

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 24 May, 2017

- 1. Prayers
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Tax Incentive Management and Transparency Bill, 2017 (HB. 1040) (Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe)

 First Reading.
- 2. Education Tax Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1041) (Hon. Odeneye Kehinde O.) First Reading.
- 3. Federal College of Education, Lissam (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1042) (Hon. Shawulu Rimamnde K.) First Reading.
- 4. National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1043) (Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim) First Reading.
- 5. Federal Roads Authority (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1044) (Hon. Gideon Gwani) First Reading.
- 6. Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1045) (Hon. Ehiozuwa Agbonayinma) First Reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Framework for Credit Reporting, Licensing and Regulation of Credit Bureau and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1033) (Senate) (House Leader) Second Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Execution of Federal Government Projects by State Governments, Provide for Procedures to undertake such Projects, Financing, Supervision/Monitoring Refund/Reimbursement of Money spent Thereto and for Other Related Matters (HB. 548) (Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Football Association Act, Cap. N110, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigeria Football Federation Act to Provide for the Administration of the Game of Football in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 587) (Hon. Edward Pwajok) Second Reading.
- A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Distribution and Payment to State Governments of some Taxes and Duties Collected by the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) or Other Authorities of the Federal Government and for Other Related Matters (HB. 466) (Hon. Hazeez Babajide Akinloye) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

5. Call to Enforce the Use of Pedestrian Bridges: Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oghuma:

The House:

Notes that pedestrian bridges have been constructed across highways in the FCT and other parts of Nigeria to avoid people crossing the very busy highways;

Also notes that the advantages of these bridges as safety measures for pedestrians can never be over emphasized due to the inherent danger in crossing the highways directly;

Concerned that pedestrians still prefer to cross the highways directly rather than using the pedestrian bridges, thereby endangering their lives as there is little or no enforcement mechanism to compel pedestrians to use the bridges and if drastic measures are not taken to enforce adherence to the use of pedestrian bridges, the trend will likely continue and more lives will be lost through pedestrians being knocked down by speeding vehicles;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge on the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to protect the areas around pedestrian bridges by creating very strong and concealed barricades to stop pedestrians from crossing the highways directly, provide street lights on the bridges to encourage usage in the early mornings and nights and also provide shades on the bridges to safe guard pedestrians from the sun and rains;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and the Commandant General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to, as a matter of urgency, deploy security personnel at various points on the highways where pedestrian bridges are located to enforce their use and to also provide security on the bridges;
- (iii) call on the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to conduct awareness campaigns using jingles on the media to educate the populace on the need to use pedestrian Bridges; and

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and Interior to ensure implementation.
- 6. Need to Investigate the State of Public Water System in Nigeria and Regulate the Digging of Boreholes:

Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum:

The House:

Notes that the public water system in almost all the states of the Federation are either non-existent, inadequate, archaic or are no longer functional;

Notes that even in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja which is the most planned city in Nigeria, most estates, especially the private estates, do not have access to the public water system:

Aware that estate developers, including government agencies, are required to make provisions for efficient and healthy water system, but this is usually not the case and in trying to meet their water needs, residents have resorted to digging boreholes, most times without approvals or environmental impact assessment being undertaken;

Aware that this uncontrolled and unplanned digging of boreholes may have potentials of creating major environmental crisis in the future and the water obtained from the boreholes are usually not tested and certified for human consumption, thereby exposing unwary citizens to health hazards;

Cognizant of the fact that it has been demonstrated scientifically that water related ailments account for over 50% of all ailments afflicting the world;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to publish and enforce existing policies and regulations on the digging of boreholes in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on FCT, Housing, and Environment and Habitat to investigate the non-provision of water by estate developers in Abuja and recommend measures to ensure that all Estates have access to the public water system and or create estate water systems to reduce the indiscriminate digging of boreholes in the FCT;
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Water Resources, and Climate Change to investigate the existing regulations on the digging of boreholes and recommend appropriate policies and programmes to meet international best practices.
- 7. Need to Investigate the Massive Extortion of the Public through the Collection of Tender Fees by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) for Contracts that are never Awarded: Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren:

The House:

Notes that the enactment of the Public Procurement Act of 2007, led to the creation of the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) which requires MDAs to advertise all contracts for a minimum period of six (6) weeks to allow bidders enough time to process bids for submission before the bid opening;

Also notes that most MDAs have already complied with the provisions of the Act by setting up procurement units manned by duly certified procurement officers who process bids for award of contracts;

Aware that the bid documents are sold to the public at fees ranging between \$\frac{1}{3},000\$ to \$\frac{1}{3}500,000\$ per bid, depending on the magnitude of the project and sometimes, contractors are allowed to buy multiple bids, many of which go with a bid security which also ranges between 1% to 5% of the bid price;

Also aware that in many instances, a lot of the contracts that were advertised and bidded for never get awarded and the public is never refunded monies and the cost of preparing those bids;

Cognizant that if this unwholesome practice is not stopped, the MDAs will continue to defraud innocent Nigerians of billions of naira yearly in the name of tender and bid security fees without awarding the contract thus, leaving the helpless bidders in despair without any hope for refunds of the expenditure incurred in making the bids;

Concerned that Government agencies are turning the public into money generating machines even when they know that budget heads are insufficient to pay advances and releases are inadequate from the Federation Account to fund the projects;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Public Procurement and Anti-Corruption to investigate the matter and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Call to Create an Area Command in Akoko and more Divisions of the Nigeria Police Force in Akoko North-East/North West Federal Constituency of Ondo State.

