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ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 29 September, 2016

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Public Accounts:
Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Public Accounts Committee Act, Cap. P35, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 341)" (*Referred*: 1/3/2016).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Separate the Nigerian Institute for Trypanosomiasis Research which is currently under the Legal Framework of the Nigerian Research Institutes Act, Cap. N132, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish the Nigerian Institute for Trypanosomiasis and Onchocerciasis Research (NITOR) to be charged with the Responsibilities of Conducting Research in Onchocerciasis, in Addition to its current Responsibilities; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 665) (*Hon. Dasuki Abdussamad*) — *Second Reading*.

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2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Merchandise Marks Act, Cap. M10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, Amend the Trade Marks Act, Cap. T13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Make New Provisions with Respect to Trade Marks in Place Thereof; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 664) (*Hon. Onawo Mohammed Ogoshi*) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Give Effect in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 658) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Research and Innovation Trust Fund charged with the Responsibility for Imposing, Managing and Disbursing the Research and Innovation Tax in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 574) (*Hon. Chime Oji*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Installation of Security Devices called Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Business Premises and Other major Malls, Markets, Religious Structures, Hotels, Government and Semi Government Agencies, Tourist Attraction Centers and Historical Buildings; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 709) (*Hon. Douye Diri and 8 Others*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Give Effect in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the WIPO Performances and Programmes Treaty (WPPT); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 663) (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

7. **Need to Stop Nigerian Banks from Charging Insurance Fees on Loans Granted to Customers: Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul-Kabir:**

The House:

Notes that it is a universal practice for Banks to demand for substantial collaterals, especially landed property, as security for loans granted to their customers to ensure that a bank does not lose its money in the event of a borrower's death or inability to repay the loan;

Also notes that apart from the collaterals taken from borrowers to secure the loans granted to them, Nigerian Banks have made a practice of charging borrowers heavy sums of money as insurance fees on the loans which may sometimes be up to 1½% of the loan granted;

Concerned that the payment of insurance fees on loans is an additional burden on borrowers and serves as one of the factors discouraging many businessmen from taking Bank loans to grow or expand their businesses;

Convinced that there is a need to make access to loans easier for borrowers in order to ensure increased production which is one of the ways of revitalizing the economy that is presently in a parlous condition;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to direct Nigerian Banks to stop collecting insurance fees on loans granted to customers; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate the anomalies of the shady deals of Banks on insurance fees being charged on loans granted to Customers, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

8. **Need to Curb the Activities of Illegal Miners:**
Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren:

The House:

Notes that the mining and solid minerals sector is a multi-billion Naira sector that is being undermined by the activities of illegal miners;

Also notes the disclosure by the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) in its 2012 - 2014 annual reports that some Companies operating in Nigeria are involved in illegal mining of solid minerals deposits across the country;

Concerned about a statement on 20 February, 2013 by the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Solid Minerals that a whopping sum of ₦8 trillion had allegedly been lost to these illegal exploration and mining of unprocessed minerals deposits in the last two years;

Also concerned that these illegal miners are reducing Nigeria's stake in solid minerals and other raw materials and also depriving the country of about five hundred thousand jobs for the teeming unemployed youths;

Worried that these illegal miners do not contribute to the development of host communities as part of Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR), thereby leaving the communities devastated, impoverished and exposed to hazardous environmental conditions;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the Solid Minerals Sector in order to help diversify from oil to non - oil sources of revenues; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Solid Minerals Development to investigate the activities of miners, their collaborators and sponsors as well as the extent of involvement of both local and foreign firms in the illegal exploration and exploitation of the sector and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. **Urgent Need to Investigate the Massive Corrupt Practices being perpetrated by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in its Management of the Transmission Company of Nigeria:**
Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government entered into a management contract with Manitoba International Canada, which was later incorporated in Nigeria as Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited which effectively altered the character of the management contract in certain respects;

Aware that while the consideration of the management contract includes emoluments for 15 expatriates, only 8 expatriates are working at the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN);

Also aware that in these harsh economic times, the Managing Director of TCN, a public corporation, draws a monthly salary of ₦35,500,000 (thirty-five million, five hundred thousand Naira) while other expatriates and the Managing Director, ISO earn monthly incomes of ₦20,500,000 (twenty million, five hundred thousand Naira) and ₦19,100,000 (nineteen million, one hundred thousand Naira) respectively;

Further aware that though the official exchange rate of the dollar to the naira four years ago was around ₦160 (one hundred and sixty Naira), the exchange rate being used by the management company since 2012, has been ₦395 (three hundred and ninety-five Naira), a rate that was and is still higher than both the official and parallel market rates;

Conscious that as a result of the unlawful exchange rate being used by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in the last 13 quarters, the Transmission Company of Nigeria has allegedly lost ₦3,769,000,000 (three billion, seven hundred and sixty-nine million Naira) over and above its entitlement under the management contract;

Also conscious that although Manitoba Nigeria Limited, a Nigerian company pays tax through the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), it recoups the amounts from the funds of the market operators of the ISO in the TCN and has so far recovered over ₦1,680,000 (one million, six hundred and eighty thousand Naira) to date;

Further conscious that in April 2016, the management company unlawfully revalidated a 2010 contract worth ₦1,900,000,000 (one billion, nine hundred million Naira) and awarded it to ABB India without due process, in flagrant violation of the Public Procurement Act, 2007;

Disturbed that Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited has not met its Key Performance Indicators (KPI) under the management contract and has clearly failed to justify the humongous sums of money it has drawn in expatriate emoluments;

Concerned by the grave national security implications of a situation where foreigners are signatories, to and in charge of the management of a sovereign trust fund of Nigeria - the Market Operations (MO) trust fund;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the massive corrupt practices being perpetrated by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in its management of the Transmission Company of Nigeria and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Call For Evacuation of the Military Dump Besides the 1st Division of the Nigerian Army at Kawo Area In Kaduna:
Hon. Samaila Suleiman:

The House:

Notes that the headquarters of the 1st Mechanized Division of the Nigerian Army is located at Kawo on the busy Kaduna-Zaria expressway, and is bordered to the East by Kawo, Rafin Guza and Unguwan Dosa areas and Mando and Hayin Banki areas to the West;

Aware that the densely populated areas mentioned above have in their center, the ever busy and congested Kawo Motor Park and the Kawo Central Market, with the Rafin Guza Dam in between the areas;

Also aware that within the area and behind the Army facility is a dump site being utilized by the Army to keep presumed unwanted or expired gadgets of explosive tendencies, a situation that is making residents of those areas to be living in palpable fears of likely detonation of the explosives by any natural or induced phenomenom;

Recalls that the nation had witnessed incidence of such disaster on the 27 January, 2002 in Ikeja Military Cantonment, Lagos, which led to the death of a lot of Nigerians and destruction of properties worth millions of naira;

Concerned that the dump site is not properly secured as it is not fenced and does not have visible guards to secure it;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Army to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring that the Nigerian Army will properly warehouse and safeguard unwanted or expired gadgets of explosive tendencies, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

11. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report of the Petition by J. I. Abaagu and Co.:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by J. I Abaagu and Co. against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Persistent refusal to obey court judgment in suit No.FHN/ABJ/CS/562/2004 between Ushongo Local Government Area and three others and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 27/9/2016):

Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to restore the two State Constituencies and conduct elections as ordered by the Court within ninety (90) days of the House Resolution on this Petition.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 29 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Labour, Employment and Productivity	Thursday, 29 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Women Affairs and Social Development	Thursday, 29 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex