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BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
   (*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Harmful Wastes (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act, Cap. H1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Introduce the Requirement of Mens Rea in certain Offences and Increase some Penalties; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 283) (*Hon. Ken Chikere*);

   (*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Harmful Wastes (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act, Cap. H1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to introduce the Requirement of Intent in certain Offences and Increase some Penalties; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 369) (*Hon. Razak Atunwa*).

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Endowment for Arts and Literature to Provide Financial and Institutional Support for First Rate, Notable and Exceptionally Remarkable Works of Art and Literature and also Serve as an Established Fund and Permanent Pecuniary Provision for the Purpose and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Authors Trust Fund; and for Other Related Matters (HBs. 622 and 721) (*Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul Kabir, Hon. Abdulrazak Namdas and Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso*) — *Second Reading*.

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3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute for Training and Development of Nigeria, a Body Charged with Responsibility to Regulate the Practice and Profession of Training and Development; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 401) (*Hon. Gideon Gwani*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Convocation of National Conference for the People of Nigeria for the Purpose of Discussing and Adopting a New Constitution to be Submitted for Consideration and Approval at a Referendum; and for Other Purposes Connected Thereto (HB. 103) (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda and Hon. Peter Akpatason*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Act, Cap. C8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to vest Appellate Jurisdiction on the Federal High Court; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 290) (*Hon. Jones Onyereri*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) charged with Responsibilities, among others, to Provide Community Service for Nigerians; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 718) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs to Regulate and Control the Practice of Entrepreneurship; and for Other Related Matters (HB 334) (*Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act, Cap. D3, LFN, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 708) (*Hon. Nwokolo Victor*) — *Second Reading*.

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Administration and Management of Sports in Nigeria, Establishment of Sports Institutions and Facilities, Harness Sports for Development, and to Encourage and Promote Drug-Free Sports and Recreation in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 600) (*Hon. Abubakar Kannike Amuda*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

10. **Call for Intervention in the Erosion Ravaging Roads in Esa-Oke-Esa Odo in Oriade/Obokun Federal Constituency:**
Hon. Oluwole Oke:

The House:

Notes that the historic town of Esa-Oke is a major transit route to other towns like Oke-Imesi, Imesi-Ile, Ijebu-Ijesa, Esa-Odo, Efon-Alaaye in Osun State and to other States in the South-West and Northern parts of the country;

Also notes that the continued existence of Esa-Oke and its surrounding communities is currently being threatened by severe erosion which has washed away significant portions of its land;

Further notes that the severity of the erosion is now negatively impacting the environment and ecology of the affected communities, including the suitability of the soil for farming purposes;

Observes that as a result of the magnitude of environmental and economic damage so far suffered by the affected communities, the matter can no longer be adequately tackled by the Osun State Government;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to stem the negative tide, entire communities may be wiped out and an important access road will be completely destroyed;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministries of Power, Works and Housing and Environment to take urgent steps to reconstruct the Esa-Oke-Esa-Odo Roads and stem the tide of erosion in Oriade/Obokun Federal Constituency of Osun State; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Works, and Environment and Habitat to ensure the inclusion of the projects in the 2017 budget.

11. **Investigation of the Lack of Patronage of Nigerian Companies in the Provision of Steel Products and Services and the Outrageous Taxes and Duties Imposed on Steel Product Manufacturers and Service Providers:**
Hon. Mark Tesser Gbilah:

The House:

Informed that compared to imported steel products, the customs duties and taxes being imposed by the Nigerian Customs Service on the raw materials used in the production of steel by local manufacturers is between 25% to 40%, which amounts to more than double, and sometimes triple the duties paid on imported steel products;

Notes that the exorbitant duties and taxes are making it impossible for local manufacturers to compete with imported steel products in terms of pricing, which results in lack of patronage of these companies by end users in the power, oil and gas, railways and other sectors;

Concerned that at this period that the nation's economy is in recession, thus necessitating the diversification of its economy, government policies and its agencies are encouraging capital flight and creating jobs in other climes to the detriment of Nigeria's gross domestic product and overall economic development;

Aware that the Transmission Company of Nigeria, for instance, has billions of dollars in steel equipment requirements over the next 15-20 years and actually provides duty exemption certificates to companies to encourage importation of steel products with 0% duties, and their payment terms solely rely on letters of credit which presupposes that all the required power transmission equipment which are mostly steel products, are imported;

Also aware of the allegation that the Dangote Refinery has been patronizing foreign companies in the fabrication of tanks and other steel related equipment in its ongoing construction projects;

Further aware that in most instances, this lack of patronage of local companies and products is a clear violation of the Nigeria's Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 and other relevant national policies and laws that emphasize the patronage of local products, manufacturers and service providers;

Equally aware that the argument about the quality of local steel products and services does not hold water as local manufacturers have met and obtained ISO and other Global quality standards and certification and have provided several products and services that are currently utilized in a few sectors of the economy that exceed the standard of foreign alternatives;

Also concerned that the current efforts to increase national revenue, GDP and employment opportunities through encouraging Made in Nigeria products will be defeated if this situation is allowed to persist.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Steel, Power, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Local Content, Customs and Excise, and Land Transport to invite the Comptroller-General of Customs and other related Ministers and relevant stakeholders to provide details of the prevailing duties and tariffs for imported raw materials in the steel sector, the modalities for a new tariff regime in this regard and to confirm the veracity of the claim of lack of patronage of local steel products and service companies in their related sectors and the likely violation of extant Local Content laws, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Put in Place Measures to Ensure Effective Monitoring of Commercial Banks: Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam:

The House:

Notes that the recent removal of the Management of Skye Bank Plc by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) raised questions regarding the health of commercial banks in Nigeria;

Recalls that sometime in 2014, the CBN designated Skye Bank as systemically an important bank which was too big to fail;

Realizes the impact of the implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) on the liquidity level of banks, a situation that has the capacity to lead to distress in the banking sector;

Aware of the need to urgently act to restore customers and investors' confidence in the banking industry, hence the need for the regulatory bodies and the CBN to improve the standard and operational system of the commercial banks to ensure their sustainability and growth to stave off panic withdrawal by depositors;

Cognizant that without concrete structures and proactive measures being put in place, the assurance by the CBN, that no Nigerian Bank was in distress will be seen by many as an empty statement devoid of substance which could jeopardize public confidence in the banking sector;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the state of health of Nigerian Banks with a view to restoring customers and investors' confidence in the banking sector, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

13. Call for Investigation of the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) Forex Policies: Hon. Ali Isa J. C.:

The House:

Aware of the lingering scarcity of foreign exchange in the country's capital market, which has continued to weaken the Naira to the point of its exchanging above 400 Naira to a dollar;

Notes that the continuous weakening of the Naira against the dollar and other foreign currencies has affected the cost of goods, services and production, and has consequently made life more difficult for most Nigerians;

Also notes the claims by the CBN that it issues out FOREX to Bureau De Changes (BDCs) and Banks directly every week at the official rate of 197 Naira to one dollar to mitigate or shore up the value of the Naira in the face of its current challenges;

Concerned that in spite of these weekly releases by the CBN to the BDCs and banks, the value of Naira against the dollar and the pounds sterling continues to depreciate, further worsening the economic condition in the country;

Resolves to set up an Ad-hoc Committee to:

(*i*) Hold an interactive session with the CBN in order to obtain the list of establishments that were issued with foreign exchange at subsidized rate from 2015 to date;

(*ii*) interact with the Bureau De Changes (BDCs), Banks and other establishments that received foreign exchange directly from the CBN to give detailed explanation of how they utilized the forex; and

(*iii*) recommend appropriate measures that could stabilize the forex market in Nigeria with a view to strengthening the Naira, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further Legislative action.

14. Call for Implementation of the 1976 Aguda Panel Report on the Movement of the Federal Capital to the Center: A Case for Suleja:
Hon. Abubakar Lado Addullahi:

The House:

Aware that Suleja is the headquarters of Suleja Local Government Area of Niger State which is about 30km from Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory;

Also aware that Suleja is the most urban and closest town to Abuja, accommodating citizens from all works of life undertaking different socio-economic and political activities in a peaceful atmosphere;

Recalls that the city had made commendable sacrifices that dated back to 1976 when it hosted the Aguda Panel headed by the respected Late Justice Akinola Aguda, and the committee's tremendous efforts made the movement of the Federal Capital from Lagos to Abuja possible;

Also recalls that on the recommendations of the Aguda Panel, Suleja (formally Abuja) lost over 8000 sq kms of its land, to make way for the new Federal Capital without due compensation by the Federal Government;

Further recalls that the Panel recommended the establishment of certain Federal Institutions at Suleja as part of the compensation for the people of the then Abuja (now Suleja);

Regrets that none of the recommendations of the Aguda Panel was complied with thereby leaving Suleja and its environs without any single Federal Government owned institution;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Government Affairs to engage the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) with a view to causing a review of the 1976 Aguda Panel report and recommendations and ensure compliance by the Federal Government;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to provide funds in the 2017 budget for the establishment of the following in Suleja:

(*a*) Federal University, Federal Polytechnic or Federal College of Education (Technical),

(*b*) Federal Medical Centre or Federal Teaching Hospital,

(*c*) Federal Civil Service College or Federal Staff Training Centre,

(*d*) National Youth Development Centre,

(*e*) National Tourism Development Centre, with a five star Hotel,

(*f*) National Trade Fair Complex; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure that the above resolution is duly complied with.

15. Need to ensure timely Issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students: Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama:

The House:

Notes that globally, certificates are usually issued to graduating students immediately upon the completion of a course of study to enable them commence preparations for their future;

Aware that both public and private tertiary institutions in Nigeria usually issue only statements of results to their graduating students despite the successful completion of their courses of study, unlike what is practiced globally;

Also aware that it takes most of these institutions two to five years to issue and release certificates to the graduates;

Concerned that due to this delay in the issuance of certificates, many graduates are unable to further their education or obtain certain jobs because most job vacancy advertorials require that certificates be uploaded or attached and not statements of results;

Believes that this continued practice is unwarranted and ought to be discontinued in the interest of the nation's youth;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Deplore, in strong terms, the delay in the issuance of certificates to graduating students in both public and private tertiary institutions in Nigeria;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to come up with a policy that will ensure timely issuance and release of certificates to graduating students; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure compliance.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Science and Technology	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

3.	Commerce	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Petitions	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Women Affairs and Social Development	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on CBN Intervention Funds	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Nigeria-Mexico Relations	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	IDPs, Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone	Wednesday, 5 October, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex