

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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Tuesday, 6 March, 2018

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## **PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

- 1. Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1353) (Hon. Beni Lar) – First Reading.
- 2. National Centre for Citizenship and Leadership Training Bill, 2018 (HB.1354) (Hon. Segun A. Adekola) First Reading.
- 3. Child's Rights Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1355) (Hon. Segun A. Adekola) First Reading.
- 4. Federal University of Agriculture, Sabon Gida (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1356) (*Hon. Beni Lar*) *First Reading*.
- 5. National Fire Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1357) (Hon. Adedapo Lam Adesina) First Reading.

## **PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

**Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigerian Financial Intelligence** Unit Bill, 2017:

## Hon. Kayode Oladele:

'That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Related Matters."

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## BILLS

#### 1. **Consolidation of Bills:**

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 to Provide for Additional Conditions for Accessing of Fund for Capital Projects by Beneficiary Institutions to embark on their own Capital Projects instead of relying solely on the Fund for Capital Development; to Review some Provisions to give the National Assembly certain Powers under the Act; and for Related Matters (HBs. 967 and 1057) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen* and *Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu*); and
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 to Subject the Annual Budget of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) to Approval of the National Assembly; and for Related Matters (HB. 1324) (Hon. O. K. Chinda).
- A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical) Onna, Akwa Ibom State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB.1304) (Hon. Owoidighe Ekpoattai) – Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Gamawa to make comprehensive provisions for its due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB.1307) (*Hon. Mohammed Garba Gololo*) *Second Reading*.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria and the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria and Establish Federal University of Land and Air Transport, Zaria to Provide Training and Teaching Instructions in every Aspect of Education and Other Fields of Applied Learning relevant to the Needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students; and for Related Matters (HB. 1195) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) *Second Reading*.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Automotive Council Act, Cap. N8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all monies received by the Council into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended); and for Related Matters (HB. 1282) (Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi) Second Reading.

## MOTIONS

6. Need to Investigate the Loss of over N2 Billion and \$3.8 Million as a Result of Non-Payment of Interests by Banks from the Sale Proceeds of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Successor Companies: Hon. Chukwuka W. Onyema: The House:

Notes that the Electric Power Sector Reform Act of 2005 unbundled the Power HoldingNo. 124Tuesday, 6 March, 2018549

Company of Nigeria into a series of 18 successor Companies composed of six Generation Companies, and twelve Distribution Companies covering all the 36 States of the Federation and a National Power Transmission Company;

*Also notes* that following the divestiture of Federal Government from PHCN through privatization, the Company was divided into separate Companies known as the Local Electricity Distribution Companies;

Aware that the successor Companies made payment to the Federal Government through the following Banks: Standard Chartered Bank, Fidelity Bank, Stanbic IBTC, Access Bank, FCMB, Skye Bank, Sterling Bank, Zenith Bank and Unity Bank;

*Concerned that* the accrued interests due to the Federal Government to the tune of 2 Billion Naira and 3.8 Million US Dollars were alleged to have been diverted by those Banks in collaboration with officials of the Central Bank of Nigeria;

Cognizant that Section 88 (2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the House to conduct investigations for the purpose of exposing corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution or administration of laws within its legislative competence and in the disbursement or administration of funds appropriated by it;

#### Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Power, Banking and Currency and Privatization to investigate the matter and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

#### 7. Need to Address the Infrastructure and Other Challenges along the Abuja-Kaduna Railway Line: Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim:

The House:

*Notes* that on 27 July, 2016 the Federal Government commissioned the Abuja-Kaduna railway line to boost rail transportation and commercial activities between the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and Kaduna State and by extension the North West Geo-political Zone of the Country;

*Also notes* that the train undertakes four (4) trips daily from Abuja to Kaduna except on Sundays when it leaves Abuja by 12:30pm to Kaduna and then departs from Kaduna at 4pm and arrives Abuja at 6.20pm;

*Aware* that the train has a 360 passenger capacity and is fully air-conditioned with First and Second class coaches that have male and female rest rooms;

*Also aware* that the First Class Passengers pay N1,500 while the Second Class passengers pay N1,050 only, however the Air conditioning system in the Second class compartment does not function due to the adulterated diesel allegedly supplied by Contractors who are alleged to be cronies of the Management of the Nigeria Railway Corporation;

*Further aware* that the train has 9 stop over stations between Idu in FCT and Rigasa in Kaduna State but only three stations in Idu and Kubwa have security lights and the failure of the Corporation to maintain security lights in the other 6 Stations is capable of

endangering the lives of the passengers who will be disembarking at those stations at night;

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*Informed* that each of the sub-stations has only four (4) policemen on duty and who do not carry fire arms at the moment, while the staff are alleged to be in the habit of ticket racketeering at the stations;

*Concerned* that mobile telecommunication service is extremely poor along the rail route from Abuja-Kaduna, thus passengers can hardly make telephone calls or access internet facilities, thus in the event of breakdown on the way, urgent calls for help may only come through the use of the Trains communication facility;

