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Wednesday, 18 May, 2016

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PRESENTATION OF BILL

Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 531) (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh*) — *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. ***Ad-hoc* Committee on Deregulation of Petroleum Downstream Sector**
Hon. Alhassan Ado Doguwa:
"That the House do receive the Interim Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Deregulation of Petroleum Downstream Sector" (*Referred*: 16/5/2016).

2. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory**
Hon. Herman Hembe:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Breach of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015" (**HR. 134/2016**) (*Referred*: 20/4/2016).

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Lottery Act, 2005 to make Consequential Provisions for effective Operation of Lottery in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 478) — *Third Reading*.

2. A Bill for an Act to Provide that 40% of Nigeria's Annual Budget should be Earmarked for Capital Projects in the next Ten (10) Years; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 433) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) — *Second Reading*.

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 Compulsory Registration of all Foreign Employers of Labour in Nigeria with a view to further protecting the interests of Nigerian workers; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 434) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Programme on Immunization Act, 1997 and Transfer the functions of the National Programme on Immunization to the National Primary Health Care Development Agency; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 14) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Railway Loan (International Bank) Act, Cap. R2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 300) (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for a change of Name of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi to J. S. Tarka University of Agriculture, Makurdi; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 528) (*Hon. John Dyegh*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Wages Board and Industrial Councils Act, Cap. W1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated under the Act; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 282) (*Hon. Peter Ohiozojeh Akpatason*) — *Second Reading*.

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8. **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 Communications and his entourage, for the purpose of Sectoral Debate of the House of Representatives".

9. **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:

Hon. Minister of Communications	—	1.00 p.m.

MOTIONS

10. Urgent Need for Reconstruction of Apapa - Mile 2 - Oshodi Expressway to Ease the Gridlock on the Road:
Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru:

The House:

Notes the incessant gridlock on Apapa - Mile 2 - Oshodi Expressway, Lagos caused by failed portions of the Road, potholes, heavy vehicular traffic, tank farms and indiscipline of drivers;

Also notes that the expressway was built about four decades ago to serve as a link road to Mile 2, Badagry, and the Lagos - Ibadan Expressways;

Aware that the Apapa-Mile 2 - Oshodi expressway connects the two major seaports in Lagos namely, Tin Can Island Port and Apapa Wharf Port and also links the ever busy Murtala Mohammed International Airport;

Concerned that the gridlock has also made road users vulnerable to all manners of dangers as hoodlums are exploiting it to rob motorists of their valuables;

Also concerned that goods at the seaports incur heavy demurrage as evacuation in good time is often impeded by the gridlock, which also causes loss of man hours daily, thus making business on the corridor tiresome and cumbersome;

Further concerned that despite the billions of Naira worth of revenue that the seaports, which the road links, generate into the coffers of the Federal Government, nothing has been done to address the gridlock;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, determine the causes of the gridlock with a view to eliminating them; and

(*ii*) call on the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the failed portions of the road in order to ease the sufferings of road users.

11. Calling the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to Complete all its Abandoned Projects in Edo State:
Hon. Patrick Aisowieren:

The House:

Notes that the Niger Delta Development Commission is an infrastructural and human capital development intervention agency for speedy development of the oil and gas producing States in the Niger Delta region;

Also notes that in a bid to actualize one of its core responsibilities of ameliorating the infrastructural deficit in Edo State, it embarked on projects aimed at improving the lots of the people;

Concerned about the abandonment of the projects that would have impacted meaningfully on the people, including the Urhehue-Orogho, Ugo community township and Obozogbe-Iguododo-Abudu road projects, water schemes at Orhua, Oghada and Evbogun villages, Erosion control projects at Ugonoba, Electrification projects at Ewaen, Evbowe and Igue-Ezomo communities, among others;

Also concerned that the non-completion of those projects has resulted in huge waste of limited resources and ultimately, deprived the people the enjoyment of their natural resources through government intervention;

Further concerned that all efforts by the affected communities to interface with the contractors or the NDDC on the need to ensure the completion of those projects have proved futile,

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on NDDC to, as a matter of urgency, include those projects in the 2016 NDDC Budget to ensure their completion.

12. **Need for Regulatory Authorities to Conduct Routine Checks on the State of Aircrafts Operating in the Nigerian Airspace and make Public the Reports:**
Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House:.

Notes that air transportation has been globally acclaimed as the best means of transportation given its inherent ability to convey passengers over long distances, fastly, safely and comfortably;

Also notes that notwithstanding its touted advantages over other means of transportation, the occurrence of an air crash and its fatal outcome has made it imperative for countries around the world to establish regulatory agencies to regulate the activities of airline operators with a view to ensuring convenient and safe flying;

Aware that the authorities responsible for regulating the activities of airline operators in Nigeria are the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the Nigerian Airspace Management Authority (NAMA) and the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN);

Also aware that notwithstanding the establishment of these regulatory agencies and the range of functions they are mandated to carry out, the frequency of air crashes in Nigeria calls to question the expertise and competence of these agencies;

Further aware that extant Laws such as the Montreal Convention, 1999, the Nigerian Civil Aviation Act, 2006 and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulation, 2012 make ample provisions to compensate victims of air crashes for loss of lives and injuries, but such provisions are incapable of replacing the lost lives;

Convinced that if a thorough investigation of the activities of airline operators are carried out with a view to ascertaining the airworthiness of aircrafts operating in the country, it will help in no small measure to minimize the frequency of air crashes in Nigeria and also significantly improve the ratings of the Nigerian Aviation sector globally;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to investigate the activities of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the Nigerian Airspace Management Authority (NAMA) and the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) with a view to ascertaining the extent to which they comply with their responsibilities of ensuring the airworthiness of aircrafts operating within the nation's airspace; and

(*ii*) urge the Nigerian Airspace Management Authority (NAMA) to ensure regular update of the weather conditions for the departure of an aircraft and ensure that airline operators do not schedule flights for periods where air transportation is unsafe.

13. Call for Suspension of the Plan to Introduce Stun Guns to replace Fire Arms:
Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji:

The House:

Notes that the Inspector-General of Police (IGP), recently announced that the Nigeria Police Force will soon replace firearms with stun guns as part of measures to reduce casualties resulting from misuse of firearms by police personnel;

Also notes the current high rate of robberies, kidnapings, abductions and general insecurity of lives and properties in Nigeria which need strong, concerted and unrelenting efforts of well equipped Police Force to combat;

Aware that stun guns, being an electroshock weapon or an incapacitating weapon that momentarily disables with an electric shock, will reduce incidents of extra-judicial and accidental killings by policemen in the course of carrying out their official duties;

Concerned that many of the incidents of extra-judicial killings in which the police have been implicated had to do with demands for bribes and refusal of the victims to comply, besides, many of the police personnel involved in those incidents allegedly acted under the influence of alcohol and narcotic which largely impaired their sense of judgment;

Also concerned that the replacement of firearms with stun guns will expose the officers and the citizenry to dangers in the hands of hoodlums who possess more powerful weapons;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to suspend the introduction of Stun guns till such a time when the state of insecurity in the country would have abated reasonably;

(*ii*) also urge the Nigeria Police Force to regularly train and retrain their personnel on the proper use of firearms and how to relate with the civil populace; and

(*iii*) further urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to ensure that strict disciplinary actions are meted out to officers found drunk on duty.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Judicial Institute Act, Cap. N 55, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria; 2004 to specify the tenure of office of the Administrator; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 302) (*Committee of the Whole*: 26/4/2016).

15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Film and Video Censors Board Act, Cap. N40, LFN, 2004 to reduce the Membership of the Governing Board and Empower the Board to Regulate the Import and Export of Movies; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 224) (*Committee of the Whole*: 5/5/2016).

16. Committee on Public Petitions:

(*a*) ***Report on the Petition by Mrs Elizabeth Awan*:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Elizabeth Awan against Diamond Bank PLC on the termination of her appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 9/3/2016):

Urge the Bank to pay the Petitioner the sum of ₦4,674,218. 95 (Four Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira and Ninety Five Kobo) only being her retirement entitlements.

(*b*) ***Report on the Petition by Mr Tajudeen Anthony Alade*:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Tajudeen Anthony Alade against the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) on alleged discrimination in the promotion interview conducted by the Corporation to fill the vacant post of a Deputy Director and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 9/3/2016):

Urge the House to discountenance the petition for lack of merit.

(*c*) ***Report on the Petition by Owanemi Theophilus*:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Owanemi Theophilus against the Nigerian AGIP Oil Company (NAOC) over alleged negligence which resulted in the death of Fourteen (14) people and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 9/3/2016):

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) to pay a compensation of ₦10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Naira) only to the respondent;

(*ii*) Request for respondent to ensure that such compensation is paid into an account belonging to the wife of the deceased;

(*iii*) Commend the respondent for her effort to ameliorate the pains of the victims of the incident, while also advising it to be more diligent in carrying out similar repairs in her facilities.

(*d*) ***Petition by Aggrieved Staff of Nigerian Export Promotion Council*:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aggrieved Staff of Nigerian Export Promotion Council against the Management of the Council and approve the recommendations therein"(*Laid*: 12/4/2016):

Urge the Nigerian Export Promotion Council to:

(*i*) Reflect Federal Character Principles in the exercise;

(*ii*) Promote all officers due for promotion; and

(*iii*) Ensure that no officer is punished or victimized for his role in writing the petition.

(*e*) ***Petition by Sani Abakura*:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Sani Abakura against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) on alleged unlawful disengagement from service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 13/4/2016):

(*i*) Ignore the plea of the petitioner, Sani Abakura for reinstatement and uphold the termination of his appointment in the interest of the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC);

(*ii*) The respondent, Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) should pay the petitioner his full outstanding salaries, other allowances plus his gratuity, if any;

(*iii*) Considering the seriousness of the allegations against the respondent that bother on impropriety, financial and otherwise as they concern communications and public relations, environment and community relations (payment of compensation) and expediting and logistics department, the Committee on Public Petitions is still investigating the matter and will make its report available to the House in due course.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 18 May, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Wednesday, 18 May, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	FOI (Reform of Government Institutions)	Wednesday, 18 May, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Human Rights	Wednesday, 18 May, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 18 May, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Federal Character (*with Nigeria Nuclear Regulatory Authority*)	Wednesday, 18 May, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Electoral and Political Party Matters	Wednesday, 18 May, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex