



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 22 March, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 967) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) — *First Reading*.
2. Maritime Security Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 968) (*Hon. Ntufam Eta Mbora*) — *First Reading*.
3. Companies and Allied Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 969) (*Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub*) — *First Reading*.
4. National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 970) (*Hon. Akeem A. Adeyemi*) — *First Reading*.
5. National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 971) (*Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul-Kabir*) — *First Reading*.
6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2017 (HB. 972) (*Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul-Kabir*) — *First Reading*.
7. Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 973) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) — *First Reading*.

8. FCT Metropolitan Management Council (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 974) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta and Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *First Reading*.
 9. FCT Area Council Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 975) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta and Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *First Reading*.
 10. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2017 (HB. 976) (*Hon. Tony Nwoye*) — *First Reading*.
 11. Environmental Impact Assessment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 977) (*Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *First Reading*.
 12. Deep Offshore and Inland Basing Production Sharing Contract Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 978) (*Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *First Reading*.
 13. Society of Nigeria Broadcasting Practitioners Council Bill, 2017 (HB. 979) (*Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *First Reading*.
 14. Standards Organization of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 980) (*Hon. Emmanuel Akpan*) — *First Reading*.
 15. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2017 (HB. 981) (*Hon. O. K. Chinda*) — *First Reading*.
 16. Medical Residency Training Bill, 2017 (HB. 982) (*Hon. Betty Apiafi*) — *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:

Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Request for a Resolution of the National Assembly for the Issuance of USD 500 Million Euro Bond in the International Capital Market for the Funding of 2016 Budget Deficit” (*Referred: 22/2/2017*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science, Jos and to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Degrees, Fellowships, Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Science, Biomedical Science, Other Related Courses and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 39) — *Third Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysts in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 98) — *Third Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 866) (*Senate*) (*House Leader*) — *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Taxes and Levies (Approved List for Collection) Act, Cap. T2, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 438) (*Hon. Zakariyaú Galadima*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Facilities Management charged with the Responsibility of Advancing Professionalism in the Study and Practice of Facilities Management, as well as Registration, Regulation, to set Standards, to Inspect Facilities, Discipline of the Members, to Regulate and Control the Practice of Facilities Profession and for Other Related Matters (HB. 598) (*Hon. Austin Chukwukere I.*) — *Second Reading.*
 6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Civil Societies Regulatory Commission to strengthen their Capacities, Promote Democracy and Development in the Country and for Other Related Matters (HB. 579) (*Hon. Fredrick Y. Agbedi*) — *Second Reading.*
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MOTIONS

7. **Call for Reconstruction of Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Federal High Way:**
Hon. Ali Isa J. C.:

The House:

Notes that Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Federal Highway is the only major road linking the three States of Bauchi, Gombe and Adamawa in the Northeast and is therefore an economic lifeline that boosts trade and other economic activities among the people of the northeast, and the country in general;

Aware that owing to the high volume of trade and economic activities among the people of the Northeast zone, the road is always busy with much traffic plying it and because no maintenance has been carried out on the Road for a very long time, it has deteriorated with large potholes and washed off shoulders;

Concerned that the deteriorated nature of the road has affected the movement of goods and trade within the zone and resulted in an increase in accidents, leading to death, injuries and damages to vehicles;

Also concerned that insurgents and armed robbers are taking advantage of the deplorable condition of the road to attack travelers and dispossess them of their goods and money;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence remedial works on the Road to alleviate the sufferings of the people pending when the re- construction works shall begin;
- ‡(ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to include the reconstruction and dualization of the Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Road in the 2017 Budget; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

8. **Urgent Need to Revive the Primary Health Care Centres in the Rural Communities:**
Hon. Joseph Edionwele:

The House:

Notes the poor state of primary health care delivery services in the country, particularly in the rural communities;

Mindful that primary health care is not new to the country, as it dates back to the colonial times when functional dispensaries and maternity homes were established in every district/council for primary health care delivery needs of the people;

Also notes that the Federal Government deployed enormous resources through the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency and intervention Funds in building Primary Health Centres across the rural communities in the Country;

Aware of the deteriorating health condition of the citizenry as noted in recent reports by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other multilateral agencies in terms of increasing child/maternal mortality rate, resurgence of child killer diseases and drop in average life expectancy for the nation that call for urgent action;

