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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 17 May, 2016

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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5. Message from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)
6. Other Announcements (*if any*)
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8. Matter(s) of Urgent Public Importance
9. Personal Explanation

### PRESENTATION OF REPORT

**Committee on Power:**
**Hon. Daniel Asuquo:**
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Power on the Need to halt the Planned Payment of ₦2.7 Billion by the Board of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission to its Members (HR. 173/2015)" (*Referred*: 4/11/2015).

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **Admittance into the Chamber:**
**Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila:**
"I move, pursuant to Order XIX, Rule 217 (1) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, for the admittance into the Chamber of the Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals Development and his entourage, for the purpose of Sectoral Debate of the House of Representatives".

2. **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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Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals Development — 1.00 p.m.

## BILLS

3. **Consolidation of Bills:**
   (*a*) A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Prisons and Correctional Service, to make Comprehensive Provisions for Administration of Prisons in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 516) (*Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu*); and

   (*b*) A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Prisons Services, to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Administration of Prisons in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 517) (*Hon. Johnbull Shekarau*).

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010; and for Other Connected Purposes (HBs 99 and 118) — *Third Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Late Payment, Non-Payment and Underpayment of Worker's Wages, Pensions and Other Emoluments in Nigeria and Prescribe Penalties for Violations; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 479) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigration Act, 2015 to make further Provisions to Restrict and Regulate the issuance of Work Permit to Foreign Nationals; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 480) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country; and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation, to identify Conflicts, and for the Supervision, Coordination and Monitoring of all Peaceful Resolutions between Governments; Organisations, etc. in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 74 and 449) (*Hon. Umar Buba Jibril and Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the functions of the Commission; a Bill for an Act to Introduce Peace Studies as part of the Basic National Curricular in both the Junior and Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and a Bill for an Act to Provide Compulsory, Free Meal a day for Children of Ages 6-8 and Classes 1-2 in Universal Basic Education Schools in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 419, 155 and 420) (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan, Hon. Beni Lar, and Hon. Muhammad Usman*) — *Second Reading*.

9. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 3 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the proper Name of 'Barkin Ladi' Local Government Area of Plateau State; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 503) (*Hon. Istifanus Dung Gyang*) — *Second Reading*.

## MOTIONS

10. **Business Continued from Assembly to Assembly: Order XII, Rule 96 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**
*Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria Bill*, 2015 (HB. 17).
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

The House:

*Notes* that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 96 of the Standing Orders of the House, the legislative business of the House which, though completed and laid in the House by a Committee of the House remain undetermined at the end of the Assembly shall be resumed and proceeded with in the next Assembly in the same manner as if the tenure of the Assembly had not come to an end, if the House resolves in affirmative that such Bills upon being re-gazetted, be reconsidered in the Committee of the Whole, without being commenced *de- novo*;

*Also notes* that the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria Bill, 2015 was awaiting consideration in the Committee of the Whole before the last Assembly ended;

*Aware* that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 17 and read the first time on 12 August, 2015;

*Resolves to*:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration

11. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order XII, Rule 94: *Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists* (*Registration, etc.*) *Bill*, 2015 (HB. 320): Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

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 Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists (Registration, etc.) 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. 320 and read the first time on Thursday, 10 December, 2015;

*Resolves to*:

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

12. **Need to Supply Relief Materials to Victims of Rainstorm in Anambra East/West Federal Constituency: Hon. Tony Nwoye:**

The House:

*Aware* that on 30 April, 2016, Odekpe, Igbedor, Oroma-Etiti Anam,Ogwari, Asako, Nsugbe, Nando, Umuneri, Aguleri and other neighboring communities in Anambra East and West Federal Constituency were ravaged by rainstorm;

*Concerned* that the rainstorm blew-off roofs of over a hundred residential buildings in those Communities, thereby rendering thousands of people homeless;

*Also concerned* that these internally displaced people are presently taking refuge in make shift and unbefitting accommodation arrangements under severe weather conditions;

*Cognizant* that if relief materials and other necessary supplies are not provided on time, they will suffer avoidable health hazards from further rainfall as we approach the peak of raining season and amidst precarious heat condition;

*Resolves to*:

Urge the National Emergency Management Agency to urgently provide relief materials for the displaced victims.

**13. Call for Restoration of Teachers Training Colleges in Nigeria:**
**Hon. Julius Pondi:**

The House:

*Notes* the readiness of the Federal Government to recruit Five Hundred holders of the National Certificate of Education (NCE) and other unemployed graduates to support efforts to reverse the declining quality of education, especially at the primary and secondary schools levels;

*Believes* that as laudable as this measure seems in holding good prospects for the education sector, there are vital and critical missing links in the education value chain, including, the crèche, nursery and primary schools levels; and more importantly, the discontinuation of Teachers Training Colleges that by specialization, are exclusively designed to train teachers for primary school education level;

*Concerned* that the decline in the quality of education began soon after Teachers' Training Colleges were phased out with dire consequences not only on the quality of primary school products, but also on the quality of secondary and other levels of education;

*Also concerned* that the proposed recruitment of unemployed graduates with or without teaching qualifications as teachers is being perceived as the sole panacea to addressing the fall in the standard of education to the exclusion of Teachers' Training Colleges that should be charged with the sole mandate to train teachers for education levels such as crèches, nursery and primary schools, as was in the past when the quality of education was still at tolerable level;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Government to, in addition to the intended recruitment of Five Hundred unemployed undergraduates to teach in public schools, urgently reintroduce Teachers Training Colleges, and establish its own Unity Teachers Training Colleges, using the model of Federal Unity Colleges, nation-wide; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to conduct an investigative hearing for all stakeholders in the education sector to enable them ventilate what destroyed the quality of education in the country, and make recommendations to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

**14.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja (Number of Judges) Act, Cap. H6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for increase in the number of Judges from Thirty-Seven (37) to Seventy-Five (75); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 457) (*Committee of the Whole*: 21/4/2016).

**15.** A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun; and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 381) (*Committee of the Whole*: 10/3/2016).

16. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Hospitals Management Board of the Federal Capital Territory; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 441) (*Committee of the Whole*: 26/4/2016).

17. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, Provide for the Engagement of Nigerians in Diaspora in the Policies, Projects and Participation in the Development of Nigeria and for the Purposes of utilizing the Human, Capital and Material Resources of Nigerians in Diaspora towards the overall Socio-Economic, Cultural and Political Development of Nigeria; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 160) (*Committee of the Whole*: 21/1/2016).

18. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates Association*:**
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates Association against the Nigerian Ports Authority on alleged non-placement of the petitioners after their Training and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 12/4/2016):

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to absorb the petitioners, having trained them for four years, certified and documented as worthy officers of the organization before their disengagement;

(*ii*) In the alternative, the Nigerian Ports Authority should pay each of the petitioners ₦2,000,000.00 (Two Million Naira) only in lieu of their possible entitlements, inconvenience, cost of pursuing their case all the while and starter pack for the petitioners to commence a new phase of life.

19. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Miss Nkechi Okeugo*:**
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Miss Nkechi Okeugo against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged dismissal from service and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 9/3/2016):

Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to recall Miss Nkechi Okeugo with Service No. 51955 ASCII into the service and place her on the level her mates are presently occupying.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | *Committee* | *Date* | *Time* | *Venue* |
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| 1. | Rules and Business | Tuesday, 17 May, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Federal Road Safety | Tuesday, 17 May, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Rural Development | Tuesday, 17 May, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Privatization and Commercialization (*with GMD, NNPC and BPE*) | Tuesday, 17 May, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |

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| 5. | Freedom of Information (Reform of Government Institutions) | Tuesday, 17 May, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Water Resources | Tuesday, 17 May, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 7. | Defence | Tuesday, 17 May, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |