

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 4 May, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. National Water Resources Bill, 2017 (HB. 1021) (Executive) First Reading.
- 2. Climate Change Bill, 2017 (HB. 1020) (Hon. Sam. I. Onuigbo) First Reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the School Year (Variation) Act, Cap. S2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Streamline School Year for Schools and Colleges in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 799) (Hon. Chukwuka W. Onyema) Second Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Law Officers Act, Cap. L8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Appointment of Law Officers and their Entitlements to Practice in the Courts of Nigeria as well as the Limit to the Powers of the Solicitor-General of the Federation and for Other Related Matters (HB.681) (Hon. Bode Ayorinde) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act, Cap. M21, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase some Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 661) (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso) Second Reading.

- 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Flag and Coats of Arms Act, Cap. F30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Regulate the Display and Use of the National Flag, Certain Flags and the National Coats of Arms and for Other Related Matters (HB. 993) (Hon. Sam I. Onuigbo) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Miscellaneous Offences Act, Cap. M17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 660) (Hon. Idris Ahmed Wase) Second Reading.
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Inclusion of Major Indigenous Languages in Primary and Secondary Schools Curriculum in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 549) (Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

7. Need for Reconstruction of Tungan-Gyado Road: Hon, Hussaini Suleiman Kangiwa:

The House:

Notes that the 20km Tungan-Gyado Road in Dandi Local Government Area of Kebbi State which leads to Feka junction in Niger Republic and unto Contonu in Benin Republic is in a very deplorable state as it has not undergone any rehabilitation since its construction in the 1970s;

Aware that the deplorable nature of the road is making it difficult for farmers and traders to transport agricultural produce to markets;

Also aware that Kamba town borders Niger and Benin Republics, thus making it necessary for a border market to be sited there to boost economic activities in the area, and indeed during President Olusegun Obasanjo's Administration, there was a move to establish the market and land was provided for it at Dole-Kaina near the border, but nothing has been done subsequently;

Cognizant that when the road is constructed, it will link Kamba border town with neighbouring towns in Niger and Benin Republics, with great potentials of promoting social and economic activities in the areas;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to include the reconstruction of the Tungan-Gyado Road in the 2017 budget proposal.

8. Need to Enforce Registration of Motorcycles and Tricycles Plying Public Roads in Nigeria: Hon. Karimi S. Sunday:

The House:

Notes that about 99% of motorcycles and tricycles plying the roads in the country are not registered, do not have number plates and their riders do not have driver's license or wear crash helmets as required by law;

Also notes that the various Governments in the Federation are losing several millions of Naira in revenues that would have been accruing from the registration and periodic renewal of the licences;

Aware that non-registration of private and commercial motorcycles plying the roads in the Federal Capital Territory, and indeed on all public roads in Nigeria increases the potential of motorcycles being used for criminal activities such as armed robbery, kidnaping, terrorism, etc.;

Cognizant that if concerned regulatory authorities continue to abdicate their duties, unregistered motorcycles and tricycles will continue to be used to commit crimes, thus posing danger to the populace whilst government revenues continue to reduce; and accidents arising from all manners of untrained and inexperienced people plying the roads on the motorcycles and tricycles will continue to increase;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to interface with the Federal Road Safety Corps, the Directorate of Road Transport Service (FCT) and other Stakeholders on the lack of registration and regulation of Motorcycles and Tricycles plying Federal Roads in Nigeria and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Call for the Establishment of the National Anti-Doping Agency: Hon. Mayowa Samuel Akinfolarinwa:

The House:

Notes that the first World Conference on doping in sports which was held in Switzerland in 1999 led to the creation of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) which was charged with the responsibilities of setting standards in the fight against doping in sports and also bringing consistency to anti-doping policies and regulations within sports organisations and governments across the world;

Also notes that the Agency drafted a new Code in 2013 which was ratified in South Africa requiring each government to put in place legislations, regulations, administrative practices and sharing of information among Anti-Doping Organizations;

Aware that Nigeria, as a signatory to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Agreement against doping in sports needs to have its own National Anti-Doping Agency as well as a laboratory for Anti-doping activities;

Recalls that the National Sports Commission got the first presidential approval under former President Olusegun Obasanjo for the construction of the National Anti-doping Organization (NADO) Laboratory at the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development in Idu-Karmo, Abuja;

Also recalls that in 2010, the Laboratory received approval from former President Goodluck Jonathan to commence operations, and to avoid sanctions, the government set up an Anti-Doping Committee to temporarily serve as the country's Anti-Doping Agency, pending the establishment of the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO);

Concerned that up till date, the country does not have an operational anti-doping laboratory and still relies on foreign laboratories for its anti-doping analyses as evidenced in 2015 when the National Sports Commission routinely sent samples to South Africa in the run-up to the 11th All Africa Games in Congo;

Also aware that in June 2015, the World Anti-Doping Agency called on the Nigerian Government to take the lead in Africa by enacting the necessary legal instruments which would support and underscore the establishment of a National Anti-Doping Organization that would operate independently;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Sports to investigate the delays in the establishment of Nigeria's National Anti-Doping Agency as stipulated in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and interface with the National Sports Commission to urgently put in motion steps towards its establishment and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Need to Address the Scarcity of Nigerian Passport Booklets: Hon. Ayodeji Adebayo Joseph:

The House:

Notes the acute shortage of Nigerian passport booklets in the recent time which is causing a lot of hardships on citizens wishing to acquire passports, thus leading to long queues at Immigration offices across the country and increased patronage of touts who hang around Immigration offices;

Aware that all the components of the e-passport are manufactured abroad as evidenced in the production of the booklet in South Africa, the making of the chip by a Netherlands company that specializes in the manufacturing of secure connectivity solutions for embedded applications, and then the printing and binding of the passport booklet, embedding of the chip as well as laminating of the data page in Malaysia, before final delivery to Nigeria;

Also aware that the scarcity started in 2016 when the company stopped supplying the 32-page passport booklet and demanded for an upward review of the price of the booklet, citing increased cost of production due to the low exchange rate of the Naira to the Dollar and the scarcity has persisted despite assurances by the Nigerian Immigration Service that passport booklets are available;

Also aware of series of complaints of lack of proper procedure for the procurement and renewal of passports at Nigeria's High Commissions and Embassies abroad as well as discourtesy and inefficiency of staff of those Missions, which are giving the country a bad image;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to urgently address the challenges being faced by the supplier of the passport booklets and devise sustainable means to ensure nationwide availability;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Interior to liaise with the Ministry of Interior and the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) to determine the cause of the scarcity, recommend ways of reversing the trend and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to investigate the challenges being faced in procuring the e-passport at Nigerian High Commissions and Embassies and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.
- 11. 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 there is only one Divisional Police Office being headed by a Divisional Police Officer in New Bussa which 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 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 Farin Dutse (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.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

12. Committees on Insurance and Actuarial Matters, Finance, and Labour, Employment and Productivity:

Hon. Olufemi Fakeye:

"That the House do consider 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 and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 27/4/2017):

- (i) that the Hon. Minister of Finance should still take urgent steps to advise the Executive Arm to constitute a Board of Directors for NAICOM, in accordance with the advice of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara in mid 2016 Committee members noted that the continued absence of a Board for the Commission is in contravention of Section 2 (1) of the NAICOM Act, Cap. N53, LFN, 2004, which states that, there is hereby established for the Commission, a Governing Board which shall be responsible for managing and superintending the affairs of the Commission;
- (ii) that the House do await the outcome of the litigation in Suit No. NICN/ABJ/40/2017 at the National Industrial Court of Nigeria for a proper determination of whether the membership of the local chapter of AUCPTRE inside NAICOM should not be limited to junior staff only, as opined by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Committee Rules and Business	Date Thursday, 4 May, 2017	<i>Time</i> 3.00 p.m.	Venue Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Nigeria-USA Relations (Interactive session with USA Consular to Nigeria)	Thursday, 4 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	National Security and Intelligence	Thursday, 4 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Works	Thursday, 4 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex