HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 3 November, 2016

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Commerce:
   Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:
   "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C21, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and for Other Related Matters (HB.9)" (*Referred*: 14/10/2015).

2. Committee on Commerce:
   Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:
   "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Customers Relationship Management to be charged with the Responsibility for Registration, Disciplining of its Members, Regulation and Control of the Practice of Customer Service Profession, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 69)" (*Referred*: 17/12/2016).

3. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):
   Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph:
   "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Licensing, Regulatory and Incentives to Petroleum Refineries in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2015 (HB.16)" (*Referred*: 6/10/2015).

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4. **Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):**
Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Need to Investigate the Level of Production and Utilization of Bitumen in Nigeria (**HR. 287/2015**)" (*Referred*: 15/12/2015)

5. **Committee on Privatization and Commercialization:**
Hon. Ahmed Yerima:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization on the Investigation into the Sale of Eleme Petrochemical Company to Indorama Corporation by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (**HR. 62/2016**)" (*Referred*: 25/2/2016).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Police Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Transfer the Prosecutorial Rights of Police Officers to the Federal Ministry of Justice, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Police Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Review the Recruitment Age of Traffic Wardens, Include Mental Element in Certain Offences and Increase some Penalties, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Police Act, Cap. F19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Need for Male Police Officers, like their Female Counterparts Seeking to Get Married, to Apply for Permission and for Other Related Matters (HBs 11, 179 and 312) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta, Hon. Joan O Mrakpor and Hon. Lynda Ikpeazu*);

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Re-enact the Nigeria Police Service Act, 2016, to Provide for the Cooperation and Partnership between the Police and Host Communities in Maintaining Peace and Combating Crime and for Other Related Matters (HB. 817) (*Hon. E. Y. Orker-Jev*).

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act, Cap. A24, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide Stiffer Penalties and to Include Other Areas such as Aircrafts and Watercrafts and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act, Cap. A24, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Increase the Penalties, and for Other Related Matters (HBs 46 and 687) (*Hon. Oghene E. Egoh and Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim*) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap.R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provisions for Sanctions for Erring Revenue Generating Agencies and Enhance the Revenue Profile and Remittances into the Federation Account to Facilitate National Development, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 542) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 12 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. C23, LFN, 2004, to include the Prohibition of Provisions Contained in Treaties to be Domesticated that are in Conflict with the Moral and Family Value System of the Nigerian State and to Deem Such Provisions as Void wherever they Appear in any Treaty to be Adopted for Domestication (HB. 715) (*Hon. Garba Datti Muhammed*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 291 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to include Judges of High Courts among Judicial Officers to Retire on Attainment of the Age of Seventy Years, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 772) (*Hon. Solomon E. O Adaelu*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Energy Commission of Nigeria Act, Cap. E10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Grant Priority to the Promotion and Development of Renewal Energy in Nigeria, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 612) (*Hon. Muhammad Usman*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap.N34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among others, provide Alternative sources of funding for the Agency, Provide Hazard Allowances for its Staff, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 804) (*Hon. Ali Isa J. C.*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

8. **Urgent Need to Complete Work on the Abandoned Buni-GariGulani/Dandinkowa Highway Connecting Yobe, Borno and Gombe States:**
Hon. Abdullahi Usman Kukuwa:

The House:

Notes that in 1999, the then Federal Ministry of Works commenced construction work on the Buni-GariGulani/Dandinkowa highway linking Yobe, Borno and Gombe States;

Regrets that soon after commencement of work on the road, the contractor, Mothercat Nigeria Ltd, having merely finished the earthwork and a few culverts up to Gulani, abandoned the project and demobilized out of site;

Worried that ever since the abandonment of work, the Ministry has not remobilized Mothercat or any other contractor to site and has not explained to the end-users the reason for the abandonment, despite several appeals to that effect;

Concerned that the abandonment of work on the road has led to its further deterioration, thereby leading to constant loss of lives arising from vehicular accidents and armed robbery attacks by criminal elements who are taking advantage of the highway's state of disrepair;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to recommence work on the Buni-Gari Gulani/Dandinkowa federal highway by mobilizing a reputable contractor to execute the project, investigate the cause of abandonment of the contract so as to forestall future occurrence and refund the money expended by the Yobe State Government for construction of five (5) bridges along the highway; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance and report back to the House within eight (8) Weeks for further legislative action.

9. **Urgent Need to Address the Declining State of Facilities at the Abuja National Stadium:**
Hon. Uchechuku Nnam-Obi:

The House:

Notes that the contract for the construction of the sixty thousand capacity ultra-modern and multipurpose Abuja National Stadium complex and Games Village was awarded by the Federal Government in 2000 at the cost of three hundred and sixty million dollars ($360,000,000.00) and was completed for the hosting of the All Africa Games in October, 2003;

Also notes that the vision of the Government in constructing the stadium was to have an Ultra-modern sports facility that will not only be one of the best in Africa but will assist in the training of sports men and women for greater achievements in international competitions;

Concerned that thirteen years after the All Africa Games, the Sports Complex and other facilities constructed with huge public funds are witnessing steady decline as they are either out of use or in very deplorable state;

Cognizant that if urgent steps are not taken to address the situation, the Abuja National Stadium will become another huge economic loss to the country;

Resolves to:

(*i*) call on the Federal Ministry of Sports and Youth Development to explore the option of concessioning the Abuja National Stadium Complex to arrest the decline of its facilities and restore it to the standard at the time of its construction; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Sports to synergize efforts with the Ministry to ensure achievement of the above objective, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Need to Create a More Conducive Atmosphere for the Senior Citizens to Access their Pensions as at When Due:**
Hon. Prestige Ossy:

The House:

Aware that some of the senior citizens who had spent their entire active years working for the development and stability of the country and are thereby entitled to monthly pensions are suffering neglect, hardships, poverty and depression in their old ages;

Concerned that majority of the States in Nigeria do not release funds for payment to these pensioners as at when due, resulting in some of them being owed up to nine (9) months pension arrears as a result of sharp practices on the part of some Government officials who use the monies meant for payment of pensions for their personal aggrandizement;

Also concerned that twelve (12) years after the enactment of the Pension Reform Act of 2004, the State Governments and the organized private sector, which are the two major employers of labour in the country, have failed to fully activate the contributory pension scheme;

Aware that most of these retirees who are very old, frail and can barely stand or walk without aid are, in some cases, made to stand in long queues for hours in order to collect their pensions, leading to the collapse and death of some in the process;

Convinced that the mode of accessing pensions in Nigeria is too rigorous for these old and frail citizens and believes that there is an urgent need to devise a less cumbersome procedure to access pensions by senior citizens;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the National Pensions Commission to devise a less stressful means of pension payment in other to mitigate the sufferings of pensioners in collecting their pensions; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Pensions to investigate the immediate and remote causes of delay in the payment of pensions and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. **Calling the Attention of the Public to the Risks in Patronizing Unaccredited Programs in Unknown Foreign Universities:**
Hon. Olufemi J. Fakeye:

The House:

Notes that it has become the order of the day for several foreign universities to place advertisements in the local media soliciting Nigerians to apply for various academic programs in those universities;

Aware that the number of state, federal and private universities in Nigeria, currently estimated at over 120 is still not enough to meet the needs of an increasing number of youths seeking for higher education;

Also aware that only the National Universities Commission is vested with powers to accredit, monitor and maintain acceptable academic standards for university education in Nigeria;

Concerned that some of these foreign universities are located in countries where English is not the national language and is therefore not the language of instruction, thereby exposing the unwary Nigerian students and their sponsors to extended periods of study and thus, higher expenses in pursuit of various academic programmes which standards may not measure up to that of Nigeria;

Also concerned about the pressure the trend of sending Nigerian students to foreign universities is exacting on the scarce foreign exchange, thus leading some parents to recall their children, and also about the untoward practices of those foreign universities, which operate in Nigeria through unregistered agents, thereby mortgaging the future of young Nigerians;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the National Universities Commission (NUC) to create public awareness on the risks of patronizing unapproved/unaccredited foreign universities; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate whether the National Universities Commission (NUC) is carrying out its role of monitoring and regulating the activities of foreign universities and their agents operating in Nigeria with a view to ensuring that they comply with section 4(1) (*c*) of the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 3 November, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	*Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Disbursement and Utilization of Bailout Funds by States (*with the Hon. Minister of Finance, CBN Governor and DG, Debt Management Office (DMO)*)	Thursday, 3 November, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 326 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

3.	Defence	Thursday, 3 November, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Character (*with Consumer Protection Council, NUC, NAN, Federal University of Birnin-Kebbi, NOSDRA and Bank of Industry*)	Thursday, 3 November, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	National Security and Intelligence	Thursday, 3 November, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Privatization and Commercialization	Thursday, 3 November, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 1.29 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Gas Resources	Thursday, 3 November, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex