



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 11 July, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILL

National Lottery Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 478) (*Hon. E. Y Orker-Jev*) — *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. Consolidation of Bills:
 - (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for the Payment of all Monies received by the Commission into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 963) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*);
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Increase the Penalties on Companies which fail to comply with the Provisions of the Act and for Related Matters (HB. 969) (*Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakubu*); and

- (c) A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-Enact the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2017 to Provide for the Incorporation of Companies, Registration of Business Names together with Incorporation of Trustees of certain Communities, Bodies and Associations and for Related Matters (HB. 1064) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung and Hon. Linus Okorie*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Legion Act, Cap. N119, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Ensure Proper Welfare and Health Condition of Military Veterans, Expand the Operation and Functions of the Legion for National Development and to Establish and include Certain Functions of the Corps of Nigerian Commissionaires for the Proper Care, Good Health and Welfare of the Nigerian Legion and for Related Matters (HBs 392 and 1036) (*Hon. Bassey Eko Ewa and Hon. Abdulrahman Shuiabu Abubakar*) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. P17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Prescribe Guidelines, including Standards, for the Registration of Premises where Members of the Profession and Authorized Corporate Entities engage in the Manufacture, Distribution, Sale and Dispensing of Drugs and Medicine, to update Monetary Fees and Fines contained in the Act to Reflect the Prevailing Currency Value of the Naira and for Related Matters (HB. 1002) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) — *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Currency Offences Act, Cap. C44, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for stiffer penalties to meet Contemporary Realities and for Related Matters (HB. 922) (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi*) — *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Impact Assessment Act, Cap. E12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make it Responsive by Ensuring that Project Developers, Approving Authorities and Persons whose Livelihood will be Affected by Proposed Projects are involved in the decision making to Safeguard the Environment and ensure adequate Remediation of the Environment and for Related Matters (HB. 977) (*Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

6. **Need for Rehabilitation of Billiri/Todi-Filiya/Taraba Road:**
Hon. Binta Bello.

The House:

Notes that Billiri, Todi-Filiya/Taraba Road has been in a deplorable State for sometime with the major bridge along it having been washed away by flood;

Aware that numerous complaints have been made to the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing on the condition of the Road but promises that were made for its reconstruction have not been fulfilled;

Also aware that the deplorable condition of the Road is causing immense suffering on the residents and commuters who have to endure long hours in the gridlock usually caused by the large number of articulated vehicles plying the route, as well as harassments from armed robbers;

Concerned that if urgent action is not taken to address the situation, the economic and social welfare of the communities along the route will continue to deteriorate and they may be cut off from other neighbouring communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the road as a matter of urgency, to ensure safety of commuters who ply the road on a daily basis;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include construction of the road in the 2018 budget estimate; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on FERMA and Works to ensure implementation.

7. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly (Order Twelve, Rule 16, Standing Orders of the House of Representatives):

Community Service Bill, 2017 (HB. 1046):

Hon. Johnbull Shekarau:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order 12, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negated, or passed by the Senate and forwarded 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 Community Service 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 has been re-gazetted as HB. 1046 and read the first time on Wednesday, 31 May, 2017.

Resolves to:

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

8. Devastating Flood at Evbuomere in Ovia North East Local Government Area in Edo State:

Hon. Omosede G. Igbenedion:

The House:

Notes that residents of Evbuomere Community in Ovia North East Local Government Area have been under serious threat following heavy flooding in the area, a situation that has led them to resort to self-help by erecting barricades to keep the flood from entering into their premises and destroying properties;

Also notes that the barricades have restricted the flood to the Benin/Lagos highway which is a major road that is now flooded, thereby making life difficult for motorists, travelers and community dwellers;

Determined to address the menace of flooding in the area in the overall interests of the residents and commuters;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to put machinery in place to address the flooding on the Benin/Lagos Highway opposite S and T Barracks; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to visit the erosion and flooding sites in the affected area and make recommendations on measures to be adopted to ensure a permanent solution.

**9. Need to Resuscitate the 132/33 KVA Arochukwu Electricity Substation:
Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe.**

The House:

Recalls that in 2000, the Federal Government conceived the 2x30 MVA 132/33 KVA Substation to be sited in Uburu-Ihechiowa and Amuvi Village, Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State with the aim of improving power supply to communities in Abia and the neighbouring Akwa Ibom and Cross River States;

Also recalls that the contract for the substation was awarded in May 2001 for the sum of \$3.4 million with additional local currency component of ₦91 million naira which contract sum was later varied by additional sums of \$350,000 and ₦21 million respectively that brought the total contract sums to \$3.7 million and ₦111.8 million;

Aware that the scope of the project covered comprehensive electro- mechanical and civil works that would ensure that the substation provides adequate electricity to the communities, thereby boosting power generation;

Notes that this critical power generation project was abandoned over ten (10) years ago without explanation after attaining ninety percent (90%) completion, thereby leaving the Communities utterly frustrated and without immediate prospect for remedy;

Concerned that the Arochukwu power substation project was conspicuously omitted from the power privatization programme of the Federal Government without any explanation and determined that the laudable and beneficial project be resuscitated and urgently completed for the benefits of the expectant communities;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the circumstances surrounding the abandonment of the Arochukwu 2x30 MVA 132/33 KVA Substation as well as establish the facts regarding the placement or otherwise of the project on the Federal Government's power privatization programme and make recommendations within six (6) weeks for further Legislative action.

**10. Call to Make Civic Education an Optional Instead of a Compulsory Subject for Senior Secondary Certificate Examinations (SSCE):
Hon. Beni Lar.**

The House:

Notes that under the previous Secondary School Curriculum which brought a lot of discontentment, Civic Education was not a compulsory subject and Religious Education was taught as Islamic Religious Knowledge (IRK) and Christian Religious Knowledge (CRK), both of which were optional subjects;

Also notes that the Federal Ministry of Education introduced a revised curriculum without due consultation with parents and stakeholders and the new nine (9) year Basic Education Curriculum on Religion and National Values Consolidated Religious Education and Civic Education under National Values and made Civic Education a compulsory subject for Senior Secondary Certificate Examinations;

Observes that the curriculum for primary one to three (1-3) which is the formative stage of a child does not provide for adequate teaching of the religious beliefs of the people but rather destructive half-truths which destroys the fundamentals of the religious beliefs and erodes the essence of such religion being taught the children;

Concerned that the new curriculum which is in conflict with certain religious beliefs also makes the teaching of those beliefs compulsory;

Recalls that section 10 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 makes Nigeria a secular state, and therefore Religion should be separated from National Values;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Education to make Civic Education an optional instead of a compulsory subject for SSCE Examinations, and should rather be taught under the subject "Government" as was the case under the previous curriculum;
- (ii) remove the religious component from Civic Education as a subject;
- (iii) separate our national values from religious values and each should be taught independently;
- (iv) suspend the implementation of the new curriculum pending the conclusion of investigation by the House; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to conduct an investigative hearing on the matter and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Call on the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Retail to Adjust the Cost Prices of Products to Independent Marketers:
Hon. Danlami Mohammed Kurfi:

The House:

Notes that in 2007, the NNPC Retail Ltd entered into an Agreement with Independent Marketers for the distribution and sales of petroleum products;

Also notes that the terms of the NNPC Retail-Independent Marketers' Agreement required the Marketers to stock products from NNPC Retail sources only so they do not have to buy products from third parties;

Observes that while the cost prices of NNPC Retail products have increased over the years, the profit margin of ₦2.50 only has been maintained between the cost price of ₦142.50 for Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) and the regulated pump price of ₦145.00 at which all Independent Marketers must sell the product to the public;

Convinced that the profit margin to the Independent Marketers is very slim considering the overhead costs of delivering service to the public, including but not limited to the costs of sales personnel, diesel for power generation, payable taxes and other administrative costs;

Concerned that if the prevailing circumstances do not change, it may lead to Independent Marketers resorting to reducing or cancelling the Agreement with NNPC Retail, thereby causing product scarcity with the attendant crisis in the distribution chain of petroleum products;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Group Managing Director of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and the Managing Director of NNPC Retail in particular to urgently conduct a review of the situation with a view to recommending and approving a more profitable margin for Independent Marketers to forestall any crisis in the marketing and distribution of petroleum products; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Legislative Compliance to monitor and ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Budget and Research Office which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 377) (*Committee of the Whole*: 15/6/2017).
13. *Ad-hoc* Committee on Development and Standardization of Manuals and Templates for the House of Representatives:
Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari:
 "That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Development and Standardization of Manuals and Templates for the House of Representatives, namely: (i) Public Hearing Manual; (ii) Oversight Manual; (iii) Reporting Manual and (iv) Committee Manual and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 11/5/2017).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 11 July, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 11 July, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday, 11 July, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Justice	Tuesday, 11 July, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the investigation of the hike in the 2017 Hajj Fare	Tuesday, 11 July, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 4.34 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Central Bank Intervention Fund	Tuesday, 11 July, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex