



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 27 April, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committees on Insurance and Actuarial Matters, Finance, and Labour, Employment and Productivity:**
Hon. Olufemi Fakeyi:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Insurance and Actuarial Matters, Finance and Labour, Employment and Productivity on the Need to Avert the Impending Strike Action at the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) and to Investigate the Protracted Face-off between the Management and the Labour Union over Cases of Intimidation, Victimization and Discrimination (HR. 26/2017)” (*Referred: 24/1/2017*).
2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Reuben E. Wanogho and Company on behalf of Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Reuben E. Wanogho and Company on behalf of Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)/Pipelines and Products Marketing Company Limited (PPMC) on the Present Position in the Leadership Crisis within the Association and the Need for Urgent Intervention” (*Referred: 13/7/2016*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Prevent the Erosion of the Doctrine of Separation of Powers in the Nation's Democratic Practice:**
Hon. Leo Ogor:

The House:

Notes that under the Doctrine of Separation of Powers in a democracy and in line with Section 4 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), it is the function of the National Assembly to make laws for the peace, order and good governance of the Federation or any part thereof;

Also notes that Section 5 of the Constitution vests powers to execute laws passed by the National Assembly on the Executive Arm while Section 6 vests judicial powers on the Judiciary, thus constituting the three Arms of Government;

Further notes the imminent threat to, and the erosion of the Doctrine of Separation of Powers in our democratic practice through statements by highly placed government officials in the Presidency;

Aware that while the feud over the confirmation of the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) lasted, a statement was credited to the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo to the effect that the appointment of the Chairman of the EFCC does not require confirmation of the Senate, in line with Section 171 of the Constitution;

Also aware that by the clear provision of Section 2 (3) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, the Chairman of the anti-corruption agency shall be nominated by the President subject to the confirmation of the Senate;

Convinced that the EFCC Act is an Act of the National Assembly that can only be set aside by a Court of competent jurisdiction, and until that happens, the law remains in force and binding on all persons and authorities in the country;

Further aware that the Executive Arm of Government has not filed any proceeding in any court to challenge the provision of Section 2 (3) of the EFCC (Establishment) Act of 2004;

Also convinced that under the Doctrine of Separation of Powers, the interpretation of the Constitution and Acts of Parliament is the sole responsibility of the Judiciary and not that of any person or official of the other Arms of Government;

Concerned that the statement credited to the Vice President is capable of eroding the Doctrine of Separation of Powers in our democracy, with its obvious implication of instituting a dictatorship in the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge Officials of the Executive Arm of Government to refrain from making statements that connote the usurpation of the powers of the Judiciary, with their negative effects on the Doctrine of Separation of Powers;
- (ii) also urge Mr. President to approach the Court for interpretation of any contrived conflict in the EFCC Act, which is an existing law in the country; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to ensure implementation.

**2. Assassination Attempt on Senator Dino Melaye at his Residence:
Hon. Herman Hembe:**

The House:

Notes that Senator Dino Melaye arrived his country home at Aiyetero Gbedde around 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 14 April, 2017 and around mid night, unknown gunmen stormed the residence and started shooting sporadically at the buildings and cars in the residence for over an hour;

Also notes that the six (6) Police Officers attached to Senator Melaye did not engage the gunmen who fired over two hundred rounds of bullets at the residence and despite several calls to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Aiyetero Gbedde Police Division, the police did not come until the gunmen exhausted themselves and escaped;

Observes that the Government of Kogi State is yet to make any categorical statement on the incident or condemn the attack;

Believes that Senator Melaye survived what appeared to have been an attempted assassination only by the sheer Grace of God;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the attack at the residence of Senator Dino Melaye in its entirety;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police to apprehend the people involved or connected with that criminal act and prosecute them as required by law; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Police Affairs to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**3. Electrocutation of Football Fans at a Viewing Centre at Ngakassang Community in Calabar Municipality, Cross River State:
Hon. Ntufam Eta Mbora:**

The House:

Notes that on Thursday, 20 April, 2017, many football fans assembled at a viewing centre in Ngakassang Atimnbo, Calabar, to watch on Europa Football match between Manchester United Football Club and the Royal Sporting Club Anderlecht;

Also notes that in the course of the match, a nearby transformer exploded, causing one of the high tension cables connected to the transformer to snap and fall on the zinc of the viewing centre and in the process, electrocuted over thirty (30) people, with several others sustaining various degrees of injury from the fire occasioned by the incident;

Aware that many other transformers dotting the landscape of our various cities are not properly maintained, and are, as a result, tragedies waiting to happen;

Also aware that high tension wires crisscross the length and breadth of our cities and indiscriminately pass over residential and other buildings, thus posing grave risks to occupants and passersby;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the souls of those departed Nigerians;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials for the victims, and also take inventory of damages caused with a view to assisting the victims who are still receiving treatment at the hospitals;

- (iii) call on Town Planning and Regulatory Agencies to strictly enforce regulations and ensure that buildings are not raised under high tension cables to avoid similar occurrence; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the community and make recommendations within two (2) weeks on how to prevent reoccurrence.

