



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 14 June, 2016

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

SECTORAL DEBATE

1. **Sectoral Debate:**
Sectoral Debate on the Diversification of the Nigerian Economy: Real Sector Development, Pursuant to Order XVI of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.
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BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Sweden and for Other Related Matters (HB. 443) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila*) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦260,064,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Sixty Billion, Sixty-Four Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One

Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦231,224,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty-One Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending on 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council on Aging so as to Provide Social Welfare Services for the Elderly and for Purposes of designing Developmental Programmes and activities for the Advancement of elderly Persons in Nigeria and a Bill for an Act to Establish Unemployed Youths, Elderly and Indigent Sustainability Allowances Trust Fund which will be Funded with 30% of the Money accruing from the Communications Services Tax and such Fund will be Utilized and Managed for the Emergency need services of Nigerians among which are payment of stipends to the Unemployed, Subsidizing Infant Drugs and Hypertension Drugs, Diabetics Drugs; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 84 and 526) (*Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor and Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi*) — *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Enhance Political inclusion and participation of Young People in Governance in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 556) (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe*) — *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Profession of Dietetics; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 547) (*Hon. Odeunmi Olusegun Dokun*) — *Second Reading*.
7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Electoral Offences Tribunal for the Purpose of trying Electoral Offences; and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Electoral Offences Commission charged with the Responsibility of Prohibition and Prosecution of Electoral Offences; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 504 and 546) (*Hon. John Dyegh and Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*) — *Second Reading*.
8. A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 27(2) (a) and (b) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004(HB. 576) (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

9. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order XII, Rule 94: Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill, 2015 (HB. 79):**
Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 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 negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were 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 Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill, 2015 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. 79 and read the first time on Wednesday, 17 November, 2015.

Resolves to:

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

10. Call on the National Universities Commission to Accredite the National Institute for Nigerian Languages as a Degree Awarding Institution:

Hon. Solomon Adaelu, Hon. Prestige Ossy:

The House:

Notes that the National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINL), Aba, Abia State was established in 2004 to promote the study and use of Nigerian languages and its establishment Act empowers it to award degrees, diplomas and other certificates to persons who have satisfied the stipulated requirements;

Aware that the Institute has a well-equipped library, offices and lecture halls, and boasts of five Professors and numerous Doctors of Philosophy (PhD) holders as part of its staff, but up till now, the Institute has not been duly recognized by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and thus operates as a non-degree awarding institution;

Concerned that the inability of the Institute to access funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) owing to its non-degree awarding status is inhibiting the growth and development of the institute;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Universities Commission (NUC) to give due recognition to the National Institute for Nigerian Languages as a degree awarding institution, and grant it autonomy to access funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure compliance.

**11. Need to Revisit the Policy of Renewal of the Nigerian Passport on a Five (5) Yearly Basis:
Hon. Samson O. Olugbemi:**

The House:

Recalls that before the introduction of the E-Passport, the Nigerian passport had a 5 years validity period, subject to revalidation for another 5 years only; indicating that Nigeria International Passport had life span of 10 years,

Also recalls that the process of renewal of the old passport was very simple and efficient; as it required mere stamping by an authorized Immigration official, indicating a new expiration date;

Convinced that the 10 years lifespan of the passport sits very well with international best practices because countries issue traveling visas which vary from 2 weeks to 10 years,

Concerned that the Nigeria Immigration Service, for reason only known to it decided to limit the validity of the new Nigeria Passport to 5 years without any option of renewal, therefore, instead of renewal of the passport on expiration, a new one is to be issued;

Also concerned that this arbitrary change in policy is inflicting untold hardships and inconveniences to Nigerians, at home and abroad;

Wonders about the benefits of this change of policy, other than the selfish intentions of the Nigeria Immigration services increase its internally generated revenue profile and by extension increase the funds, it is permitted to offset its operational costs;

Aware that millions of Nigeria who are residing in Countries where Nigeria passports cannot be procured due to absence of Nigeria Consular Office or Embassy, are stranded abroad because of the expiration of their passports;

Worried that the policy has compelled Nigerians who are frequent travelers to passport without visa complimenting each other;

Resolves to:

Urge the minister of interior and the Nigerian Immigration Services to initiate measures aimed at reverting to the 10 years lifespan policy for the Nigerian International passport.

12. Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission to Release Outstanding Voters' Cards not released before the last General Elections:

Hon. Shadimu Mutiu Alao:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria practices a presidential democracy which involves direct voting by eligible citizens for candidates of their choice in general elections;

Also notes that the Electoral Act, 2010 empowers the Independent National Electoral Commission to make Voters' Cards available to registered voters well ahead of voting days;

Worried that the manner INEC handled the distribution of voters' cards during the 2015 general elections disenfranchised millions of Nigerians nationwide;

Also worried that while some States got a large percentage of voters' cards, other States like Lagos with higher voters got far less voters' cards, culminating in mass disenfranchisement of eligible voters;

Further worried that uneven distribution of voters' cards may, in some cases, produce unpopular candidates resulting in triumph of the minority over the majority, which is antithetical to all known democratic tenets.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to immediately embark on distribution of voters' cards not distributed before the last elections;
- (ii) also urge INEC to embark on continuous registration of voters and distribution of voters' cards;
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to ensure provision of funds for INEC to cope with its enormous responsibilities as at when due;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Electoral and Political Party Matters, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with this resolution.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

13. Committee on Federal Capital Territory:

Hon. Herman Hembe:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Breach of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 18/5/2016*):

- (i) That the Stop-Gap collaboration between the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) for collection of taxes continues, but the timelines submitted by the Honourable Minister be revised, such that the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCTIRS) can take off in October, 2016, and that FCTA reports progress to the Committee on attainment of set targets;
- (ii) that all appointments and engagements by the previous Board and/or the Chairman of the Board stand nullified, as his appointment was never ratified by the National Assembly;
- (iii) that the House should support the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCTIRS) by making adequate budgetary provision in the FCT Statutory Budget, for the take-off of the Service;
- (iv) that the FCTIRS should ensure full deployment of platforms and technology to ensure adequate coverage of all areas of revenue without further delay.
- (vi) that the FCTIRS should engage the services of qualified and competent consultants and tax practitioners as specified in Section 7 (2) (g) and (h) of the FCT Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015, to enhance its operations;
- (vii) that the process for selection of consultants should be open and competitive in compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

14. Committee on Interior:

Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on the Criminal Act of Assault and Battery allegedly visited upon Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor by men and Officers of the Nigeria Prisons Service and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 8/5/2016*):

- (i) That from the testimonies of 6 (six) credible witnesses, it is established beyond reasonable doubt that: SIP Idaa Odeh with service number 40258 assaulted Hon. Onyemaechi Mrakpor and is therefore guilty of an offence under Section 16 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004:
 - (a) SIP Idaa Odeh with service number 40258 should be arrested and tried by the Attorney General of the Federation in accordance with Section 16 of Legislative Houses (Powers and privileges) Act;
 - (b) he should be dismissed from the service with immediate effect;
- (ii) that Corporal Esther Hassan, ASP Sunday Akoh of the Nigeria Police and Adeboye I. O. of the Department of State Services should be disciplined and immediately reprimanded and redeployed;
- (iii) that training and re-training of all resident security agencies in the National Assembly is needed;
- (iv) that the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004 should be amended as a matter of urgency to the effect that only the President, Vice President and Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) or a visiting President can come into the premises of the National Assembly with moderate convoy, and penalties should be provided for offenders;
- (v) that a complete overhaul of the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms is urgently needed;
- (vi) that all the security personnel currently serving at the National Assembly gates, including Sergeant-at-Arms staff, should be redeployed;

- (vi) that the Committee on Legislative Compliance should ensure strict compliance with all the recommendations and report back to the House within 2 (two) weeks.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Delegated Legislation	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Special Duties	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Road Maintenance Agency	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Navy	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Drugs and Narcotic (<i>with Chairman/Chief Executive of NDLEA and his Management team</i>)	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Public Accounts (<i>with MDAs</i>)	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Public Accounts, and Finance (<i>Joint meeting</i>)	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Army	Tuesday, 14 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex