(1) of the CBN Act provides that "the Bank shall, within two months after the close of each financial year, transmit to the National Assembly and the President a copy of its annual accounts certified by the Auditor".

Further aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has not been complying with the above provisions, thereby rendering the law nugatory and of no effect;

Notes with concern the need for the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to comply with the Provisions of Section 50(1) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Concerned that non-compliance by the CBN with the above provisions has greatly undermined the image, reputation and effectiveness of the Bank and as well undermine the oversight function of the National Assembly;

Regrets the apparent breach of the CBN Act which constitutes an illegality and should not be allowed to stand;

Also concerned that unless this illegality or anomaly by the CBN is immediately and urgently addressed, the whole essence of the said section of the Act would be defeated and rendered useless and nugatory.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to comply with the provisions of Section 50(1) of the CBN Act and ensure that it transmits to the National Assembly a copy of its annual Accounts certified by the Auditor;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency and Legislative compliance to ensure compliance;

- (iii) transmit the Resolution of the House to the Senate for concurrence.

**7. Urgent Need to Stop the Sale of the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG):
Hon. Randolph Iwo Oruene Brown:**

The House:

Notes of a proposal by the Federal Government to sell the multi-billion dollar Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) to raise funds to reflate the Nigerian economy;

Further notes that the proposal was as a result of the recommendation of a Ministerial Retreat in 2016 for an ambitious fiscal stimulus plan involving the generation and injection of massive foreign capital, estimated at between \$10 and \$15 billion (about N 4.72 trillion) into the economy to help the recession recovery process;

Aware that the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Udoma Udo Udoma, stated that one of the ways to fund the plan would be through the sale of some national assets and the proceeds reinvested in the economy to raise the needed capital for infrastructural development;

Also aware that the NLNG is one of the most successful ventures that Nigeria has embarked upon when it's started from train one through to the sixth train and now the seventh train in the offing;

Worried that the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and the Nigerian Labour union, among other organizations, have seriously frowned at this move and warned the Federal Government against the proposed sale of national assets, especially the NLNG;

Cognizant that resuscitating the Nigerian economy from the recession is the actual reason for the proposed sale of the NLNG even though there are other options the government may adopt to resuscitate the economy;

Also Cognizant that the Government has the option of borrowing on long term against the dividends in the NLNG, convert its Joint Venture Holdings in some multinational oil corporations into incorporated Joint Venture Companies, encourage wealthy Nigerians who can afford to buy and therefore rooting for the sale of national assets, to invest in the economy, or to set up their own LNG projects, considering the huge reserves of natural gas in the country;

Further Cognizant that Nigerian workers will be at the receiving end if the sale is allowed to go unchallenged;

Concerned that it is not in any conventional economic reality for any nation to resort to selling off its assets during challenging times, as this exhibits leadership laxity and policy myopia;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to suspend the proposed sale of the NLNG as doing so will not be in the interest of the nation's economy;

- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to ensure compliance.

8. Need to Check the Presumptive Diagnosis and Treatment of Malaria in Private and Public Health Sectors in Nigeria:

Hon. Ezekiel A. Adaji:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is one of the Countries highly burdened by Malaria, with episodes of malaria attacks accounting for approximately 20% of all hospital admissions, 30% of outpatient visits and 10% of hospital deaths;

Also notes that the burden of this disease strains the resources of the health system as spending on malaria treatment and prevention accounts for nearly 50% of health expenditures in Nigeria;

Observes that to effectively diagnose and treat malaria, the World Health Organization (WHO) currently recommends a confirmatory blood test for all suspected cases of malaria and prescription of artemisinin based combination therapy upon confirmation of malaria positivity;

Concerned that despite the polices that recommended parasitological testing before treatment for malaria and the increased availability of malaria rapid diagnostic tests to facilitate diagnosis, presumptive diagnosis and treatment remains widespread in Nigeria;

Worried that nearly 60% of Nigerians seek treatment for malaria at drug shop outlets in private health care sector and that minority of the vendors composed of licensed pharmacies which are either owned or staff by formally trained pharmacists and mainly found in urban centers, while majority vendors, who are informally trained loosely regulate proprietary and patient medicine shops, are usually the only source of drugs in rural areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to scale up parasitological diagnosis in all health care systems, through strategic awareness and behavioral change;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health to promote awareness on the use of rapid diagnostic test in rural communities where malaria microscopy is not readily available;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health to synergize with the patient medicine dealers who are the first contact of most rural dwellers to ensure adequate diagnosis before treatment by making stock rapid diagnostic tests constantly and also use them when necessary before treating their patients, who present with fever;
- (iv) Mandate the Committee on Heath Care Services to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9. Hon. Razak Atunwa:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein” (HB. 1187). (*Laid: 2/5/2018*).

10. Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Bar. Uchenna Oparaugo and Austine C. Uwabuto on behalf of Godwin Ogbogu against Key Stone Bank on alleged unlawful transfer of the sum of \$180,000 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars) against timely order and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 5/10/2017*) (*Committee of the Whole*).

That the matter be referred to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)/Interpol in view of the International link of the transaction.

11. Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Iyoha Iyoke & Co. on behalf of Ambrose O. Imien against the Medical Department of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) on the Wrongful Dismissal of Ambrose O. Imien. and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 5/10/2017*) (*Committee of the Whole*).

(i) urge the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) to:

(a) Reverse the dismissal of Ambrose O. Imien and convert same to retirement as at the date of his terminal benefits on an employment category 2, steps higher than his status as at April, 1999;

(b) Ensure that his arrears of salary and allowances are paid him from April, 1999 to date.

12. Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Coalition of Civil Society Organisation for Justice and Equity against the Nigeria Police Force and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 4/5/2018*) (*Committee of the Whole*).

Urge the Inspector General of Police to vacate/unseal the premises of the Peace Corps of Nigeria within 21 days in compliance with the High Court Order, and in obedience to recommendations of the Attorney General of the Federation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 9 May, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday, 9 May, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Land Transport (Conference Committee Meeting on NTC Bill)	Wednesday, 9 May, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.05 New Building (<i>Senate</i>) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Character (<i>with Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) and University of Abuja</i>)	Wednesday, 9 May, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (<i>Senate</i>) Assembly Complex

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