



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 27 November, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Science and Technology:**
Hon. Beni Lar:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Research and Innovation Trust Fund charged with Responsibility for imposing, Managing and Disbursing the Research and Innovation Levy towards achieving the Commercialization of Research findings in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 574) (*Referred: 29/9/2016*).
2. **Committees on Science and Technology, Power, Petroleum Resources (Upstream) and Environment and Habitat:**
Hon. Beni Lar:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Science and Technology, Power, Petroleum Resources (Upstream) and Environment and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Provide a Policy Framework for the Development of Bio-Fuels Energy Industry in Nigeria; Establish the Bio-Fuels Energy Regulatory Commission; Establish the Bio-Fuels Research Agency; and for Related Matters (HB. 125) (*Referred: 6/10/2016*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. *Consolidation of Bills:*

(a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, Cap. P 44, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1311) (*Hon. Afe Olowookere*); and

(b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, Cap. P 44, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make it Mandatory for 20% of all Public Procurement of the Federal Government in a Financial year to be Awarded to New Indigenous Companies, Indigenous Youths and other Nigerians who fall within the economically disadvantaged Group; and for Related Matters (HB. 1501) (*Hon. Karimi Sunday*).

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Projects Development Agency (PRODA), Enugu to Conduct Scientific, Engineering and Technological Research aimed at facilitating the Domestication and Industrialization of Appropriate Technology for Socio-Economic Advancement of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1542) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Bureau of Military Veterans Affairs and to make Provisions for the Benefits and Welfare of Military Veterans and their Dependents; and for Related Matters (HB. 1070) (*Hon. Akeem A. Adeyemi*) – *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include the Federal College of Tourism and Wildlife Studies, Igbeti in the first Schedule; and for Related Matters (HB.1521) (*Hon. Olatunbosun Oladele George*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

5. **Rescission of Clause 4 (3) of the National Agricultural Seeds Council Bill, 2018 (HB. 472) Pursuant to Order One, Rule 1(2) and Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**

Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok:

The House:

Notes that the National Agricultural Seeds Council Bill, 2018 (HB.472) was passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate;

Observes that Clause 4 (3) of the Bill duplicates Section 6 (a) and (b) of the National Crop Varieties and Livestock Breeds (Registration, etc.) Act, 2004 and would create a conflict between the National Crop Varieties and Livestock Breeds Act and the National Agricultural Seeds Council;

Aware of the need to avoid conflict and duplication of functions amongst government Departments and Agencies;

Desirous of addressing the obvious duplication of functions between the existing National Crop Varieties and Livestock Breeds Committee and the National Agricultural Seeds Council;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on Clause 4 (3) of the National Agricultural Seeds Council Bill, 2018 and recommit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration and passage.

6. **Discharge of Committees from Referrals on Bills, Pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**

Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok:

The House:

Notes that the following Bills were read a Second time separately between 2016 and 2018 and referred to respective Committees for legislative actions:

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<i>S/N</i>	<i>Title of Bill</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Committee</i>
1.	HB. 171 Good Samaritans' Bill, 2015	16/6/2016	Police Affairs, and Justice
2.	HB. 553 Nigerian Patriot Corporation Bill, 2016	21/6/2016	Public Procurement
3.	HB. 487 Special Maximum Security Prison (Establishment) Bill, 2016	14/7/2016	Interior
4.	HB. 452 Correction and Rehabilitation Centre Act (Establishment) Bill, 2015	14/7/2016	Youth and Interior
5.	HB. 470 and 540 Infrastructure Bank (Establishment) Bill, 2016	19/7/2016	Urban Development and Regional Planning
6.	HB. 649 National Shipping Policy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	20/7/2016	Ports, Harbour, and Waterways
7.	HB. 500 Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2016	20/7/2016	Treaties, Protocols and Agreements, and Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on the North-East
8.	HB. 520 Chartered Institute of Trade and Investments of Nigeria Bill, 2016	21/7/2016	Commerce
9.	HB. 188 Internal Loan Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015	27/9/2016	Aids, Loan, and Debt Management
10.	HB. 665 Nigerian Institute for Trypanosomiasis and Onchocerciasis Research Bill, 2016	29/9/2016	Science and Technology
11.	HB. 658 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2016	29/9/2016	Treaties, Protocols and Agreements
12.	HB. 365 Casino Taxation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	4/10/2016	Finance and Justice
13.	HB. 622 and 721 National Endowment for Arts and Literature (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016	5/10/2016	Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values
14.	HB. 36 International Trade Commission Bill, 2015	11/10/2016	Commerce
15.	HB. 555 National Merit Award Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	12/10/2016	Governmental Affairs
16.	HB. 616 Free Advice and Treatment of Breast Cancer Centre Bill, 2016	13/10/2016	Healthcare Services

17.	HB. 112 FCT Wider Area Planning and Development Commission Bill, 2015	13/10/2016	Federal Capital Territory, and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters
18.	HB. 355 National Mathematical Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	18/10/2016	Basic Education and Services
19.	HB. 422& 423 Nigerian Communications Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	27/10/2016	Telecommunications
20.	HB. 347 Caller Location Information Bill, 2016	27/10/2016	Telecommunications
21.	HB. 46& 687 Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015	3/11/2016	Army, & Justice
22.	HB. 610 National Health Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	10/11/2016	Healthcare Services
23.	HB. 606 Nigerian Gas Processing and Marketing Regulatory Board Bill, 2016	9/11/2016	Gas Resources
24.	HB. 804 National Emergency Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	9/11/2016	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
25.	HB. 669 Corporate Bodies (Members Emolument) (Repeal) Bill, 2016	15/11/2016	Commerce
26.	HB. 675 Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016	16/11/2016	Justice
27.	HB. 1261 Physically Challenged (Empowerment) Bill, 2017	8/2/2018	Labour, Employment and Productivity
28.	HB.1384 Electric Power Sector Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018	17/4/2018	Power

Aware that the Committees are yet to present Reports on the Bills, contrary to the provisions of Order seventeen, Rule 3 (1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, to wit:

“Any matter referred to any Committee shall be treated within 30 days otherwise the Committee shall stand discharged after 60 days and the matter committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration”.

Resolves to:

Discharge the Committees of the above mentioned Bills and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

**7. Need to Reform Nigeria’s Tertiary Educational System.
Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji**

The House:

Notes that the strategic importance of education to any nation cannot be over emphasized being the fulcrum of national growth and development;

Also notes that tertiary education is the platform for developing human capital for social, economic and technological transformation and advancement of any nation;

Again notes that right to education is a fundamental human right and a tool of attaining not only academic excellence but also social justice and progress, through which citizens achieve not only personal growths, but also develop their civic and political consciousness;

Worried that Nigeria loses a minimum of ₦1trillion to education tourism annually because about 75,000 Nigerians are currently studying in Ghana, Benin Republic and Egypt, among others;

Also worried about the dwindling quality of Nigeria's education thus making our graduates unemployable, as no fewer than 1.8million graduates in the country move into the labor market every year with the hope of getting jobs that are not available;

Informed that numerous problems beset Nigeria's educational system, leading to poor quality and exodus of our youth from pursuit of tertiary education; these include inadequate funding and infrastructure, epileptic power supply and examination malpractices;

Aware that the Nigerian Government allocates 7% of the national budget to education which is far from the 26% budgetary allocation recommended by the United Nations Education and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) for developing countries like Nigeria;

Also aware that Nigeria's educational sector needs urgent reform, failing which it will continue to spiral down and Nigerians will continue to spend their hard earned foreign exchange in financing education tourism;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education, National Universities Commission (NUC) and the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to carry out a holistic reform that would make Nigeria's tertiary Institutions internationally competitive, and to support its National Economic Development and Growth Plan;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to work with the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and the relevant agencies to ensure implementation and report back within 6 weeks for further legislative action.

8. Need to Include Ataba and Other Andoni Communities in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Environmental Clean-Up Report:

Hon. Abiante Inombek Awaji:

The House:

Notes that the Government of Nigeria, in consultation with many relevant actors, invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to undertake an assessment of the extent and impact of oil pollution in the impacted Ogoni area and its environs;

Also notes that the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) investigation found that the surface and ground water within the area was highly contaminated, as the highest level of benzene concentration was found in water around Andoni Communities, particularly Ataba;

Aware that oil pollution in the marine environment migrates and percolates through the soil and as well get dispersed far from the point of initial impact;

Also aware that preliminary activities towards the commencement of the clean-up has been contemplated and arrangements are ongoing;

Worried that the current arrangements do not capture the Andoni Component of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report which was revealed to have the highest benzene concentration and hence pose far greater health risk;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure that the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) carry out a

Comprehensive clean-up of the entire impacted area as defined in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, Cap. I7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide that for any Person to be qualified to “act” in any Office, the Person must be qualified to hold the substantive position and such acting position must not be beyond six months; and for Related Matters (HB. 137) (*Committee of the Whole; 21/12/2017*).
10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in Order to Provide for Offences and Penalties Relating to Computer Misuse and Cybercrime; and for Related Matters (HB. 706) (*Hon. Garba Ibrahim Mohammed*) (*committee of the Whole: 20/10/2016*).
11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Penal Code (Northern States) Federal Provisions Act, Cap. P9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in Order to Provide for Offences and Penalties Relating to Computer Misuse and Cybercrime; and for Related Matters (HB. 707) (*Hon. Garba Ibrahim Mohammed*) (*Committee of the Whole: 20/10/2016*).
12. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters:**
Hon. Jisalo B. Zephaniah:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission to Provide a Legal Framework for Regulation of the Employment and Working Conditions of the Area Councils Staff with a view to Professionalizing the FCT Area Councils Service and for Related Matters (HB. 975) and approve the recommendations therein” (Laid: 11/7/2018)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1. Rules and Business	Tuesday, 27 November, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2. Local Content	Tuesday, 27 November, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 459 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3. Healthcare Services, Women Affairs and Social Development, and Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values	Tuesday, 27 November, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4. Federal Character (<i>with Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, University of Maiduguri and National Research Institute of Chemical Technology</i>)	Tuesday, 27 November, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5. Public Petitions	Tuesday, 27 November, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building) Assembly Complex