Concerned that many of the numerous health care centres built all over the country have not been equipped or provided with staff, thus making them non-functional and of no benefits to the citizenry as they have remained abandoned and dilapidated;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to direct the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency to evolve a mechanism to take an inventory of the primary healthcare centres in the country to ascertain their status and needs with a view to making them functional; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Health Institutions to ensure implementation and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**9. Call to Investigate the Abandonment of the Dredging and Establishment of Land Ports at Idah and Jamata in Kogi State by Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited:
Hon. Benjamin Ikani Okolo:**

The House:

Aware that the project to dredge the lower River Niger was one of the most important strategic actions initiated by the Administration of the Late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua;

Also aware that the project, which stretches through 572 kms, will affect 152 communities on the bank of River Niger in Edo, Anambra, Imo, Bayelsa, Delta, Kogi, Niger and Rivers States;

Further aware of the proposal to establish, as part of the project, seven (7) inland ports at Agenebode in Edo State, Yenegoa in Bayelsa State, Baro in Niger State, Lokoja and Idah in Kogi State, Aguata in Anambra State and Ogbabe in Abia State as well as the rehabilitation and expansion of the Onitsha River Port and establishment of a River training institute;

Concerned that despite the contractual agreements for both capital and maintenance for the dredging of the 118 km from Onitsha to Idah and establishment of land port at Idah awarded to Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited at the cost of ₦10,399,867,317.00, works on the said project never took off up to this day;

Cognizant that the dredging of 108km from Idah to Jamata which was awarded to Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited at the cost of ₦13,806,242,793.00 took off skeletally and was said to have reached 62 percent completion as at 2014 but was later abandoned;

Also concerned that economic activities that could have been revitalized by reason of these dredging activities have remained comatose and the people, who engage in these activities, are seriously groaning in frustration;

Further concerned that the safe and alternative means of transporting goods and services through the river from one part of the country to another and cargoes coming into and departing Nigeria through the seaports, which the dredging activities were meant to guarantee are yet to see the light of the day;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbour and Waterways to investigate the abandonment of the contract for the dredging and establishment of landports at Idah and Jamata in Kogi State by Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**10. Need to Intervene in the On-Going Strike by the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals:
Hon. Yusuf Tajudeen:**

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals, the umbrella body of Pharmacists, Medical Laboratory Scientists, Physiotherapists, Optometrists, Clinical Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Radiographers/Imaging Scientists, Medical Social Workers, Health Record Managers and other allied medical practitioners has been on an indefinite strike since 27 February, 2017;

Also notes that the Union embarked on the industrial action following the Federal Government's non-implementation of some mutually agreed terms, as well as flagrant abuse of certain court rulings;

Aware that the demands of the Union, which include revamping infrastructure in the health institutions, implementation of the National Health Act, professional autonomy for members, improved services in tertiary hospitals, payment of outstanding arrears and other welfare issues are challenges that are bedeviling the health sector in Nigeria;

Concerned that as a patriotic group, the Union had previously made concerted efforts through correspondence and visitation to relevant MDAs to find viable and pragmatic initiatives to address these issues but yielded no positive results;

Also concerned that between 2013 and 2015, following warning strikes and subsequent intervention of the Nigerian Labour Congress and other relevant stakeholders in the Health Sector, the Federal Government signed an agreement with the Union, few aspect of which were implemented by the past administration;

Worried that the continued industrial action by the Union whose members carry out professional duties that are very critical to the health sector and germane to the medical needs of Nigerians, poses serious threat to the well-being of the citizenry;

Also worried that as a result of the indefinite strike, coupled with the prevailing economic recession in the country, many Nigerians who go to public health institutions are unable to access prompt and appropriate medical services provided by the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Health Institutions to carry out detailed investigations on the issues that resulted in the lingering strike with a view to ending the strike and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**11. Need to Protect Nigerians from the Harmful Effects of Fanta and Sprite Beverages Produced by the Nigerian Bottling Company:
Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye:**

The House:

Recalls recent publications on two of the products of the Nigerian Bottling Company Limited (Coca-Cola Company), which could cause severe and/or terminal harm on unsuspecting members of the public;

Notes that Sprite and Fanta, which are products of the Coca-Cola Company, are said to contain unhealthy concentrations of Benzoic Acid and Sunset Yellow additives, which become poisonous when combined with Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C);

Cognizant that the drinks, which were produced in Nigeria, were tested by the United Kingdom Health authorities (Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council's Trading Standard Department of Environment and Economy Directorate) and were discovered to be harmful for human consumption;

Aware that the Coca-Cola Company has now been ordered to inscribe a warning on Coke, Fanta and Sprite bottles stating that the drinks must not be taken with Vitamin C;

Also aware that the Company's response to this revelation is that they never intended for the drinks to be taken outside the country, which, in other words, means that they were produced for consumption in Nigeria only;

Concerned that the intake of Vitamin C among citizens is very high, thereby making Nigerians highly prone to the destructive effect of combining it with these deadly Coca-Cola Products;

Worried that the consumption of Sprite and Fanta, which have high concentrations of Benzoic Acid and Sunset Yellow additives, with Vitamin C could result in cancer and other diseases;

Determined to ensure an environment that produces consumables and products which are healthy for consumption and satisfy international health standards and best practices;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the production and distribution of the drinks by the Nigerian Bottling Company Limited (Coca-Cola Company).

12. Need to Curb the Security Challenges of Sea Piracy on Bonny Waterways:

Hon. Randolph Iwo Oruene Brown

Hon. Boma Goodhead

Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechuku

Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek.D.:

The House:

Notes that Bonny Island in Rivers state is one of the hubs of the country's economy and has been facing serious security challenges of attacks by sea pirates on its water ways;

Also notes that at a minimum interval of twice a week, pirates attack boats conveying passengers and goods on the sea, robbing, maiming and sometimes raping, even pregnant and elderly women or kidnaping persons for payment of ransom and sometimes killing their victims;

Concerned that security operatives on the Island are concentrating their efforts in protecting only Federal Government investments as well as the expatriates and senior staff of such institutions housing the said investments, leaving the general populace, whose once peaceful existence has now been disrupted, at the mercy of those hoodlums;

Also concerned that most of the commercial boats plying the sea cannot outrun the newer boats used by the sea pirates as most of those commercial boats are either in a deplorable state or very old;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to deploy gun boats and more security personnel on a permanent basis on the Bonny sea and other waterways in the country;

- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), the Marine Police, the Nigerian Navy and other security agencies to rise up to the occasion and curb these incessant attacks on travelers on the Bonny sea;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration to liaise with NIMASA to cause a review of the sea worthiness of boats that ferry passengers and goods across the Bonny Sea and other waterways across Nigeria with a view to issuing certificates/licenses of sea worthiness before the boats could operate on the waterways.

**13. Call on the Federal Government to Drop the 20% Tariff Imposed on Imported Medicines:
Hon. Obinna Kingsley Onwubuariri:**

The House:

Notes that the Minister of Finance, Mrs Kemi Adeosun has communicated the approval of the President of an Import Adjustment Tax list wherein 20% tax was imposed on medicines such as paracetamol tablets and syrup, chloroquine tablets and syrup, imported into the country;

Aware that until this Import Adjustment List, Nigeria had a 0% duty on imported drugs as a result of the recommendation of an ECOWAS Committee on Health that member states impose zero percent (0%) duty on imported drugs, given that the healthcare needs of the region cannot be adequately addressed by local manufacturing;

Concerned that the situation that necessitated the ECOWAS recommendation prior to 2013 has not abated, instead it has exacerbated;

Also concerned that the reintroduction of duty and imposition of a whopping 20% tax on imported medicines will aggravate the already deplorable condition of the nation's healthcare delivery system and could lead to high death rates;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to delist medicines from the list of items that will attract imposition of duties until such a time that local manufacturing would have reasonably guaranteed not only the quality but the quantum of medicines to be administered in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure implementation and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 14. A Bill For an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management for the Promotion, Study and Practice of Properly Managing the Treasury as a Safeguard against Fraud, Outright Embezzlement, Emasculation, Misappropriation/Misapplication of Resources Placed in the Custody of Fund Managers and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 100) (*Committee of the Whole: 15/1/2016*).
- 15. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 221) (*Committee of the Whole: 27/9/2016*).

16. Committee on Justice:

Hon. RazakAtunwa:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011 to, Among Other Things, Change the Name of the Institute from National Institute for Legislative Studies to National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies in Order to Empower the Institute to Provide Training and Research Services in Legislative and Democratic Studies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 827) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 26/1/2017*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 22 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Automobile Industry Non- Access to FOREX from CBN (<i>with MD, Bank of Industry</i>)	Wednesday, 22 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Commercialization and Privatization	Wednesday, 22 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Justice	Wednesday, 22 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Telecommunications	Wednesday, 22 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday, 22 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Pensions	Wednesday, 22 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 312 New Building (House) Assembly Complex