*Also* concerned that the train is being maintained by a Chinese Engineering Firm that has allegedly deployed only two engineers for the purpose and there is no effort to train Nigerian engineers to learn to maintain the train and the two Chinese engineers are living at huge costs to the Federal Government without any plan for transfer of technology;

*Also* informed that the Corporation generates at least N1, 000, 000 per day on ticket sales only and operates throughout the week, yet its lower cadre staff are grossly under paid and have extremely poor welfare packages;

*Further* concerned that from Idu in Abuja to Rigasa in Kaduna, a distance of 187 km, the Train takes 2 hours 20 minutes to cover while in other African countries that are less endowed like Ethiopia and Morocco, their Trains cover 320 KM per hour which is far more efficient and faster than what obtains in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Inspector General of Police to deploy armed and adequate number of policemen to provide security at each of the 9 Stations between Abuja and Kaduna State;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Land Transport to interface with the Nigeria Railway Corporation with a view to addressing the challenges and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

## 8. Call to Investigate the Registration and Issuance of Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) to Under Aged Voters by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):

#### Hon. Johnbull Giemlong Shekarau:

The House:

*Notes* that Section 12 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 provides that a person shall be qualified to be registered as a voter if such a person has attained the age of eighteen years and the INEC is empowered to register and issue Permanent Voters' Cards to eligible Nigerians;

*Concerned* about reports from the social, print and electronic media which indicated that there were incidences of under aged voters who presented themselves at polling units with Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) to vote in the recently conducted Local Government Elections in Kano State;

Aware that the Director of Publicity and Voter Education at INEC, Oluwole Osaze Uzzi, while responding to questions on the Africa Independent Television (AIT) on the matter

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on 15/02/2018, said that the under aged voters were registered because the lives of the registration officers were being threatened;

*Also* aware that the incidence caused serious embarrassment to the nation and amounts to a threat to our growing democracy and a danger to the security of lives of officials posted to handle sensitive national issues such as registration of eligible voters;

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*Cognizant* that the incidence, if left unchecked, will have adverse effects on the peaceful conduct, credibility of future elections and the legitimacy of elected leaders;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters to investigate the incidence of registration and issuance of Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) to under aged voters by the INEC and report back within five (5) weeks for further legislative action.

#### 9. Call on the Federal Government to Establish a New Shipping Line and also Float a Viable National Carrier: Hon. Lawal Abubakar Garba:

The House:

*Notes* that the Nigerian National Shipping Line was founded in 1959 to enhance the import and export businesses and by 1979, Nigeria had a vibrant shipping line with over 19 ocean-going ships, a situation that provided jobs for over 200,000 Nigerians;

*Observes* that as at 1996 there was only one Vessel, NV Abuja which was purchased by the late Gen. Sani Abacha's Administration to bridge the gap in training and balance of payment and the needed forex as some vessels were arrested by clients while others were sold;

Also observes that NV Abuja which was once a pride of the nation was sold in 2005;

*Concerned* that freight related costs accrue on annual basis of over \$6 billion dollars by the Nigerian Imports and Exports to foreign Shipping Companies, a sum that could be ploughed back into the Nigerian economy if Nigeria had a vibrant Shipping Line;

*Also concerned* that a country like Nigeria with vast coastal stretch of over 800 nautical miles is presently without a National Carrier;

*Believes* that the establishment of a new National Fleet has the capacity to transform the life of an average citizen with improved economic fundamentals in economic diversification and profound impact on the economy;

*Also* believes that floating a new National Shipping Line will boost freight haulage, create jobs for the teeming unemployed Nigerians to work and practice their profession and have sea time experience;

*Convinced* that the establishment of a National Carrier will place Nigeria at an international trade advantage in terms of trade and carriage contracts of afreightment thus bringing several benefits such as the springing up of Insurance and Stevedoring Companies, Ship Management, Ship building, dry docking and ship financing;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to establish a new Shipping Line or in the alternative engage a Private Company on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) and provide an enabling environment for a smooth take off a new Shipping Line that may have a National Carrier Status.

#### 10. Need for the Central Bank of Nigeria and Other Commercial Banks to Recognize and Accept the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) National Identification Number (Nin) Slip as a Valid Means of Identification Hon. Ahmed Yerima.

