

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

### ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 15 June, 2016

- 1. Prayers
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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 699) (Hon. Sulaimon LasunYussuff) First Reading.
- 2. Nigerian Ports Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 569) (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) First Reading.
- 3. Nigeria Institute of Chartered Foresters (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 594) (Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi) First Reading.
- 4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 696) (Hon. Solomon Adaelu) First Reading.
- 5. Free, Integrated Maternal and Child Healthcare Bill, 2016 (HB. 697) (Hon. Garba I. Mohammed) First Reading.
- Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 698) (Hon. Garba I. Mohammed) First Reading.
- 7. Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 700) (Senate) First Reading.
- 8. Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme Bill, 2016 (HB. 701) (Senate) First Reading.

- 9. National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 702) (Senate) First Reading.
- 10. Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 703) (Senate) First Reading.
- 11. National Fitness Day Bill, 2016 (HB. 704) (Hon. Douye Diri) First Reading.
- 12. Civil Society Commission of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 705) (Hon. Douye Diri) First Reading.
- Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 708) (Hon. Victor Nwokolo) First Reading.

#### 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 (*Adjourned debate*: 14/6/2016).

#### 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 Spain; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 444) (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila) Second Reading.
- 3. 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 Republic of South Korea; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 445) (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila) Second Reading.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Universities Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and Veterinary Specialist Hospital (Constitution of Boards, etc.); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 568) (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 545) (Hon. Toby Okechukwu) Second Reading.

#### **MOTIONS**

6. Urgent Need to Commence Generation of Electricity through Coal: Hon. Ahmed Abu:

The House:

Notes that Coal, mainly sub-bituminous steam Coals (except for the Lafia-Obi bituminous Cooking Coal) occurrences in Nigeria have been indicated in more than 22 Coalfields spread over 13 States of the Federation;

Also notes that the proven Coal reserves so far in Nigeria total about 639 million metric tons while the inferred reserves sum up to 2.75 billion metric tons, and presently, the Nigeria's Coal Industry has 4 existing mines, namely Okpara and Onyeama Underground Mines in Enugu State, Aba surface mine in Kogi State and Owukpa underground mine in Benue State, in addition to more than 13 undeveloped Coal fields;

Aware that Coal has many important uses, the most significant of which is in electricity generation as around 7.1 billion tons were used worldwide in 2010, for that purpose; and its share as the biggest single source of energy for electricity production is growing;

Concerned that there has been an un-ending fall in electricity generation which worsened on Thursday, 24 March, 2016 when there occurred a total system collapse at exactly 1pm, when the nation went to ground zero, with all the Distribution Companies (DISCOs) receiving zero MW allocation from the System Operator;

Also concerned that this never-ending fall in electricity generation has been attributed to vandalism of gas pipelines and the on-going difficulty in the downstream oil industry is also impacting negatively on the power sector which is strategic for increasing the competitiveness of the Nigerian economy;

Observes that greater investments of resources in the power sector would ultimately result in improvement of the economy and therefore well-being of the nation;

Cognizant that considering the prevailing situation, power sector initiative cannot be done with the desired big bang without the Federal Government providing leadership in a sustainable way;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to put all necessary machineries in motion that will lead to generation of electricity through coal in all the States where there is proven and inferred coal reserves; and
- (ii) also urge it to create conducive environment to attract private sector investments in the coal sector, including the issuance of Sovereign Guarantee to foreign investors.

# 7. Call for Investigation of Alleged Irregularities Surrounding the Centenary City Project: Hon. Timothy Golu:

#### The House:

Notes that the Federal Government had recently conceptualized and undertaken a centenary city development project which was allegedly piloted by the Office of the then Secretary to the Government of the Federation;

Concerned that the centenary city project was marred with irregularities which may have cost the Federal Government and Federal Capital Development Administration Billions of Naira of revenues and loss of thousands of hectares of land;

#### Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to undertake an investigation to determine whether the centenary city project was carried out in accordance with the extant laws, rules and in the best interest of Nigeria, and report back to the House within one month for further legislative action.

Need for an Improved Funding for the Amnesty Programme and a Suitable Strategic Plan to 8. End Militancy in the Niger Delta:

Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi

Hon. Orji Rita

Hon. Lam-Adesina Adedapo

Hon. M. Tahir Monguno

Hon. Hon. Mohammed G. Boyi

Hon. Ahmed Abu

Hon. Lawal Anka Hassan

Hon. Nnam-Obi G. Uchechuku

Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung

Hon. Solomon Adaelu Ezinwa O.

Hon. Nasiru Ali Ahmed

Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki

Hon. Kabiru Shaaibu

Hon. Bashir Isah Salihu

Hon. Ahwinahwi Solomon

Hon. Nwawuba Henry N.

Hon. Ahman-Pategi Bahago Hon. Ahmed Bichi:

Hon. Eta Mbora

Hon. Nwulu T.Chinedu

Hon. Michael A. Omogbehin Hon. Ayuba M. Bello

Hon. Sulaiman Aliyu Romo

Hon. Hassan A. Shekarau

Hon. Abdullahi Hassan Suru

Hon. Sodaguno A. F. Omoni Hon. Emmanuel Ukoette

Hon. Tarkighir D. Dominic

Hon. Eucharia Azodo

#### The House:

Notes that the incidents of militancy in the Niger Delta between 2006 and 2009 cut Nigeria's oil production by more than a quarter to around 1.6 mbd;

Also notes that as a result of the militancy, the late President UmaruYar'Adua introduced the Amnesty Programme in 2009 where about 30,000 militants who had sabotaged oil facilities for years laid down their arms and embraced the amnesty programme;

Aware that the peace achieved as a result of the 2009 Amnesty Programme brought about a rebound in oil output from around 1.6 mbd to about 2.8 mbd, resulting in higher oil revenues for Nigeria;

Worried that the ₹20,000,000,000.00 proposed by the Federal Government for the Presidential Amnesty Office in 2016 budget is lower than the \$\frac{14}{155},824,488,493.27 proposed by the Presidential Amnesty Office and the amount is grossly inadequate to sustain the payment of stipends to 25,000 ex-agitators, pay in-training allowances, tuition fees and other commitments;

Also worried that this massive cut from the proposed \$\frac{14}{155},824,488,493,27 of the Amnesty Office has threatened the sustainability of the amnesty programme and this has led to a resurgence of militancy as the militants are being owed arrears of stipends which has in turn led to slump in oil production which fell to 1.76 mbd in February, 1.68 mbd in March and 1.62 in April, according to the International Energy Agency;

Concerned that an explosion caused by acts of militancy forced Chevron Corporation to close a near-shore valve platform that had been handling 35,000 b/d of crude;

Also concerned that Shell Petroleum Development Corporation declared a force majeure on exports of Bonny Light crude after the Nembe Creek Trunk line was damaged by militants and the closure affected 75,000-78,000 b/d of crude;

Disturbed that acts of militancy in February led to a marine pipeline cut flow through the important Forcados Crude Oil Terminal by as much as 250,000 b/d;

Also disturbed that on 22 May, 2016, militants bombed the Tebidaba to Brass pipeline belonging to the Nigerian Agip Oil Company at Ikienghenbiri community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State for the second time in one week;

Observes that the attacks, which have also targeted gas infrastructure in the region, have also impacted negatively on electricity output in the form of thermal power stations that are reliant on gas to power their turbines;

Also observes that the incessant attacks on oil facilities has led to Nigeria losing its place as Africa's largest oil producer because its oil output has fallen to a 22-year low of 1.4 million barrels per day against the budgetary target of 2.2mbpd, and by 1 June, 2016, it was about 990,000 barrel per day;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to formulate a sustainable plan to end militancy in the Niger Delta rather than the confrontational approaches so far adopted; and
- (ii) also urge the leadership of the House to interface with the Federal Government with a view to assisting in securing the additional \frac{14}{15},824,488,493.27 shortfall for the Amnesty Office.

#### CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

#### 9. Committee on Public Petitions:

(a) Report on the Petition by Iduemre Ochuko:

#### Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Iduemre Ochuko against the University of Benin on alleged wrongful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 13/4/2016):

Urge the Management of the University of Benin to review the withdrawal of appointment of Mr Iduemre Ochuko, with a view to re-instating and paying him all accrued benefits dated back to the date of the withdrawal of his appointment.

(b) Report on the Petition by Women Arise for Change Initiative on behalf of the family of Mr Godwin Udoh:

#### Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Women Arise for Change Initiative on behalf of the family of Mr Godwin Udoh against the Nigerian Police Force and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 24/5/2016):

- (i) That reasonable monetary compensation be paid to the family of the deceased;
- (ii) that the police and the Federal Government should ensure the grant of scholarship to three (3) of the deceased children up to University level; and
- (iii) urge that full payment of the medical bill of Mr Godwin Udoh should be made.

## (c) Report on the Petition by Retired Police Officers of Nigeria: Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Retired Police Officers against the National Pension Commission and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 24/5/2016):

- (i) Urge the Retired Police Officers to forward all relevant documents on the matter to (PENCOM) for verification and possible rectification of the said underpayments of their 50% lump sum retirement benefits, if any;
- (ii) urge the House to discountenance the Petitioners request to migrate from the present Contributory Pension Scheme to the Old Scheme as it is not sustainable since it entails the amendment of the Enabling Act.

### (d) Report on the Petition by Asimiyu Sikiru:

#### Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Asimiyu Sikiru against the Nigeria Police Force seeking reinstatement into the Service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 24/5/2016):

- (i) Urge the House to advise the petitioner to apply to the Police Service Commission to process his retirement benefits;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to conduct an investigation into the activities of the Nigeria Police Force, especially on the allegation of the Petitioner that years after retirement, his name still appeared on the promotion list.

# (e) Report on the Petition by Mrs Juliet Obiageli Jim Nwachukwu: Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mrs Juliet Obiageli Jim Nwachukwu against Zenith Bank PLC on alleged indefinite suspension from duty without pay since September 2006 and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 24/5/2016):

Urge the House to disregard the petition as it is subjudice and in the opinion of the Committee the outcome may be prejudicial with that of the court.

## (f) Report on the Petition by Mr Mathew Mohammed:

#### Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Mathew Mohammed against the Federal Road Safety Commission on alleged wrongful dismissal from service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 24/5/2016):

- (i) Urge the Management of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to recall Mr Matthew Mohammed to the job; and
- (ii) promote him to the current level his mates are on without payment of arrears of salaries and allowances.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS Venue Time Date Committee Committee Room 06 Wednesday, 15 June, 2016 3.00 p.m. Rules and Business (White House) Assembly Complex 3.00 p.m. Committee Room 4.11 Inter-Committee Investigative Wednesday, 15 June, 2016 New Building (House) Panel into Border Clashes Assembly Complex between Nigeria and Niger Republic at Jabi Town, Jigawa State Committee Room 327 3.00 p.m. Wednesday, 15 June, 2016 Internally Displaced Persons, 3. New Building (House) Refugees and Initiatives on the Assembly Complex North East Zone Committee Room 455 3.00 p.m. Wednesday, 15 June, 2016 Insurance and Actuarial 4. New Building (House) Matters Assembly Complex

No. 3		Wednesday, 15 June, 2016		15
5.	Pensions (with PTAD)	Wednesday, 15 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 312 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Ad-hoc Committee on the Huge Debts and Alleged Fraudulent Sale of Banks by Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)	Wednesday, 15 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Federal Character (with	Wednesday, 15 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247

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