



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 8 December, 2016

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Insurance and Actuarial Matters:
Hon. Olufemi Fakeye:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Insurance and Actuarial Matters on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the National Insurance Commission the Total Sum of ₦26,371,000,000.00 (Twenty-Six Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy-One Million Naira) only for the National Insurance Commission (HB. 744)" (*Referred: 21/7/2016*).
2. Committee on Insurance and Actuarial Matters:
Hon. Olufemi Fakeye:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Insurance and Actuarial Matters on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation the Total Sum of ₦6,212,417,439.00 (Six Billion, Two Hundred and Twelve Million, Four Hundred and Seventeen Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Nine Naira) only, for the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (HB. 748)" (*Referred: 21/7/2016*).
3. Committees on Public Service Matters, Finance, Legislative Compliance and Special Duties:
Hon. Sani U. Bala:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Public Service Matters, Finance, Legislative Compliance and Special Duties on a Call for Lifting of Embargo on Foreign Training and International Travels by Public Servants (HR. 56/2016)" (*Referred: 24/2/2016*).

4. Committees on Public Service Matters and Governmental Affairs:

Hon. Sani U. Bala:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Public Service Matters and Governmental Affairs on the Need to Investigate the Multiple Appointments being held by some Nigerians and the Unlawful Payment of Emoluments to them in Those Capacities (HR. 69/2016)" (Referred: 1/3/2016).

5. Committee on Justice:

Hon. Razak Atunwa:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on the High Rate of Failure in the Bar Examinations (HR. 66/2015)" (Referred: 13/8/2015).

6. Committee on Federal Judiciary

Hon. Muntari Dandutse:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Capital Territory Customary Court Act, Cap. F39; Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Remove Civil Matters from the Jurisdiction of the Court Leaving it Essentially with Customary Matters and for Other Matters Connected Therewith" (HB. 190)" (Referred: 12/4/2016).

7. Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA):

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) on the Investigation into the Unilateral, Arbitrary and Unauthorized Creation of Positions of Acting Executive Directors in FERMA and the Operational Activities of FERMA from 2015 till date (HR. 131/2016)" (Referred: 19/10/2016).

8. Committee on Banking and Currency:

Hon. Jones Onyereri:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Central Bank of Nigeria the Total sum of ₦420,787,000.70 (Four Hundred and Twenty Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand Naira and Seventy Kobo) only (HB. 753)" (Referred: 21/7/2016).

9. Committee on Public Procurement:

Hon. Busayo Oluwale Oke:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007, by Adding a New Member to the Council, Amending the Procedure for Appointing the Director General of the Bureau and extending the Application of the Act to Defence Procurement and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 475)" (Referred: 21/4/2016).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 237 (2) (b), 244 (1), 245 (1), 262 (1), 267, 277, 282 and 287 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to give Additional Jurisdiction to the Sharia and Customary Courts of Appeal and for Other Related Matters (HB. 867) (Hon. E. Y Orker-Jev) — *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Intelligence Agency Pensions Board to Handle Pensions Matters for Personnel of the Agency and for Other Related Matters (HB. 842) (Hon. Oluwale Oke) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 3, Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Allow for the Change of Egbado North, Egbado South to Yewa North, Yewa South and for Other Related Matters (HB. 869) (*Hon. Kayode Oladele*) — *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 308 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Restrict Legal Proceedings against the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 870) (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo*) — *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria, and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HBs 726 and 727) (*Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau and Hon. Gideon Gwani*) — *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Palm Oil Development Fund which shall be Responsible for the Development, Coordination and Encouragement of the Exportation and Utilization of Palm Oil in Nigeria; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 45) (*Hon. Eucharika Azodo*) — *Second Reading*.
7. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for a Legal Framework that will Allow Investigations even Agencies that may be Outside the Recognised Security Agencies and may include Private Investigators and for Other Related Matters (HB. 424) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *Second Reading*.
8. A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 233 (2) (e) and 246 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Extend the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to Elections into the National Assembly and States House of Assembly and their Tenures of Office and for Other Related Matters (HB. 780) (*Hon. O. K. Chinda*) — *Second Reading*.
9. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 233(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 430) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *Second Reading*.
10. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 308 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Extend Immunity to Cover Presiding Officers of Legislative Institutions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 467) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun*) — *Second Reading*.
11. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 68 (1) (g) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to further Provide a Proviso on the Vacation of Seats by Legislators and for Other Related Matters (HB. 431) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *Second Reading*.
12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Information Technology Development Agency Act, 2007, to Vest in the Agency more Functions to Enhance Internet Security and More Powers to Set, Coordinate and Regulate Minimum E-Governance Standards in all Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 840) (*Hon. Dickson D. Tarkighir*) — *Second Reading*.
13. A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 147 and 192 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide that the Nomination for appointment of Ministers and Commissioners shall be made not later than thirty days from the Date the President or Governor takes Oaths of Office and Allegiance and for Other Related Matters (HB. 696) (*Hon. Solomon Adaelu*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

14. Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2016:

Hon. E. Y. Orker-Jev:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2016 was passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives with differences;

Aware that a Conference Committee was constituted by both chambers to harmonize the areas of differences in the Bill as passed;

Also aware that the Committee met in conference on Thursday, November 3, 2016 and harmonized the two versions of the Bill;

In view of the importance of the Bill in providing specialized training and high level of Personnel required to drive the Federal Government's Local Content Policy in the Oil and Gas Industry:

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2016.

15. Urgent Need to Investigate the Compliance Rate of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) to the NHIS Contributions and Utilization of Funds by the Healthcare Providers and Inhumane Treatment of Enrollees:

Hon. Chike John Okafor

Hon. Henry Nwawuba:

The House:

Notes that the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) was set up to provide healthcare for all Nigerians at an affordable cost through various pre-payment systems and also to ensure the availability of funds to the health sector for improved service delivery;

Also notes that globally, health is regarded as a social security measure that guarantees the provision of healthcare services to persons on the payment of a token at regular intervals;

Further notes that one of the cardinal responsibilities of the Scheme is maintenance of the highest standards with regard to the quality of care that is accorded beneficiaries;

Equally notes that the Federal Government pays 3.5% while its employee pays 1.7%, amounting to 5.25% of the monthly salary of a Federal Government worker, while the State Government, the Local Government and the organized private sector employers pay 10% and the employees pay 5%, amounting to 15% of their monthly salary and these monies are deducted directly from their salaries even when the services for which the premium deductions are made, are not rendered satisfactorily;

Aware that the enrollees are being short changed and used as conduit pipes to funnel revenues to the HMOs and Healthcare Providers as the enrollees are treated like leprous people while trying to access the services, given that many strategies have been adopted by the Healthcare Providers and the HMOs to deprive the enrollees of their rights to qualitative treatment and attention;

~~Also aware~~ that the HMOs have received over three hundred and fifty-one billion Naira (₦351,000,000,000) from the scheme since inception in 2005, and it is regrettable to realize that the services cover less than 4% of Nigerians which is the current coverage of the scheme, and there are reports of alleged diversion of contributions amounting to billions of Naira;

~~Further aware~~ that the scheme pays the HMOs three months upfront to enable them provide timely, standard and qualitative healthcare services to the enrollees through timely and regular payment to the health providers but the reverse is the case;

~~Cognizant~~ that the scheme's benefit packages have many mouthwatering provisions from the primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare levels, but eleven years since its establishment, there have not been much difference because the beneficiaries/enrollees are being shortchanged, services denied, confidence in the scheme eroded and above all, the core mandate of the scheme has not been achieved;

~~Resolves to:~~

(i) urge the National Health Insurance Scheme to put on hold further quarterly release of funds to the Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) pending the outcome of investigation by the House; and

(ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to conduct an investigation on the activities of the (HMOs) and Healthcare Providers for the past eight (8) years with a view to identifying the Health Maintenance Organizations; their level of compliance with the relevant provisions of the Act and determine the reasons for the poor state of services to the enrollees and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

16. Call for Investigation of Nigeria's Lost Artefacts:

Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka:

The House:

Notes that the exploits of slave traders who came to Nigeria's shores and forcibly carted away millions of people across the Atlantic Ocean to slave trading ports, and onward transportation to plantations in the Americas and elsewhere, are well-documented;

Also notes that by the time Slave Trade was abolished, another kind of plunder was taking place during colonial expeditions whereby thousands of valuable pieces of artwork, sculptures, pottery and antiques were carted away and ended up in museums, art galleries and the homes of private collectors in the West;

Aware that many of those masterpieces that were carted away have been located in the Schools, Institutions and Museums in the United States of America and Europe, including the Musee du quai Branly, Paris, France; Musee Barbier-Mueller, Geneva, Switzerland; Department of Arts, History and Archaeology, University of Maryland, U.S.A; British Museum, London, UK; Ethnologisches Museum, Berlin, Germany; Volkerunde Museum, Vienna, Austria, among others;

Concerned that Nigerians, especially the coming generations, are being deprived of the opportunity to experience major artistic works which reflect our rich historical culture and heritage and are also denied the benefits of an important part of our national life while the USA, France, Switzerland and Germany display Nigeria's famous arts and antiques in order to attract tourists and earn revenues for their governments' coffers whereas Nigeria has lost her cultural goods to foreign land;

Also concerned that valuable national antique pieces like Nok Terracottas, Baker (Egan) monoliths, Lower Niger bronzes, Calibre Terracotta's, Igbo-Ukwu bronzes, Ife Terracotta's and bronzes, Benin bronzes and Ivory, Nok Sculptures including the three famous looted pieces, are seated in Musee du Quai Branly, Paris, in the full knowledge that they were carted away from Nigeria;

Cognizant that history beckons on the House to initiate measures that would lead to the return of these masterpieces of Nigerian art to the country to aid the nation's cultural renaissance and attract tourists to earn revenues for the country;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out investigation on the approach for reparations and repatriation of historical artifacts carted away from Nigeria and report back to the House within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action.

17. Urgent Need to Investigate the Non-Functional State of Scanners at Destination Inspection Points of the Nigeria Customs Service:

Hon. Abubakar A. Yunusa:

The House:

Notes that as part of reforms in the Nigeria Customs Service aimed at reducing the time taken to clear goods and cargoes and to sustain a twenty four (24) hours clearing period, the destination inspection scheme was introduced for the use of Scanners to profile and examine cargoes at the rate of 450-500 containers a day;

Aware that to effectively implement reforms in the Service in order to bring about responsiveness to the demands of a rapidly globalizing economy in terms of human capacity, information and communications technology infrastructure and effectiveness of trade facilitation, the Service put in place a policy to ensure clearance of cargoes within a forty-eight (48) hours time frame;

Also notes that inspection tours to Zonal Offices and entry points of the Customs Service revealed that there are non-functional scanners at inspection points; a situation that gravely jeopardizes the reforms and the destination inspection scheme;

Informed that the Nigeria Customs Service took over the function of destination inspection from contractors and ended up inheriting obsolete and non-functioning scanners at most of the points of entry;

Concerned about information that personnel of the Customs Service can only carry out two out of the three levels of maintenance of the scanners, leaving the other level to the manufacturer which, when contacted for the maintenance schedule argues that its agreement was with the service providers and not with the Customs Service;

Desirous of ensuring that the vision of the Nigeria Customs Service to uphold its reforms by reducing delays in the clearing of cargoes at destination entry points is achieved;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to investigate the contractual agreement between the Nigeria Customs Service and the Contractors responsible for Destination Inspection prior to the take-over of the scheme by the Nigeria Customs Service, and also to investigate the cause of the non-functioning of the scanners at the destination inspection points and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

18. Need to Suspend the Ban on Importation of Vehicles through the Land Borders.

Hon. A. B. Salame:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Customs Service issued a statement on Monday, 5 December, 2016, prohibiting the importation of new and used vehicles through the land borders with effect from January 1, 2017, thereby limiting such importation only through the sea ports;

Also notes that the percentage of Nigerians who can afford cars has declined drastically following the decline in the value of naira, inflation, unemployment and high cost of living that has bedeviled Nigeria where over 80% of Nigerians live below 200 US dollars a day;

Aware that the Federal Government has powers under section 18 of the Customs and Excise Management Act to restrict the movement of goods into and out of Nigeria by land or inland waters and to appoint customs stations, however, similar exercise of such powers on rice importation through the land borders in April 2016, has occasioned untold hardships on Nigerians as a bag of rice now sells for between ₦20,000-₦23,000 as against ₦8,000 few months ago;

Also aware that the government has not put in place alternative measures to ensure that Nigerians will have access to cars since it is cheaper to buy cars from neighboring countries and still generate revenue by ensuring that our borders are secured to prevent smuggling, and also that there will not be job losses;

Further aware that some of those making these policies have failed to patronize made-in-Nigeria goods, especially Nigerian Assembled vehicles which are, in any case unaffordable to over 80% of Nigerians who can only afford fairly used imported vehicles;

Concerned that despite the pitiable state of most Nigerians occasioned by unemployment, lack of funds for survival and high cost of living which has sent many to their early graves, the government is adopting a policy that will further increase the sufferings of the masses at this critical time the country is in recession;

Worried that the ban will cause more harm than good as it will certainly lead to increase in smuggling, deprive poor Nigerians of access to acquiring vehicles, skyrocket the prices of cars cleared at the wharf, increase inflation and further mount pressure on the already weak Naira, and lead to idleness, insecurity and criminality at the border points;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to immediately suspend the ban on Importation of Vehicles through the land borders;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to ensure that the law enforcement agencies, especially those working at the borders, are diligent in their duties by ensuring that import charges through the land borders are paid when due and remitted to the government;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to install border security and surveillance equipment for effective monitoring to address the recurring menace of smuggling and ensure a maximum revenue generation on all lawfully imported goods;
- (iv) equally urge the government to expand its plan on youths empowerment programmes by developing skills acquisition centers in border areas so as to enable the youths to acquire skills necessary for the type of businesses that are being carried out in the border areas and also employ more people from those areas into the border security agencies as they have relevant experiences on how goods are being moved in and out of the country; and

- (v) mandate the Committees on Governmental Affairs and Customs and Excise to ensure implementation and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1. Rules and Business	Thursday, 8 December, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2. Emergency and Disaster Preparedness	Thursday, 8 December, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3. Sports	Thursday, 8 December, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4. Constituency Outreach	Thursday, 8 December, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5. Inter-Parliamentary Relations	Thursday, 8 December, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6. <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate Massive Deforestation and Corruption that has Crippled the Environment and its Effect on Climate Change	Thursday, 8 December, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7. Federal Character (<i>with ABUTH, Bauchi, LUTH, Lagos, National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi, Lagos, National Hospital, Abuja, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada</i>)	Thursday, 8 December, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex