



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
ORDER PAPER  
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12. Nigerian Gas Processing and Marketing Regulatory Board Bill, 2016 (HB. 606) (*Hon. Frederick Y. Agbedi*) – *First Reading.*
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15. National Library Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 609) (*Hon. Oladipupo Olatunde Adebutu*) – *First Reading.*
16. National Health Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 610) (*Hon. Segun Adekola*) – *First Reading.*
17. Electric Power Sector Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 611) (*Hon. Muhammad Usman*) – *First Reading.*
18. Energy Commission of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 612) (*Hon. Muhammad Usman*) – *First Reading.*
19. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 613) (*Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru*) – *First Reading.*
20. Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 614) (*Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru*) – *First Reading.*
21. Annual Budget Conception, Preparation and Presentation Procedure Bill, 2016 (HB. 615) (*Hon. Adamu Kamale*) – *First Reading.*
22. Free Advice and Treatment of Breast Cancer Centre Bill, 2016 (HB. 616) (*Hon. Sergius Ogun*) – *First Reading.*
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27. National Erosion and Desertification Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 621) (*Hon. Sopoluchukwu Ezeonwuka*)
28. National Endowment for Arts and Literature (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 622) (*Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul Kabir*) – *First Reading.*
29. Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 623) (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh*) – *First Reading.*
30. Institute of Debt Recovery Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 624) (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh*) – *First Reading.*
31. Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 625) (*Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma*) – *First Reading.*
32. Subsidiary Legislation (Monitoring and Control) Bill, 2016 (HB. 626) (*Hon. Fredrick Y. Agbedi*) – *First Reading.*
33. Federal Road Maintenance Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 627) (*Hon. Ibrahim Isiaka*) – *First Reading.*
34. Treaties (Making Procedure etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 628) (*Hon. Yakub Abiodun Balogun*) – *First Reading.*
35. Weights and Measures Council for Retail Commodities Bill, 2016 (HB. 629) (*Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide Jimoh*) – *First Reading.*

36. National Welfare Board for the Aged Bill, 2016 (HB. 630) (*Hon. Mutiu Shadimu*) – *First Reading*.
37. Customs and Excise Management Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 631) (*Hon. Akpatason Ohiozogh Peter*) – *First Reading*.
38. Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Bill, 2016 (HB. 632) (*Hon. Oni Olamide Johnson*) – *First Reading*.
39. National Farm Settlements and Youth Empowerment Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 633) (*Hon. Henry Okon Archibong*) – *First Reading*.
40. Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 634) (*Hon. Amadi Dennis Oguerinwa*) – *First Reading*.
41. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 636) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) – *First Reading*.
42. Maritime University, Okerenkoko (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 637) (*Hon. Daniel Reyenieju*) – *First Reading*.
43. Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 638) (*Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi*) – *First Reading*.
44. Abuja Geographic Information Systems Agency Bill, 2016 (HB. 639) (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan G.*) – *First Reading*.
45. Industrial Property Commission of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 640) (*Hon. Chime Oji*) – *First Reading*.
46. Industrial Waste Disposal Control Bill, 2016 (HB. 641) (*Hon. Bassey Eko Ewa*) – *First Reading*.
47. Courts and Tribunals Fines and Financial Penalties Bill, 2016 (HB. 642) (*Hon. Razak Atunwa*) – *First Reading*.
48. FCT Integration and Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 643) (*Hon. Zaphaniah Jisalo*) – *First Reading*.
49. Nigerian Communications Satellite Corporation Bill, (HB. 644) 2016 (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *First Reading*.
50. Teaching of Nigerian History in Nigerian Schools Bill, 2016, (HB. 645) 2016 (*Hon. Ayodele Olademeji*) – *First Reading*.
51. Acts Authentication Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 646) (*Hon. Abubakar Lawal*) *First Reading*.
52. Council of Ministers (Evidence) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 647) (*Hon. Gideon Gwani*) – *First Reading*
53. National Drug Formulary and Essential Drugs list Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 648) (*Hon. Betty Apiafi*) – *First Reading*
54. National Shipping Policy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 649) (*Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi*) – *First Reading*
55. Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 650) (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso*) – *First Reading*
56. Statutory Corporations (Modification, Etc) (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 651) (*Hon. Lawal Muhammadu Idirisu*) – *First Reading*
57. Administration of Justice Commission (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 652) (*Hon. Iorember Wayo*) – *First Reading*
58. Monitoring of Revenue Allocation to the Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Bill. 2016 (HB. 653) (*Hon. Dennis J. Agbo*) – *First Reading*
59. National Honours Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016(HB. 654) (*Hon. Orker-Jev E. Y.*) – *First Reading*

60. Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 655) (*Hon. Bode Ayorinde*) – *First Reading*
61. Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 656) (*Hon. Betty Apiafi*) – *First Reading*
62. Pre-Shipment Inspection of Imports Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 657) (*Hon. Lawal Garba*) – *First Reading*
63. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2016 (HB. 658) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*) – *First Reading*
64. Federal Commissions (Privileges and Immunities) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 659) (*Hon. Idris Ahmed Wase*) – *First Reading*
65. Miscellaneous Offences Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 660) (*Hon. Idris Ahmed Wase*) – *First Reading*
66. Motor Vehicles (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 661) (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaosu*) – *First Reading*
67. Ministers' Statutory Powers and Duties (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 662) (*Hon. Buba Jibril Usman*) – *First Reading*
68. The WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPT) (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2016 (HB. 663) (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu*) – *First Reading*
69. Trade Marks Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 664) (*Hon. Onawo Mohammed Ogoshi*) – *First Reading*
70. Nigerian Institute for Trypanosomiasis and Onchocerciasis Research Bill, 2016 (HB. 665) (*Hon. Dasuki Abdussamad*) – *First Reading*
71. Administrative Staff College of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 666) (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir*) – *First Reading*
72. Armed Forces Comfort Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 667) (*Hon. Rufai Ahmed Chanchangi*) – *First Reading*
73. Coins Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 668) (*Hon. Danasabe Charles Hosea*) – *First Reading*
74. Corporate Bodies (Members Emolument) (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 669) (*Hon. Mohammed Umar Jega*)
75. Explosives Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 670) (*Hon. Saidu Yusuf Miga*) – *First Reading*
76. Export (Prohibition) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 671) (*Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*) – *First Reading*
77. Gaming Machines (Prohibition) (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 672) (*Hon. Philip Shaibu*) – *First Reading*
78. Import (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 ((HB. 673) (*Hon. Bukar Lawan Goni*) – *First Reading*
79. Prohibition Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and trafficking in Firearms, their parts and components and Ammunition (Enforcement) Bill, 2016 (HB. 674) (*Hon. Orker Jev E. Y.*) – *First Reading*
80. Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 675) (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman*) – *First Reading*
81. Radiographers (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 676) (*Hon. Bamgbose Hontonyou*) – *First Reading*
82. Scientific and Industrial Research Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 677) (*Hon. Stella Ngwu*) – *First Reading*
83. Piers Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 678) (*Hon. Prestige Ossy*) – *First Reading*

84. Produce (Enforcement of Export Standards) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 679) (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku*) – *First Reading*.
85. Land (Title Vesting, etc) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 680) (*Hon. Bode Ayorinde*) – *First Reading*
86. Law Officers (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 681) (*Hon. Bode Ayorinde*) – *First Reading*
87. Animal Diseases (Control) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 682) (*Hon. Ahmed B. Kaita*) – *First Reading*
88. Counterfeit and Fake drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provision) (Amendment) Bill. 2016 (HB. 683) (*Hon. Nasiru Zagon Daura*) – *First Reading*
89. Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016(HB. 684) (*Hon. Taiwo Akintola*) – *First Reading*.
90. Federal Road Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 685) (*Hon. Taiwo Akintola*) – *First Reading*
91. International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute (Enforcement of Awards) Repeal and Re-enactment Bill, 2016 (HB. 686) (*Hon. Emmanuel Udende*) – *First Reading*
92. Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 687) (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim*) – *First Reading*
93. Firearms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016(HB. 688) (*Hon. Herman Hembe*) – *First Reading*
94. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 689) (*Hon. Dennis J. Agbo*) – *First Reading*
95. Niger Delta Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 690) (*Hon. Nicholas Mutu*) – *First Reading*.
96. Statutory Corporations Pensionable Officers (Retiring Age Limit) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016(HB. 691) (*Hon. Mohammed Umaru Bago*) – *First Reading*
97. Insurgency or Militancy Victim Stigmatization (Prohibition) Bill, 2016 (HB. 691) (*Hon. Ahmed Yerima*) *First Reading*.
98. Special Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill.2016 (HB. 692) (*Hon. Razak Atunwa*) – *First Reading*
99. Statutory Instruments Bill, 2016 (HB. 693) (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari*) – *First Reading*.
100. Traditional Medicine Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016n (HB. 694) (*Hon. Hassan A. Omale and Hon. Abdulraheem O Jimoh*) – *First Reading*.

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#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila:**  
That the House, pursuant to Order 16 Rule 105 (c) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, do receive the Report of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative on the Highlights of the 2013 Oil and Gas Audit Reports”
2. **Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila:**  
That the House, pursuant to Order 16 Rule 105 (c) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, do receive the Report of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative on the Highlights of the 2013 Solid Minerals Industry Audit Reports”.
3. **Committee on Interior:**  
**Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba:**

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Interior on the Criminal Act of Assault and Battery alleged visited upon Hon. Mrakpor Onyemachi Joan by men and Officers of the Nigeria Prisons Services" (*Referred: 21/4/2016*)

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### BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, (HB.119) – *Third Reading.*
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Corporate Manslaughter to make Corporate Organizations Criminally liable for death of Employees arising from their Acts of Omission and for Other Related Matters (HB. 273) – *Third Reading.*
3. 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 Connected Purposes (HB. 300) – *Third Reading.*
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Heroes Register Act, Cap. N.121, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Recognition and Registration of all Qualified Persons as National Heroes and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 130) (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema*) – *Second Reading.*
5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation, to identify Conflicts, and for the Supervision, Coordination and Monitoring of all Peaceful Resolutions between Governments; Organisations, etc. in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters; (HB. 74, HB. 449) (*Hon. Umar Buba Jibril and Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *Second Reading.*
6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Infrastructure Management Agency and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 335) (*Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye*) – *Second Reading.*
7. A Bill for An Act to Alter Sections 65, 106, 131 and 177 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the Age Qualification for the Office of the President and Governor and Membership of the Senate and House of Representatives and for Other Related Matters (HB. 544) (*Hon. Tony Nwulu*) – *Second Reading.*
8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation and for Other Related Matters (HB. 505) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok*) – *Second Reading.*
9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Enforcement of the National Building Code within the Federal Republic of Nigeria; provide for Punishment for Non-Compliance with the Code and for Other Related Matters (HB. 306) (*Hon. Solomon B. Maren*) – *Second Reading.*

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### MOTIONS

10. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly Order XII, Rule 94:**  
***National Health Insurance Scheme Bill, 2016 (HB. 534):***  
***Hon. Betty Apiafi:***

#### **The House:**

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negated, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negated or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that the National Health Insurance Scheme Bill, 2016 was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 534 and read the first time on Wednesday 25 May, 2016.

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

**11. Devastating Erosion at Ifo Communities in Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency of Ogun State:**

**Hon. Isiaka A. Ibrahim:**

**The House:**

*Notes* the seemingly intractable devastation caused by uncontrolled erosion and flooding in the entire Ifo Township with attendant displacement of about 5,000 households and destruction of lives and properties as a result of lack of drainage structures in place to take care of the heavy run-off whenever it rains;

*Worried* about distortion in the movement of agricultural produce into the large Ifo market from adjoining villages, farm settlements and the attendant difficulties that marketers and other buyers from Lagos State and other cosmopolitan areas experience in getting to the town, thereby slowing down economic activities each time there is rainfall;

*Aware* that a Trapezoidal Drain Project at Arigbajo Level Crossing, Olomu, Adenrele, Alaja, Odo-Eran, Oluomo, Orile-Ifo along the corridor of Abeokuta-Sango dual carriageway is required to serve the communities inhabited by numerous dwellers;

*Resolves to:*

Urge the Ecological Fund Office to urgently carry out intervention project for the control of the incessant flooding and erosion in the affected parts of Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency.

**12. Need for the Federal Government to Initiate Diplomacy over the falling Global Crude Oil Price:**

**Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Nigerian economy is monolithic, as it relies almost exclusively on revenue derivable from crude oil sales;

*Also notes* that global price of crude oil has fallen sharply over the past seven months, leading to significant revenue short falls in many oil exporting countries, including Nigeria, leading to severe socio-economic setbacks;

*Aware* that the international dynamics of petroleum market price is usually influenced by various factors, each of which can be approached through well thought-out economic and international diplomacy with other oil producing countries;

*Cognisant* that Nigeria, being a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) can apply conventional wisdom by initiating Economic and International Diplomacy among oil cartel operators, both Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Non- Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, with a view to stabilizing and reversing this ugly trend, rather than watching with mixed optimism;

*Worried* that if the fall in the price of crude oil in the international market continues, the present socio-economic hardships prevailing in the country will worsen;

*Resolves to:*

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee comprising experts in different fields to liaise with Diplomats and Stakeholders in the oil industry to advance a better policy and the way forward.

**13. Need to Revisit the Revised Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) for Schools recently Launched by National Education Research and Development Council (NERDC):**

**Hon. Rita Orji:**

**The House:**

Notes that the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) recently launched the Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) which is already being implemented by schools across the country;

Also notes that the BEC currently comprises twenty subjects, including computer Studies/IT, Religion and National Values (RVN) comprising the following subjects:

- i. Christian Religious Studies;
- ii. Islamic Studies ;
- iii. Social Studies;
- iv. Civic Education; and
- v. Security Education;

Aware that under the basic Education Scheme developed by the National Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) separate classes should be run for Christian Religious Studies (CRS) theme and Islamic Studies (IS) theme;

Also Aware that the curriculum is being implemented on the contrary by some schools, as is the case in Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos state, where Christian Religious Studies (CRS) and Islamic Studies (IS) under RNV are now merged and Christians are compelled to memorize and recite the Quran;

Further Aware that the Child's Rights Act, 2003 preserves the right of the child not to be exposed to any religion contrary to that of his parents or guardians;

Concerned that the imposition of either Christianity or Islam on either side have grave consequences that could impair the stability of Nigeria;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to interface with the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC), stakeholders and relevant schools for proper explanation on the implementation of the subject, Religion and National Values (RNV);
- (ii) Call on the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) to liaise with National Orientation agency (NOA) to disseminate information on the subject, Religion and National Values (RNV).

**14. Need to Include Nigeria's Indigenous Languages as Admission Requirements into Tertiary Institutions**  
**Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson:**

**The House:**

Notes that the National Policy on Education recognizes the importance of indigenous languages in promoting social integration, national cohesion and preserving cultures in Nigeria, thus, it provides that every child must learn one of the three Nigerian languages, Hausa, Igbo, or Yoruba;

Concerned that despite the requirement of the National Policy on Education, the Government has done very little to encourage the teaching and learning of indigenous languages in our schools, as implementation of the said Policy has not been encouraging;

Aware that the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) annual observance day was held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism by UNESCO as a means to protect and promote mother tongues and the theme for this year was "Quality Education, Language(s) of Instruction and Learning Outcomes";

Also aware that the teaching of indigenous languages remains crucial for national integration and is a vital tool to enable children keep in tune with their culture, if they must be truly Nigerians;

Further aware that Language represents an integral part of a nation's identity and cultural heritage and can become endangered, moribund and extinct when it is no longer spoken by the people;

Worried that many schools cannot offer these indigenous languages due to lack of teachers as well as preference for the teaching of English Language, a further attestation to the poor implementation of the National Policy on Education as it relates to indigenous languages;



Alarmed that Nigeria's indigenous languages are facing serious risk of extinction with very few members of the new generation being able to constructively communicate in their mother tongues;

Further alarmed that the Igbo language adjudged to be the third most spoken language in Nigeria will, according to the United Nation's Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s prediction of 2012, go extinct in the next 50 years if strategic actions are not taken to stem the tide;

Strongly believes that indigenous languages can do wonders not only in halting the massive failure in Senior Secondary examinations when used as instructional materials in classes but also in solving some of the ethno-religious crisis bedeviling Nigeria;

***Resolves to:***

- (i) Call on the Federal Ministry of Education to develop a comprehensive plan of action to make indigenous languages compulsory as a prerequisite for gaining admissions into Tertiary institutions in Nigeria and also design format for the teaching of the languages;
- (ii) urge the National Universities Commission and the National Board for Technical Education to compulsorily elevate indigenous language subjects to credit level required for gaining admission for any course of study in any tertiary institution in Nigeria;
- (iii) also urge the National Institute of Cultural Orientation to spearhead the compulsory teaching of local languages as part of the curriculum from primary to senior secondary schools;
- (iv) also call on the Federal Ministry of Education, Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council, (NERDC) and National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINLAN) to initiate a deliberate policy to encourage the speaking, reading and writing of our indigenous languages;
- (v) further urge Curriculum developers to begin to broaden research into developing the languages of even smaller ethnic groups with a view to making them study-friendly, since they are far more prone to quicker extinction;
- (vi) Mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, Tertiary Education and Services, Youth Development and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

**15. Need to Expand Higher Educational Curriculum to include Compulsory Learning of French Language in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria:**

**Hon. Mojeed Alabi:**

**The House:**

Notes the significance of international languages in the promotion of bilateral and multilateral relations among nations;

Also notes that French is a major international language, with 77 French speaking countries in the world, and is one of the official working languages of many international organizations, such as the United Nations, the African Union and the Economic Community of West African states (ECOWAS), each of which Nigeria is a member;

Aware of the potentials of job opportunities in strategic sectors within and outside the country that await Nigerians who could speak both English and French languages, particularly in the West African sub-region where French is widely spoken and has become a lingua franca in official and unofficial circles;

Concerned that the Nigerian elites, particularly in the academic and diplomatic circles, are often confronted with embarrassing situations at international conferences due to their inability to communicate in French, unlike their French counterparts who are mostly proficient in both English and French languages;

Aware of the existing educational policy, that makes learning of French language compulsory at the middle and upper levels of basic education in the country;

Also aware that there are in existence such institutions as the French village in Topo, Badagry, the Alliance Francaise in Lagos and the Institute Francaise in Abuja, among others, that are dedicated to the teaching, training and practical interaction in the French language;

Worried that the aforementioned previous policy initiatives on the French language in this regard have not produced the desired effect thus making the use of the language unpopular among Nigerians;

Conscious of the inadequate number of trained teachers of the French language at both the basic and tertiary educational level in the country, making the learning of the language difficult;

Believes that the federal government's desire to recruit 500,000 teachers could assist to moderate the problem of inadequate teachers of the French language if a sizeable number is recruited;

Convinced that the assurance given by the immediate past French Ambassador to Nigeria, Jacques Champagne de Labriolle, during the French education fair in Abuja in 2015 which was reinforced by the current Ambassador, Denys Gaver, on the preparedness of France to meet Nigeria's training needs in the teaching of the Language could serve as additional impetus for the Federal Government to pursue the policy of compulsory offering of French language at Tertiary Institutions in the country with greater commitment;

Also convinced that Nigeria's francophone neighboring countries like Togo, Benin Republic, Cote D' Ivoire, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Guinea, Burkina Faso and Mali will be ready source of French teachers at the actual implementation stage of the policy, having enjoyed similar support in the 1980s in many Nigerian Secondary Schools, particularly with the current level of sub-regional cooperation among the ECOWAS nations;

Further convinced that the policy is capable of preparing Nigerians for greater roles in the international bodies like the United Nations where multilingualism is a major consideration for gaining popular support for such important positions as that of the Secretary-General;

Equally convinced that expanding the current educational policy of the country to include compulsory offering of French Language in Tertiary Institutions will open greater employment opportunities for Nigerian graduates across Francophone West African countries which constitute more than 70% of the total membership of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

**Resolves to:**

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to review the current National Policy on Education to include the compulsory offering of French language by students in all tertiary institutions, regardless of courses of study, as applicable to general studies;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission (NUC) to facilitate immediate implementation of this policy, including appropriate budgetary provisions for recruitment and training of lecturers and teachers of the French language across the relevant educational institutions in Nigeria; and
- (iii) Also urge the Federal Ministries of Education, Labour and Employment to ensure that graduates of French language are given significant share of the 500,000 teachers expected to be employed under the provisions of the Appropriation Act, 2016.

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**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

16. A Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions and for Other Related matters, (HB.377) (*Committee of the Whole: 24/2/2016*).
17. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria as a body Corporate and to Empower the Council, inter alia to determine Persons, What Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be attained by such Persons, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 17) (*Committee of the Whole: 17/5/2015*).
18. A Bill for an Act to Incorporate and Enforce Certain Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, the Protocol to the Africa Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, (HB.86) (*Committee of the Whole: 5/11/2015*).
19. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L.12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act, 2016 to give the legislature the desired Powers

and Immunity to be able to carry out its Legislative Responsibility and for Other Related Matters (HB.382) (*Committee of the Whole: 8/3/2016*).

20. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap.03, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters, (HB. 317 and 426) – (*Committee of the Whole -21/4/2016*).
  21. A Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HBs. 58, 235 and 350) (*Committee of the Whole: 4/5/2016*).
  22. A Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and Eliminate all forms of Discrimination against them and for Other Related Matters (HB. 476) (*Committee of the Whole: 2/6/2016*).
  23. **Committee on Federal Judiciary:**  
**Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Judiciary on a Bill for an Act for the Establishment of District Courts for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; Appointment of District Court Judges and Other Court Officers; and for Other Purposes Relating to the Administration of Civil Justice. (HB. 07) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 19/5/2016*).
  24. **Committee on Federal Judiciary:**  
**Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Pensions Rights of Judges Act, Cap P5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters. (HB. 06) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 19/5/2016*).
  25. **Committee on Interior:**  
**Hon. Adams Jagaba:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on a Bill for an act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Empowerment for the Youths, to Facilitate Peace, Community Service, Nation Building and for Other Related Matters (HB. 89) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 6/6/2016*).
  26. **Committee on Power:**  
**Hon. Daniel Asuquo:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Power on the Need to halt the Planned Payment of N2.7 Billion by the Board of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission to its Members and approve the Recommendations therein”. (*Laid: 17/5/2016*).
- (i) The immediate past NERC Commissioners should be paid their remuneration packages in accordance with Section 42 (1) (a) of the Electric Power Sector Reform (EPSR) Act and in line with the presidential approval of November, 2006. However, the statutory position of the remuneration of future Commissioners must be determined with respect to the standards set for such Agencies by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (NSIWC) and Pension Commission of Nigeria (PENCON), to avoid the ambiguities of the past;
  - (ii) that NERC must be compelled to monitor the activities of the successor companies for proper enforcement of regulations and performance agreements. They should establish full-proof internal control systems in order to optimize business processes with transparent reporting standards and enforcement of compliance to NERC regulatory operational procedures and guidelines. Internally, NERC should automate the tariff computation platform and ensure that all the parameters are appropriately dimensioned according to the rules of tariff computation;
  - (iii) that NERC has failed to enforce its authority as a regulator by applying appropriate penalties and sanctions to defaults by market participants. This has resulted in laxity in compliance with the rules, regulations and orders instituted by the Agency. NERC regulation of market participants must be on real-time basis rather than periodic request for information. Responsible supervisory officers must be assigned and charged with the task of ensuring compliance;
  - (iv) that the Tariff platform must be automated immediately in order to correct the anomalies in the parameters and assumptions in deriving the tariff. Electricity tariff reviews must be in accordance with statutory provisions and consultations with all stakeholders. Consumer protection is very important, both on pricing and service delivery. The Electricity tariff framework must be automated and made full-proof of human manipulation;

- (v) that the House should mandate NERC to conduct a retroactive forensic audit and investigation of electricity delivered, invoiced, revenue collected and settlements made to the market participants from October 1, 2013 to date. This exercise would unveil the leakages and the culprits would be required to refund misappropriated funds;
- (vi) that the System Operator and Market Operator roles must be merged and licensed immediately to become the Independent System Operator (ISO) as provided by Section 25(b) of the EPSR Act. The ISO is the "engine room" of the Power Committee Report on NERC N2.7B Severance Package & Regulatory Activities electricity market and must be well constituted and equipped to perform its core functions as stated in the Act;
- (vii) that the Management Contract with MHI is not yielding that desired result, the contract of MHI must be terminated when it expires in June 2016. Meanwhile, adequate succession planning must be put in place with the effective establishment of the System Operator (SO) and the Transmission Service Provider (TSP) as provided by Section 25 of the EPSR Act. The Act does not provide for the existence of a Transmission Company of Nigeria after the dis-integration of the SO and the TSP;
- (viii) that Insurgency attacks on economic assets have been rampant in recent years, particularly in the restive South-South zone. Failure to curb the attacks, appear to be due to the fact that the security forces have been more reactive than proactive. A robust decision support technology platform will have to be deployed that will serve as the repository for the network of pipeline infrastructure. The system will be a custom geospatial database monitored by a SCADA dashboard situated at the National Control Center (NCC). This system provides potential impacts of disruption and enables rapid access to the incident location. This could be integrated with a drone device for surveillance to guide the on-ground security in tracking the economic saboteurs;
  - (a) The second level of security could be imaginary perimeter electrocuting cables along the pipeline and transmission grid particularly in mangrove areas susceptible to attacks;
  - (b) The third level of security would be armed Civil Defence or navy operatives upon receiving incident signals and coordinates from the NCC. Proactive rapid response is achievable in potential impacts of disruption;
- (ix) that the House should urge the President to immediately nominate the Commissioners of NERC in line with Section 34 of the EPSR Act so as to reinstate the regulatory function of the sector;
- (x) that the Rural Electrification Agency should be funded in line with Sections 89 and 90 of the EPSR Act. Power Committee Report on NERC N2.7B Severance Package & Regulatory Activities.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Delegated Legislation	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 345 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
3.	NDDC	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
4.	Healthcare Services with Executive Director, NPHCDA)	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 236 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex

5.	Public Petitions ( <i>Investigative Hearing</i> )	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
6.	Climate Change	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 345 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
7.	Environment and Habitat	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 224 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
8.	Healthcare Services, and Narcotic Drugs ( <i>Joint Meeting</i> )	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 236 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
9.	Federal Character ( <i>with Federal Inland Revenue (FIRS)</i> )	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
10.	Women in Parliament	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex
11.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Deregulation of Petroleum (Downstream) Sector (with Depot Owners Association of Nigeria)	Wednesday, 8 June, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.27 New Building ( House) Assembly Complex