Hon. Olemija Stephen Friday:

The House:

Notes that Akoko was one of the Divisions of the then Ondo province in the defunct Western Region, before the creation of Ondo State in 1976 and currently, has a population of over 700,000 people spread in four Local Governments of Akoko North East, Akoko North West, Akoko South East and Akoko South West:

Aware that there is no Area Command of the Nigeria Police Force in the entire four Local Governments in Akoko and there are also not enough Divisional Headquarters in the areas;

Also aware that there have been persistent agitations by other big communities like Ugbe, Akunu, Arigidi and Ajowa on the need to upgrade their Police posts to Divisional headquarters for the protection of lives and properties as the security challenges of the affected communities cannot be effectively tackled by the few ill-equipped men and officers around;

Convinced that the establishment of an Area Command in Akoko and additional Divisional Headquarters in Akoko North-East/North-West Federal Constituency will boost the efforts to address the security challenges in the concerned communities;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to liaise with the Nigeria Police Force to ensure the establishment of an Area Command in Akoko and more Divisional Headquarters in Akoko North-East/North-West Federal Constituency as follows:

- (i) Akoko Area Command headquarters to be sited in the present Divisional Headquarters at Ikare-Akoko, covering the entire four Akoko Local Governments in Ondo State;
- (ii) Ugbe Divisional Headquarters to be sited at Ugbe-Akoko covering Ugbe, Iboropa, Ise and their envirions;
- (iii) Akunu Divisional Headquarters to be sited at Akunu-Akoko, covering Auga, Ikakumo and their environs;
- (iv) Arigidi Divisional Headquarters to be sited at Arigidi-Akoko covering Erusu, lkaram, Gedegede and Iye; and

- (ν) Ajowa Divisional Headquarters to be sited at Ajowa covering Eriti, Igashi and Ase.
- 9. Need for the Federal Government to Submit Reports to the National Assembly on Recovered Funds and Assets:

 Hon. Uchechuku Nnam-Obi:

The House:

Notes the efforts of the Federal Government to recover funds that were looted from the nation's treasury by fraudulent officials and diverted into private accounts and those kept in hidden government accounts, and those funds and properties run into billions of Naira;

Aware that in order to ensure proper monitoring of recovered assets and funds, a Presidential Committee on Recovered Assets was set up under the leadership of Vice President Yemi Osinbajo and membership include the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Inspector-General of Police, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture, the Department of State Service (DSS) and Presidential Advisory Committee on War Against Corruption;

Cognizant that considering the importance of the recovered funds to the revival of the nation's economy and the interest being shown by many Nigerians in the matter, there is a need for the Federal Government to submit to the National Assembly Reports on the amount and assets so far recovered and how they are being ploughed back into the economy;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to submit to the National Assembly within thirty (30) days a detailed report on the total amounts and assets that have been recovered from public officials since May, 2015;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Justice to ensure that quarterly reports on the various amounts and assets to be recovered subsequently as proceeds of corruption are submitted to the National Assembly; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Special Duties and Financial Crimes to ensure implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Framework for Credit Reporting, Licensing and Regulation of Credit Bureau and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1033) (Committee of the Whole: 24/5/2017)
- 11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 381) (*Committee of the Whole*: 11/5/2017).
- 12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) (*Committee of the Whole*: 11/5/2017).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Committee Rules and Business	Date Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	<i>Time</i> 3.00 p.m.	Venue Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of Operational Activities of Telecommunications equipment and Services Companies/Vendors in Nigeria	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3,00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Privatization and Commercialization (with NPA, BPE, Joseph Dam Services and Honeywell)	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Ad-hoc Committee on the investigation of the planned relocation of Shell Development Company from Port Harcourt, Rivers State to forestall impending crisis in the Niger Delta Region	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Local Content	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Sub Committee on the Sale of Non-Core Assets of NELMCO Properties	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.77 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Federal Character (with Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto, National Bureau of Statistics, University of Lagos, Irrua Specialist Hospital, Benin, University of Calabar)	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Foreign Affairs (with National Christian Pilgrims Commission)	Wednesday, 24 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 New Building (House) Assembly Complex