



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 20 March, 2018

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
 - (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase some Penalties and to Provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Electronic Animal Identification System throughout the Federation; and for Related Matters (HBs. 682 and 1268) (*Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita and Hon. Ali J. C Isa*); and
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prevention of the Introduction and Spread of Infectious or Contagious Diseases among Animals, Poultry and Hatcheries in Nigeria, Control of Animal Diseases using Essentials Veterinary Drugs, Pesticides Biologist, Veterinary Medical Device or Products of Biotechnology as specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Bill, and for Related Matters (HB. 140) (*Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike G.*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 to Provide for Additional Conditions for Accessing of Fund for Capital Projects by Beneficiary Institutions

Development; to Review some Provisions to give the National Assembly certain Powers under the Act and Subject the Annual Budget of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) to Approval of the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HBs. 967, 1057 and 1324) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu and Hon. O. K. Chinda*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Industrial Development Bank (Guarantee) Act, Cap. N111, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB. 1155) (*Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

4. **Need to Investigate Activities of the Presidential Amnesty Office to Ensure Accountability and Efficiency of the Programme:**
Hon. Abubakar Chika Adamu.

The House:

Notes that Late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua GCFR, on June 25, 2009, proclaimed a 60-day unconditional amnesty period for militants in the Niger Delta, as a step towards resolving the protracted insecurity in the region occasioned by militancy which resulted in huge oil revenue loss to the Nation;

Also notes that the proclamation gave rise to the establishment of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office to institutionalize programmes to assist in the Disarmament, Demobilization, Rehabilitation and provision of reintegration assistance to the militants;

Aware that the budget of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office which ranges between 60 to 70 Billion Naira annually has been shrouded in secrecy in terms of implementation towards achieving the core objectives of the programme;

Also Aware that on November 1, 2017, hundreds of ex-agitators stormed the National Assembly to protest the non-payment of their stipends and other allowances spanning several months by the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office and called on the National Assembly to intervene;

Disturbed that allegations of corruption and ineptitude have always bedeviled the Amnesty programme since its inception, resulting in hitches in the implementation of the amnesty programme, especially the non-payment of outstanding allowances to the ex-militants running into billions of naira;

Also disturbed that the non-payment of tuition fees of ex-agitators schooling abroad has resulted in Embassies and Schools throwing out the students despite billions of naira being allocated to cater for the programme annually;

Worried that the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office has been enmeshed in several allegations of financial impropriety and other acts that are allegedly detrimental to the objectives of the Programme and the ex-agitators are at the receiving end;

Again aware that few days ago, President Muhammadu Buhari relieved the coordinator of the

Further aware that President Muhammadu Buhari has directed the National Security Adviser to carry out investigation into the activities of the Amnesty Programme from 2015 to date covering only 3 out of the 9 year existence of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry to carry out a comprehensive probe into the management of the funds allocated to the office from inception to date and assess the impact of the programme on the ex-agitators,

**5. Need to Extend the Payment of Occupational Hazard Allowances to Agricultural Professionals in the Civil/Public Service of the Federation:
Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno:**

The House:

Notes that Agriculture is the largest employer of labour in many countries especially in Africa and Asia, therefore Nigeria cannot be an exception;

Also notes that Agriculture in addition to been the largest employer of labour in Nigeria is one of the three most dangerous sectors in terms of Occupational Safety and Health; the two others being Construction and Mining;

Aware that the Safety and Health in Agriculture convention held at Geneva on 5 June, 2001 defined "Agriculture" to cover Agricultural and Forestry activities carried out in agricultural undertakings including crop production, forestry activities, animal husbandry, insect raising, and agricultural installation including any process storage, operation or transportation in an agricultural undertaking which are directly related to Agricultural Production;

Concerned that despite hazards being faced by agricultural professionals in Nigeria, they do not enjoy any form of occupational hazard allowances as currently enjoyed by their counterparts in the Veterinary, Livestock and other related Animal Health fields;

Conscious of the fact that Agricultural officers like their counterparts in Veterinary and Livestocks faces a lot of hazard which sometimes lead to incapacitation, deformity and, or death;

Also Aware that the nature of hazards being faced by the Agricultural Professionals include Chemical Poisoning, Acid spill, inhaling poisonous gases, susceptibility to attacks by wild animals, poisonous insects, reptiles, bees and snakes etc;

Acknowledges the need to mitigate the exposure of the Agricultural Professional by extending to them the benefits to enjoy occupational hazard allowances;

Recalls that the Agricultural Professionals through its recognized body, the Agriculture and Allied Employees made several requests to enjoy the occupational hazard allowances but were turned down on no justifiable grounds;

Convinced that extending the payment of occupational hazard allowances to Agricultural Professionals like their counterpart in the Veterinary, Livestock and other related Animal Health fields will spur them into putting in their best services;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to direct the National Council on Establishment to extend the payment of occupational hazard allowances to Agricultural Professionals in the Civil/Public Service of the Federation;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and, Labour, Employment and Productivity to monitor compliance and report within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Call on the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to Deploy Men of the Nigeria Police to Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas of Kogi State and to Establish a Police Outpost at Agojeju in Oganengwu Ward:
Hon. Benjamin Ikani Okolo:**

The House:

Notes that some communities in Oganengwu ward of Dekina Local Government Area and Akakana Ayede Ward in Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State have come under severe attacks in the last 18 months leading to several deaths and destruction of property;

Worried by the incessant killings of innocent, unarmed and defenceless farmers who are often butchered in cold blood by these well-armed herdsmen in their farms;

Also worried that in the last 18 months, seven communities in Oganengwu Ward have been attacked by these herdsmen and 55 deaths were recorded;

Again worried that the people of Ofuwo-Omayeji in Bassa LGA and Aloko in Dekina LGA have also been under severe attacks in the last few days and also 12 deaths were recorded;

Convinced that the establishment of a Police Post at Agojeju will assist to curb or possibly halt further clashes in these communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police to quickly deploy men and officers of the Nigeria Police Force into these Communities to avert further killings;
- (ii) Further urge the Inspector-General of Police to establish a Police Outpost at Agojeju to check the marauding herdsmen;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure Compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 770) (*Hon. Solomon Maren*) (*Committee of the Whole:20/12/2017*).
- 8. Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal

to Facilitate National Development; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein” (HB. 542) (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim*) (*Committee of the Whole*) (*Laid:23/11/2017*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1. Rules and Business	Tuesday, 16 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2. <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate the Dapchi Abduction Debacle	Tuesday, 16 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3. Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday, 16 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4. Public Accounts	Tuesday, 16 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5. <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee on the Investigation of the Non-Remittance of the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSTIF) Contributions by the Federal, States and Local Government	Tuesday, 16 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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