The House:

*Notes* that the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) was established to manage the identity of Nigerian Citizens by Birth and Naturalization;

*Also* notes that in order to fulfill its mandate, the NIMC deploys the latest Biometric Data Capturing Technology;

*Concerned* that the Central Bank of Nigeria, being the key monetary policy regulator, in its effort to maintain order and transparency in Bank transactions, does not recognize or accept the NIN Slip of Customers;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the National Identification Number (NIN) is one means of identity as noted on the slip which is confidential and may only be released for legitimate transactions and also states clearly that the bearer will be notified when the National Identity Card is ready and stands in place of the permanent card until it is produced, and it takes a long time to be produced;

*Also* concerned that the Central Bank of Nigeria, as a statutory body, has refused to recognize the NIN slip as a means of Identification;

*Further* concerned that the Central Bank of Nigeria has also directed commercial Banks not to recognize the NIN slip which is a proof that the permanent Identification card is in process and this may cause NIN Slip holders waiting for their permanent Identification cards to experience untold hardships in their quest to carry out normal banking and other transactions;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to recognize the National Identification Number Slip issued by NIMC as a statutory document which can be used to carry out legitimate transactions;
- *(ii)* Mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to interact with the Central Bank of Nigeria and other stakeholders on the need to recognize and accept the NIN Slip as a means of Identification and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

## **CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

## 11. Committee on Public Petitions: Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

**Petition by Rayfield Associates on behalf of Global Spectrum Energy Services Limited:** 'That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Rayfield Associates on behalf of Global Spectrum Energy Services Limited against the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) on the Denial of Contract for Towage Services at the Calabar Port and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 20/2/2018*);

- *(i)* Urge the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to restore the contract entered into with Global Spectrum Energy Service Limited in respect of contract for Towage Service at Calabar Port, as the Contract in its entirety was valid and evidence of past performance of Global Spectrum Energy Services Limited;
- *(ii) that* the Nigerian Port Authority should take immediate steps to provide enabling environment to facilitate the commencement of operations at the designated Port of Calabar;
- *(iii) that* Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi or indeed any Transport Minister should not interfere or meddle with valid contracts, contrary to sound legal advice.

#### 12. Committee on Public Petitions: Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta: *Petition by Bello Ahmed and two others*:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Bello Ahmed and two others against the Nigeria Prisons Service on Appeal for Intervention and Urgent Redress and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid: 20/2/2018*);

That the petition be discountenanced for lack of merit.

## 13. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

#### Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

#### Petition by Vettal Mega Service Limited:

'That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Vettal Mega Service Limited against Opi/Oriental Energy/Shell over an unfair treatment and oppressive conduct meted to them and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid: 20/2/2018*);

Urge OPI International Nigeria Limited to pay Vettal Mega Service Limited the sum of \$11, 967, 102 (US Dollars).

#### 14. Committee on Public Petitions: Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta: *Petition by Mr. Ebi Tubotu:*

'That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr. Ebi Tubotu against the Nigeria Police Force and Airtel Nigeria Limited on Alleged Unwarranted Arrest, Torture, Humiliation and Unlawful Detention and Violation of his Fundamental Human Rights and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 20/2/2018*);

- *(i) Urge* the Nigeria Police Force to ensure that Officers who took part in this misrepresentation are brought to book to serve as deterrent to others;
- *(ii) that* the Nigeria Police Force be cautioned to always carry out thorough investigation before apprehending anybody;
- *(iii) that* the Nigeria Police Force should tender an apology in two National Dailies to restore the image of the well-known comedian and his family;

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- *(iv) that* since the Committee lacks the competence to award damages, the sum of N500, 000, 000 (Five Hundred Million Naira) being damages requested in the Petition cannot be awarded.

## 15. Committee on Public Petitions: *Petition by D. D. Okoroma and Sons*: Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by D. D. Okoroma and Sons against Total E & P Nigeria Limited over noncompliance with compensating Odiemenyi Community in Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State for Oil spill which occurred on 15 June, 2006 from its pipeline and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 27/7/2017):

Urge the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Total E&P Nigeria Ltd and D. D. Okoroma and Sons to meet and agree on the compensation to be paid to the petitioner's Community and report back within one month.

#### 16. Committee on Public Petitions: *Petition by Chinedu James Ujam*: Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Chinedu James Ujam against the Management of the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) on unlawful Termination of his Appointment and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 26/7/2017*).

- *(i)* urge the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) to reinstate Chinedu James Ujam;
- *(ii) pay* all his salaries from May, 2015 till date;
- *(iii) that* no compensation or damages should be paid to him as the House of Representatives cannot grant such because it is only a court of competent jurisdiction that can grant such compensation or damages.

<b>S</b> /N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 6 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Nigeria United States of America Relations(with Nigeria-USA Friendship Group/Inter- Parliamentary Relations and Other Relevant Committees)	Tuesday, 6 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 224 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate the Process that led to the Termination of Contract between Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) and Intel Nigeria Limited)	Tuesday, 6 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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4.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the activities of the Presidential Task Force on Pension Reforms from 2010 to its dissolution and any Successor Agency	Tuesday, 6 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex	
5.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Thursday, 22 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex	
6.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 22 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex	
7.	Nigeria-Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs(with National Hajj Commission (NAHCONM) and Other Relevant Committees)	Tuesday, 6 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex	
8.	Federal Character (with Bureau of Public Procurement, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital and Nigeria Local Content Development Board)	Tuesday, 6 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex	