



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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12. National Forestry Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 352) (*Hon. Makwe Livinus Makwe*) – *First Reading*.
13. Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 353) (*Hon. Makwe Livinus Makwe*) – *First Reading*.
14. Trade Malpractices (Miscellaneous Offences) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 354) (*Hon. Makwe Livinus Makwe*) – *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Fire Service Act. Cap. F29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Provide for Establishment of the Fire and Rescue Service in the Federation and Provide among other things for the Organization, Discipline, Powers and Duties of the Federal Fire and Rescue Service; and for Related Matters (HB. 83) (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

2. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly, Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:
Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oghuma.**

Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 334)

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for

to the House for which no concurrence was made or negated or which was passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that the aforementioned Bill was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill was re-gazetted as (HB. 334), and read the first time on Wednesday 25 September, 2019;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

**3. Rehabilitation of Bali-Sontai-Mararaba- Takum Road in Taraba State:
Hon. Abdulsalam Gambo Mubarak,**

The House:

Notes the importance of Bali-Sontai-Mararaba-Takum road connecting major towns to Benue State and the Federal Capital Territory in boosting Agricultural and Socio-Economic activities within the area;

Aware that several accidents recorded on the road are as a result of avoidable potholes, gallops and bad portion of the road;

Also aware that the road is in a very bad condition and requires urgent attention unfortunately, despite the huge annual budgetary provision, to rehabilitate the road, virtually little or nothing is being done to fix the road;

Concerned that the dilapidated nature of the road will continue to pose threat and danger to the lives of commuters and hampering agricultural and economic activities;

Worried that, if nothing is done to improve the condition of the road, it will continue to deteriorate with its attendant negative effect on lives, agriculture and the Economy at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to award a contract for the rehabilitation of the road;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ensure compliance.

4. Flood Disaster in Damaturu, Tarmuwa, Gujba and Gulani Local Government Areas of Yobe State:

Hon. Khadija Waziri-Bukar A. Ibrahim.

The House:

Notes that thousands of households have been affected by the ongoing torrential rains and flash floods that have swept through Damaturu, Tarmuwa, Gujba and Gulani, Local Government Areas of Yobe State with some of the worst hit areas including Wars ala, Kukareta, Ngwrawa, Maisandari, Kalallawa and Moduri villages all in Damaturu LGA;

Also notes that in Tarmuwa, Gujba and Gulani LGAs, several villages were also affected, including Koriyel, Garga, and Jumbam, Jibulwa, Gagure, Kushimaga, Garintuwo, Ruhu, Wagir, Gotala, Mutai, Goniri, Buni Gari and Katarko;

Worried that the heavy downpour has resulted in mudslides, destroying homes and sweeping away farmlands, foodstuff and livestock in the process rendering many people homeless and extremely vulnerable;

Also worried that communities have been cut off by the floods, leaving majority of people in dire need to be relocation to emergency shelter, where they will require to be provided with household supplies such as drinking water and food as well as sanitation and healthcare services;

Appreciates the Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) for the relief materials and support so far given to the victims while realizing that the risk of further heavy rainfall and flood remain high throughout the month of September;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials for to the affected victims and also draw up contingency measures to combat the recurrence of flooding in Yobe State and other parts North-East Zone;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.

5. Completion of the Ibadan Inland Dry Port in Erunmu, Egbeda Local Government Area of Oyo State and other Inland Dry Ports in the Country:

Hon. S Ajibola Muraina.

The House:

Notes that the establishment of Inland Dry Ports otherwise known as Inland Container Depots (ICD's) and Containers Freight Stations (CFS) by the Nigerian Shippers Council is highly commendable and could lead to economic development of the nation;

Also notes that the Inland Dry Ports which is the equivalent of a sea port located in the hinterland, receives containers by rail or road from the seaport for examination and clearance by Customs and other competent authorities;

Recalls that the 7 approved locations for Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFSs) were concessioned to private sector operators by the ICD Implementation Committee of the Federal Ministry of Transportation as follows:

- (i) IsialaNgwa, Aba - East gate Inland Container Terminal Ltd.;
- (ii) Erunmu, Ibadan - Catamaran Logistics Ltd.;
- (iii) Heipang-Jos - Duncan Maritime Ltd.;
- (iv) Zawachi-Kano - Dala Inland Dry Port.;
- (v) Zamfarawa- Funtua - Equatorial Marine Ltd.;
- (vi) Jauri-Maiduguri - Migfor Nigeria Ltd.;
- (vii) ICNL-Kaduna - Commissioned.

Aware that the ICDs/CFSs were expected to achieve the following objectives among others:

- bringing shipping services to the door steps of shippers across the nation;
- assisting in decongesting the seaports and making them more user friendly;
- providing the impetus to revive and modernize the railway as a primary mode for long distance haulage.

Concerned that besides the Kaduna Inland Dry Port which was recently commissioned by President, Buhari in January 2018, other dry ports projects are yet to be completed by the concessionaires due to poor funding and the slow pace of work in most of the Inland Ports is worrisome;

Convinced that the completion of those seaports will stop the diversion of Cargo to neighbouring countries which is depriving the country of the much-needed revenue and will also generate employment for Nigerians as in the communities where those Inland Dry Ports are cited and will further reduce the congestion being experienced at the Lagos ports and the gridlock on the Apapa road;

Believes that there is the need to develop the Inland Dry Ports in the hinterlands of the country and with the storage facilities in the ports, exporters will be provided the much-needed facilities to process, package, consolidate and forward their exports to their customers all over the world;

Cognizant that lack of railway network is a major challenge to all the proposed Seaports and road and air network to facilitate quick delivery for trans-shipment of sea cargo to inland destinations;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to complete the rail connection to the Dry Ports and Seaports in order to ensure the realization of the projects at the earliest time possible;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to put in place measures to attract investors from Commonwealth countries to the Inland Dry Ports so that the remaining projects being handled by concessionaires can be completed as soon as possible;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to complete the dualization of Lagos/Ibadan/Egbeda Road to prepare for the take-off of the Ibadan Inland Dry Port, since Oyo State has the potential of becoming the food basket of the nation with its landmass, soil profile, strategic position and concentration of Agricultural Research Institutions;

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Land Transport, Ports and Harbour, Appropriations and Works to ensure completion of the projects by ensuring that they are well funded having in mind their economic importance to the nation.

**6. Reconstruction of Kaiama-Kishi and Kaiama-Kosubosu Roads in Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency of Kwara State:
Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio.**

The House:

Notes that Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency which hosts the 64.9 kilometers Kaiama-Kishi and the 86.7 kilometers Kaima-Kosubosu roads is one of the largest constituencies that shares border with both Oyo State and the Republic of Benin;

Informed that majority of residents of adjoining communities where the roads traverse are farmers who produce agricultural products that need to be transported to both neighbouring States and far flung ones, and even to the Republic of Benin for sales;

Also notes that before the roads deteriorated to their present deplorable state, it used to take a motorist about one hour to drive through them, but it now takes about five and nine hours, respectively;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the roads is resulting in accidents that claim lives, armed robbery attacks, loss of man hours and other untoward events, all of which adversely affect the socio-economic activities of the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include funds in the 2020 budget for the reconstruction of the roads to ease the suffering of the people of the area;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.

7. Failure of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to Function Optimally:

Hon. Valentine Ayika **Hon. Gibeon Goroki** **Hon. Idem Unyime Josiah**
Hon. Israel Sunny Goi **Hon. Obanikoro Ibrahim** **Hon. Mshelia Haruna**
Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis:

The House:

Notes that the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) was established by an Act of the National Assembly to ensure that every Nigerian has access to quality and affordable health care service through the provision of affordable health insurance;

Aware that the Scheme has a Presidential mandate to achieve Universal Health Coverage by 2015 but has failed in that regard, as available information shows that it currently boasts of a little over 6 million enrollees as at 2019 despite regular budgetary allocations;

Also aware that 50% of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund which represents 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Government available for the Scheme, part of which was released in May 2019, yet the scheme still fell short of its targeted objectives;

Worried that despite the importance of the Scheme towards the attainment of Universal Health Coverage for Nigerians, it does have a substantive Executive Secretary, but has been under the management of an ‘Overseeing Director’ appointed from the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation, and this has affected many critical and important operations of the Scheme; including:

- (a) non-approval of the 2017/2018 Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) reaccreditation exercise report which has those HMOs not fit for operations but have continued to provide services despite their deficiencies;
- (b) non-approval of the 2018 Staff promotion exercise; with the likely consequent delay in the conduct of the 2019 exercise with the attendant staff dissatisfaction;
- (c) non- pragmatic approach to dealing with contentious issues with various stakeholders;
- (d) delays in approval and release of revised guidelines, drug and professional service price lists which have been long overdue for review, and
- (e) failure to conduct the periodic quality assurance and improvement exercises on Health Care Providers and Health Maintenance Organizations.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to direct all Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) to pay, within three (3) months, all outstanding debts owed all healthcare providers in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA) to ensure that private Medical Practitioners should, as a matter of urgency register their clinics with the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) as accredited health providers of medical services;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Health Institution and Healthcare Services to carry out holistic review of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to encourage more participation by Nigerians with a view to attainment of Universal Health Coverage for Nigerians and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Lingering Boundary Dispute Between Enugu-Otu and Eziagulu-Otu Communities of Aguleri in Anambra State and Odeke/Echohon Communities in Ibaji Local Government Area of Kogi State:

Hon. Obidigwe Chinedu Benjamin.

The House:

Notes that the boundary dispute between Enugu-Otu, Mkpunando and Eziagulu-Otu communities of Aguleri in Anambra Local Government Area of Anambra State and the Odeke/Echohon communities in Ibaji Local Government Area of Kogi State which has claimed many lives has lingered for many decades;

Recalls that on Thursday, 6 August, 2015, the House urged the National Boundary Commission (NBC) to expedite action regarding the amicable resolution of the dispute between the communities;

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Comment [1]:

Aware that the National Boundary Commission in a letter dated 28 August 2019, following an enquiry on the matter stated that an attempt was made to locate seven (7) points identified as turning points of the boundary from the 1969 Kabba Province, Administrative map physically in the ground using GSP, but the exercise was inconclusive due to its disruption by the youths of Odeke Community;

Also aware that the National Boundary Commission, (NBC) further stated that out of the five (5) established points during the fieldwork, preliminary review showed that three (3) of them did not fall in the expected position as described in Gazette Notice 126 of 1954 and that there is no conclusive documentary evidence of the extent of work as the report of the last fieldwork has not been received and discussed by the meeting of the officials;

Informed that the National Boundary Commission (NBC) advised stakeholders to allow peaceful atmosphere and cooperation to enable the resumption of the fieldwork to conclude all outstanding works;

Also informed that the communities having the boundary dispute have done enough to ensure peaceful atmosphere in the area by reaching some local dialogue that can help the National Boundary Commission field workers to resume work;

Cognizant of the need for the provision of an enabling environment so that the National Boundary Commission could complete the demarcation of the boundary between the communities for the overall interests of the people of the areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the National Boundary Commission to expedite action to ensure completion of the boundary demarcation exercise;
- (ii) also call on the Inspector General of Police (IGP), the Director General of the Department of State Service (DSS) and the Chief of Army Staff to provide adequate security in the area to enable the National Boundary Commission complete the demarcation of the boundary between the communities;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, National Security and Intelligence, Army and Special Duties to ensure compliance and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**9. Recurrent Communal Crisis between Agila Community of Benue State and Ngbo Community of Ebonyi State:
Hon. Francis Ottah Agbo.**

The House:

Notes that for over 33 years, there have been recurrent communal crisis between Agila Community of Ado Local Government Area OF Benue State and Ngbo Community of Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State;

Aware that there had been several clashes between those communities which led to loss of lives and displacement of people from their homes as a result of destruction of their houses and infrastructure, including schools, health facilities and places of worship;

Also aware that a greater number of the affected persons whose means of livelihood have been imperiled are women and school children as schools are permanently shut for fear of attacks;

Recalls that sometime in 1986, the protracted boundary dispute was temporarily resolved while Ngbo Community was still part of Anambra State, before the creation of Ebonyi State, when the Military

Governors of both Anambra and Benue States created a buffer zone to be managed by a Technical Committee, pending the final resolution of the dispute;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Boundary Commission to identify and demarcate the actual boundary between Benue and Ebonyi States as it affects Agila and Ngbo Communities;
- (ii) also urge the Benue and Ebonyi States Governments to jointly construct a road linking the two Communities and intensify peace efforts between the people;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to link the Otukpo-Utonkon- Igumale-Agila road to Ekwassi Ngbo in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State;
- (iv) equally urge the Federal Government to establish a Police Barrack at Udegwu, which will also serve as a buffer between the Communities;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to ensure compliance.

**10. Call on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to Implement Section 78 (7) (ii) of the Electoral Act, 2010:
Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok.**

The House:

Notes that Section 78 sub-section (7) (ii) of the Electoral Act, 2010 confers on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) powers to de-register political parties;

Also notes that the aforementioned sub-section clearly states that failure of any political party to win at least one (1) seat in the National Assembly or a State House of Assembly will result in de-registration of the said political party;

Concerned that since the commencement of the Act, Section 78 (7) (ii) has not been fully implemented given the rising number of Political Parties in Nigeria with neither a seat in either a State House of Assembly or the National Assembly;

Cognizant that if Section 78 (7) (ii) of the Electoral Act is fully implemented, it would help to regulate numbers of political parties, reduce election costs, as well as reduce void votes caused by the inability of voters to comprehend the long list of political parties on the ballot papers;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to investigate in order to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the non-implementation of Section 78 (7) (ii) of the Electoral Act, 2010 by the

Independent National Electoral Commission and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

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**11. Oil Theft in Nigeria:
Hon. Chukwuma Umeoji.**

The House:

Notes that Nigeria losses about 5 trillion naira yearly from oil theft an amount which the Government desperately needs to finance the budget;

Also notes that about 22 million barrels of crude oil counting for about 1.3 trillion naira loss of crude oil were stolen in the Niger Delta in 2019 alone;

Concerned that oil theft is not only an economic loss but also causes environmental damage due to breaches on oil pipelines and the incidents are on the upsurge;

Resolves to:

Setup an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

- (i) determine the volume of oil extracted in the country on a daily basis;
- (ii) determine the quantity sold at the Internal Markets and the quantity consumed locally
- (iii) ascertain the quantity of oil that is stolen on a daily basis and the people responsible for the theft and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETING

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 26 September, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 <i>White (House)</i> <i>Assembly Complex</i>

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