4. Need to Investigate the Disappearance of Eleven (11) Billion Naira worth of Petroleum Products belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC):

Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen:

The House:

Notes the reports, sometime in February 2017 that about 84 million litres of petroleum products belonging to the NNPC, which market value is about ₦11 billion stored in a private Tank Farm somewhere in Lagos had disappeared;

Also notes that the sudden disappearance of the petroleum products has led to humongous revenue loss to the Federal Government at a time when the country is experiencing massive economic downturn;

Aware that in its bid to make petroleum products readily available for consumers, NNPC on a regular basis has subsisting agreements with owners of Tank Farms for storage of petroleum products;

Also aware that the owner of the Tank Farm, when confronted, confessed to having lifted the products without authorization and agreed to either return the products or pay the monetary value within seven (7) days but has failed to do so, hence the NNPC had to report the incident to relevant security agencies;

Cognizant that the owner of the Tank Farm was invited by the Department of State Service which released him after a few days and the NNPC set up a fact finding panel which merely recommended the retirement of a few of its officials who may have connived in the deal;

Concerned that the levity with which the matter is being handled may embolden other owners of Tank Farms that have storage agreements with NNPC to divert products to the detriment of the nation's finances;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the matter and report back in four (4) week for further legislative action.

5. Call on the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to Ban the Use of Lisinopril Drug:

Hon. Patrick Aisowieren:

The House:

Notes that arising from the current economic recession, lifestyle and hereditary causes, a lot of Nigerians now suffer from blood pressure related illnesses leading to cases of stroke, heart related complications and death;

Also notes that in an effort to manage the illnesses, some physicians and pharmacists recommend and dispense Lisinopril drug to patients which side effects, aside drowsiness, is the unusual swelling of the lips, making it disproportionate and causing a distortion of facial outline, and in rare cases, even the ear lobe, with attendant pains and discomfort to patients;

Aware that the swelling is said to be an indication of what is medically called angioneurosis oedema, that can be life threatening in the oropharynx and neck region of any affected patient;

Also aware that it is the responsibility of NAFDAC to prevent the use of any drug that can lead to silent death of an unsuspecting patient while he is seeking medical reprieve from a known ailment;

Concerned that the health consequences of the continued dispensing and consumption of Lisinopril can neither be ascertained nor can the cost implications of treating its side effects be determined;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health, the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, the Nigerian Medical Association and the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to take urgent steps to stop the dispensing of Lisinopril while further clinical reviews of the drug should be carried out; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Health care Services to ensure implementation.

6. Need to Create more Divisions of the Nigeria Police Force in Borgu-Agwara Federal Constituency of Niger State:

Hon. Umar Muhammed Rofia.

The House:

Recalls that New Bussa, in Borgu - Agwara Federal Constituency was formerly in Kwara State but is now in Niger State on account of the creation of States during the administration of General Ibrahim Babangida;

Notes that the only Divisional Police Office headed by a Divisional Police Officer in New Bussa is not only inadequate but ill equipped to carry out its statutory duties effectively and efficiently;

Aware that there have been persistent clamour over the years by the affected communities on the need to increase police presence in Borgu/Agwara Federal Constituency for the protection of lives and properties of the people, being a border community;

Convinced that the creation of additional Police Divisions will go a long way in addressing the challenges currently hindering the Police in carrying out their duties given the myriad of serious security problems facing the nation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to liaise with the Nigeria Police Force and other relevant agencies with a view to ensuring the creation of more Police Divisions in Borgu/Agwara Federal Constituency of Niger State as follows:

- (a) two additional Divisions to be sited in New Bussa classified as A and B Divisions with the headquarters of A Division at New Bussa covering Bussa, Senior Camp, Karanbade, Monai and Tamanai and B Division with headquarters at Dogon Gari covering Kainji Dam site, Fakun, Awuru, Lehba and FarinDutse (old and New);
- (b) Babbanna Division with headquarters at Babbanna covering Marami, Kabe, Pissa, Konkoso, Shafachi and Ki-gbera (Nigeria/Benin Republic Border);
- (c) two Divisions in Agwara Local Government Area namely A Division with headquarters at Agwara covering Agwara, Mahuta, Mago, Galla and Papiri and B Division with headquarters at Rofia covering all the Riverine Areas; and
- (d) Area Command at New Bussa to be the Area Command Office in charge of all the Divisions in Borgu/Agwara Federal Constituency.

BILLS

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. P34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (HB. 352) — *Third Reading*.
8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase some Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 682) (*Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita*) — *Second Reading*.
9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act, Cap. N123, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Enshrine Legislative Approval for Budgetary Expenditure and for Other Related Matters (HB. 571) (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe*) — *Second Reading*.
10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Healthcare Management Practitioners and to make Provisions, among Other Things, for the Membership and Control of the Profession of Healthcare Management and for Other Related Matters (HB. 904) (*Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *Second Reading*.
11. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Provision of Free Pre-Natal and Post Natal Health Services to every Nigerian Woman Pregnant in Government Hospitals and for Other Related Matters (HB. 717) (*Hon. Tony Nwoye*) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

12. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University, Wukari and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Management and Administration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 810) (*Committee of the Whole*).
13. **Committee on Gas Resources**
Hon. Fredrick Y Agbedi:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Gas Resource on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (Fiscal Incentives, Guarantees and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to empower the NLNG Ltd to make its Statutory Contributions to the NDDC Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 397) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 6/12/2016*).
14. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by P. C Rose Samuel:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by P. C. Rose Samuel against the Nigeria Police Force on alleged unlawful dismissal from the Force and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 5/4/2017*):

Urge the Nigeria Police Force to reinstate P. C. Rose Samuel forthwith.
15. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Onyeme Felix:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Onyeme Felix against Midwestern Oil and Gas Company Limited over unlawful termination of employment and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 5/4/2017*):

(i) urge Midwestern Oil and Gas Co. Ltd to pay Onyeme Felix his salaries from 2016 till date as his last salary was sixty-five thousand Naira (₦65,000.00);

(ii) that since the Committee cannot compel Midwestern Oil and Gas Co. Ltd to take Onyeme Felix back as its employee, it should disengage him properly, if his services are no longer required.

16. Committee on Public Petitions:***Report on the Petition by Workers of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Workers of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc on inhuman and degrading treatment meted out to workers affected by Redundancy Circular of 28 June, 1999 and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid: 5/4/2017*):

That the House do discountenance the petition owing to the fact that it lacks merit on pure legal ground.

17. Committee on Public Petitions:***Report on the Petition by Rev. David Abdulrah Mohammed:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Rev. David Abdulrah Mohammed against Lugbe District, Federal Capital Territory, Abuja on alleged threat to life and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid: 5/4/2017*):

Urge the House to adopt the peace accord submitted to the Committee as the parties duly consented to it to ensure that peace be restored in Lugbe District FCT, Abuja.

18. Committee on Public Petitions:***Report on the Petition by Isa Abdullahi and Augustine Adamu:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Isa Abdullahi and Augustine Adamu against the Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo on Allegation of Extortion of Money from unsuspecting members of the public for employment and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 5/4/2017*):

(i) urge the Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo to reinstate Mr. Isa Abdulahi and Augustine Adamu; and

(ii) pay all their entitlements with effect from May 2012, when their appointments were wrongfully terminated, on their last salary of ninety-three thousand, six hundred and seventy-six Naira, two hundred and nineteen Kobo (₦93,676,219) per month.

19. Committee on Public Petitions:***Report on the Petition by Mr Pewe Phillip Kindel:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Pewe Phillip Kindel against the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Plc and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid: 5/4/2017*):

That the House do discountenance the petition for lack of merit, as the petitioner failed to establish strongly that he was not found wanting as charged.

20. Committee on Public Petitions:***Report on the Petition by Nwanokwara Eugene C.:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Nwanokwara Eugene C. against the National Steel Raw Material Exploration Agency on non-payment of the Sum of ₦4,031,408.02, being the balance of the contract sum owed and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid: 5/4/2017*):

Urge the National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency to pay the sum of four million, thirty-one thousand, four hundred and eight Naira, two Kobo (₦4,031,408.02) only being the balance of the contract sum owed the petitioner with immediate effect.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 27 April, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate Operational activities of Telecommunications Equipment and Service Companies/Vendors in Nigeria	Thursday, 27 April, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Defence	Thursday, 27 April, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex