



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 17 January, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Legislative Budget and Research, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management:
Report of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Legislative Budget and Research, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on 2017 - 2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):
Hon. Ibrahim Babangida:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Legislative Budget and Research, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on 2017 - 2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)" (*Referred: 13/12/2016*).
2. Committee on Public Petitions:
Report of the Petition by Youth Coalition for Change:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Youth Coalition for Change Praying the House to Investigate the Unlawful Exclusion of Indigenous Contractors by Total Exploration and production Nigeria Ltd in the tenders for the Provision of PSV and Terminal Support Vessels and Attempt to Frustrate Marine Companies and Encourage Money Laundering" (*Referred: 15/03/2016*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Character Tribunal for the Prosecution of Violations of the Federal Character Principle and Review of the Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 832) (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi*);
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Representation of Each of the Senatorial Districts of the Federation in Order to Ensure Total Inclusiveness in the Federal Government Recruitments and for Other Related Matters (HB. 885) (*Hon. Yusuf Ahmed Tijani*).
2. (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Industrial Court Act, Cap. C26, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide that Appeals shall Lie from the Decisions of the National Industrial Court to the Court of Appeal as Prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly and for Other Related Matters (HB. 860) (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari*);
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Act, Cap. C26, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Labour Division of the Court to Hear Appeals from the National Industrial Court and for Other Related Matters (HB. 861) (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari*).
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Further Provisions for the Compulsory Registration of all Foreign Employers of Labour in Nigeria by the Ministry, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Strengthen, Review the Fines and Punishment Stipulated in the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HBs 434 and 339) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila and Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) — *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime University, Oron, Akwa Ibom State and to Make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 873) (*Hon. Henry Okon Archibong*) — *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Comfort Fund Act, Cap. A21, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Expand the Application of the Fund to Civil Unrest and for Other Related Matters (HB. 667) (*Hon. Rufai Ahmed Chanchangi*) — *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Coins Act, Cap. C16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (HB. 668) (*Hon. Danasabe Charles Hosea*) — *Second Reading*.
 7. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit the Desecration of Sanctity of Human Life and Dead Bodies in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 778) (*Hon. Rita Orji*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

8. Urgent Need to Intervene In the Non-Judicious Exercise of Discretion by Public Officers:
Hon. O. K. Chinda:

The House:

Notes with concern the dismissal of six (6) Police men attached to the Governor of Rivers State for alleged professional misconduct said to have been committed when they accompanied the Governor to Port-Harcourt City Council on 10 December, 2016, during the National and State Assemblies elections, against the instruction of the Force for police men not to be at polling units on election day;

Aware that the Nigeria Police Force and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) have set up Committees to investigate the events surrounding the elections and the Government of Rivers State has set up a Judicial Panel of Inquiry to also investigate the issues arising from the said elections;

Worried by the trend of events concerning elections in the country in the recent time, particularly those held at Edo, Ondo and Rivers States;

Concerned that the two Investigative Committees and Panel of Inquiry were set up by bodies that were directly involved in the elections process to investigate the same issues and can therefore be said to have been tainted with bias ab initio, not to talk of the drain on public funds;

Also concerned that if this trend of allegations and counter allegations and wanton exercise of power without discretion are not checked, they will not only create credibility problems in the system but also leave a sour taste of injustice and consequent chaos in the polity;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP), the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and the Government of Rivers State to suspend further actions on the matter;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to stay action on the dismissal of the six (6) Police men and temporarily reverse same pending an investigation of the matter by the House; and
- (iii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate all the issues surrounding the National and State Assemblies elections held on 10 December, 2016 in Rivers State, including the complaints of infractions and misconduct, and report back to the House within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Urgent Need to Stem the Brewing Crisis Arising from Non-Payment of Compensation to Owners of Land Acquired by the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) at Omoku, Rivers State;

Hon. Ibora Ekanem:

The House:

Notes that in 1996, the Nigeria LNG Ltd acquired 279 plots of land (a distance of 4.2km) in Omoku, Rivers State for the building of its Gas Transmission System (GTS) under a Right of Way (ROW) purpose;

Also notes that two (2) years after the acquisition and following series of demands and mass protests by the land owners for payment of compensation, the Nigeria LNG Ltd isolated 25 plots for which it advanced meager payments of ₦300,000.00 per plot;

Aware that sequel to the initial rejection of the ₦300,000.00 offered, the company resorted to deceits and blackmail in coaxing the owners of the 25 plots to accept the ₦300,000.00 payment which they reluctantly did;

Also aware that the non-payment of compensation for the remaining plots is degenerating to furore in the community which may lead to break-down of law and order if not urgently addressed;

Worried that the protracted negotiations with the company for payment of a fair compensation to the unsettled owners of the outstanding 254 plots 18 years after their acquisition yielded only a verbal promise by officials of the company for a ₦635 million payment;

Concerned that the Owners of the 254 plots have become frustrated and extremely angry with the non-committal posture and apparent dishonest tactics of the Nigeria LNG Ltd in delaying and wanting to ultimately avoid payment of the verbally agreed amount which development, has now put the land Owners on the edge;

Also concerned that the refusal of the Nigeria LNG Ltd to pay the compensation is a flagrant violation of section 29 (2) of the Land Use Act, 1978; section 6 (3) of the Oil Pipelines Act, 1956 and paragraph 17 (1) (c) and (c) (ii) of the Petroleum (Drilling and Production) Regulations, 1969, all of which require a mandatory payment of compensation to the Owners or Occupiers of land acquired, entered into or damaged;

Cognizant of the need to provide a lasting solution to the lingering issue;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to urgently investigate the failure/refusal of the Nigeria LNG Ltd to pay a fair compensation to the Owners of the 254 plots of land it acquired in 1996 and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Call for Investigation of the ₦500m Budgeted Fund for Reconstruction of Girls Secondary School, Chibok;

Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe:

The House:

Notes that One Billion, Six Hundred Million Naira was budgeted by the Federal Government in the 2015 Budget for the 'Safe School Initiative';

Aware that of the sum, the Federal Government earmarked the sum of Five Hundred Million Naira (₦500m) for the reconstruction of the Girls Secondary School, Chibok, Borno State, North East of Nigeria;

Also aware that the reconstruction work was flagged off by the then Minister of Finance, Mrs Ngozi Okonjo Iweala;

Concerned that the Governor of Borno State, Alhaji Kashim Shettima, in one of his recent visits to Chibok, alerted the World that the school has not been reconstructed, indicating that the funds approved for the reconstruction work may have been diverted;

Worried that there has been no official clarification from the Ministry of Finance or the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation over the status of the funds earmarked for the project;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Public Accounts to investigate the matter and report back to the House within four weeks for further legislative action.

11. Call for Assessment of the Health Implications of the Mounting of Telecommunications Masts Close to Residential Areas;

Hon. Anayo Nnebe:

The House:

Notes the indiscriminate erection of telecommunications masts and base stations close to residential areas across the country;

Worried that the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and the National Environmental Standards and Regulation Enforcement Agency (NESREA), as regulators of both the telecommunications industry and the environment respectively, are busy engaging in arguments on propriety or otherwise of siting these equipment, while the situation remains unaddressed, thereby constituting a threat to lives and the environment;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to interface with the Federal Ministries of Communications Technology and Environment and the National Communications Commission, the National Environmental Standards and Regulation Enforcement Agency (NESREA) and the various network providers on the matter and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Violent Attacks on the People of Kaura Federal Constituency of Southern Kaduna by Unknown Gunmen:

Hon. Gideon Gwani:

The House:

Notes with grief the violent attacks of 6 - 9 January, 2017 at Tachirak, Adu and Tsonje villages of Kagoro town in Kaura Federal Constituency of Southern Kaduna which led to the death of thirteen (13) people;

Also notes that despite the 24 hours curfew imposed in the area and the presence of men of the Armed Forces and the Police, gunmen continued to attack villages and unleash mayhem, while the security personnel deployed remained in the township;

Recalls the resolution of Wednesday, June 24, 2015 in which the House urged the executive arm of the Federal Government to set up a high-powered committee to comprehensively address the incessant killings in Kaduna State and other parts of the country, which has not been complied with;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the violent attacks in strong terms, sympathize with the traumatized victims and observe a minute silence in honour of the dead;
- (ii) urge the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces to direct the Nigerian Armed Forces and the Police to deal decisively with the perpetrators of the attacks, be more proactive in identifying the exact areas of the attacks and carry out a comprehensive security mapping to identify the base of the attackers in order to combat the menace; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Army, Air Force, Police Affairs, Interior and National Security and Intelligence to analyse the situation and proffer solutions to the security challenges in the area and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 17 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Steel	Tuesday, 17 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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| 3. | Public Petitions
(<i>Investigative Hearing</i>) | Tuesday, 17 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Nigeria-Spain Relations | Tuesday, 17 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 324
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Information, National
Orientation, Ethics and Values | Tuesday, 17 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 345
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Public Accounts
(<i>with MDAs</i>) | Tuesday, 17 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 446
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 7. | <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on
Government Intervention on
the Menace of Accidents
involving Fuel Tankers | Tuesday, 17 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 1.28
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Internally Displaced Persons
(IDPs) | Tuesday, 17 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 468
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 9. | Federal Character (<i>with
Nigeria Arabic Language,
Ngala, Lake Chad Research
Institute, Maiduguri,
Federal College of Fresh-
water Fisheries, Baga,
Federal Neuropsychiatric,
Maiduguri and Chad
Basin Development
Authority</i>) | Tuesday, 17 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 247
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |