



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 6 February, 2018

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters, (HB.1022) – *Third Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Biotechnology Development Agency; and for Related Matters, (HB. 33) – *Third Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Technology, Enugu and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.1054) (*Hon. Patrick Asadu*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

4. **Call for Investigation of the Activities of Total E&P Nigeria Limited on the Deliberate Neglect, Underdevelopment and Abandonment of its Corporate Legal Responsibilities under the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (NOGICD), 2010:**

Hon. Awaji-Inombek Abiante:

The House:

Notes that Andoni Local Government Area of Rivers State is one of the Oil Producing areas in the country:

Recalls that Total Exploration and Production Limited, formerly known as Elf Petroleum Nigeria Limited established the Amenan/Kpono oil platform as far back as 1990 in the community and the adjoining territorial waters as well as drilled several inherent and associated oil wells in the area including Usan, Asobo etc;

Aware that the Amenan/Kpono fields established upon Oil Mining Lease (OML) 99 and 70 is one of the largest conventional offshore developments in West Africa and from official records, from 2003 till date and at a rate of 125,000 bpd, Total has produced over 500 million barrels of crude oil from the said facility as well as a larger quantity of gas from the field;

Also notes that out of over fifty (50) contractors and sub-contractors that worked for Total in establishing the platform and are still working for it in its operations, not one was or is of Andoni extraction contrary to the provisions of Section 3(2), 25, 26, 27, and 28 of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development (NOGICD) Act, 2010;

Observes that official government records confirm that from 1990 when it established the Amenam/Kpono platform till date, spanning over 27 years of continuous oil and gas extraction and operation, Total E&P Ltd. has not executed cumulative developmental projects worth up to Two Hundred Million Naira in towns of the host communities, despite the profit of billions of dollars from its operations in the communities;

Also observes that the Local Government is the host of the proposed Egina Field and same situation that applied to the establishment of Akpo field and all the previous fields by Total has also applied and is being implemented in respect of the Akpo, Egina and Ofon 2 fields situated within the waters of Andoni environment in terms of naming of the facilities, contracts, capacity building, employment and development projects;

Also aware that whereas Phase 1 of the Akpo oil field which produces 145,000 bpd of crude oil is situated off Andoni Coastal waters, Total elected not to inform or consult with the communities of the commencement of either phase of the development and operations of the fields, thus keeping the people out of the environmental impact assessment studies and issues and local content components of the projects as the host communities by way of capacity building, employment, contracts, developmental projects and every other benefits as provided for in the laws;

Concerned that Total has not maintained a good relationship with the host communities and by the current estimates, the projects are estimated to be worth over \$3.5 billion and projected to create over 50,000 jobs, but currently, Total E&P and its Joint Venture partners Free Zone Enterprises have commenced staff recruitment without employing a single Andoni indigene;

Also concerned that Andoni Local Government Area has lately been beset by uncontrolled cult activities, unprecedented armed robbery, kidnappings, reprisal killings, mayhem and destruction engendered by joblessness and lack of meaningful means of livelihood for the teeming youth population and also Total's failure to award contracts to them, build their capacities and provide the needed community development and opportunities is a direct invitation for youth restiveness which is imminent if the issues are not quickly addressed;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Local Content and Legislative compliance to investigate the allegations and the local content components of the projects in the area with a view to ensuring that Total E&P Nigeria Limited do include the youth of Andoni in its recruitment process of both graduate and non-graduate staff, award contracts to Andoni indigenes, embark upon capacity building and community development projects and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

5. Need for Implementation of the National Broadband Plan:

Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House:

Notes that in 2012, the Federal Ministry of Communications Technology set up a Presidential Committee on National Broadband Plan, whose report presented a five year broadband plan (2013-2018) to make broadband available to all Nigerians;

Also notes that the nation's Submarine Cable System is still hampered by gross underutilization resulting from the poor implementation of the National Broadband Plan even after a \$1 billion investment;

Aware of investments of several billions of dollars by government and private operators, including the Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (now Ntel), South Atlantic 3(SAT3), Fibre optic cable of over \$600 million, MTN's West African Cable System's (WACS) worth \$ 650 million, ACE Cable by Dolphin Telecoms worth \$ 700 million, \$300m by MainOne and Globacom's Glo cable, also worth \$ 800 million;

Observes that the capacity of those systems can trigger similar revolution witnessed in the mobile phone segment and can be replicated in e-governance, e-health, e-education, e-security etc;

Informed that if the target of a five-fold increase in broadband penetration by 2017 is achieved as proposed by the National Broadband Plan, the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector has the potentials to contribute over 30% to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) within four years;

Also informed that broadband penetration is an essential driver of economic growth and according to the World Bank, 10 per cent surge in broadband penetration in developing countries will result in a corresponding increase of 1.4 per cent in GDP;

Cognizant of the urgent need for the country to diversify from oil resources to knowledge and ICT driven economy to drive development;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to timeously implement the National Broadband Plan (2013-2018); and
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to ensure implementation and report back within 8 weeks for further legislative action.

6. Call on the Federal Government to Conduct a Survey on Moribund Industries with a view to Creating a Databank towards Salvaging/Resuscitating the Industries:

Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki

The House:

Notes that from the early 1960s to the late 1980s, the Nigerian economy was

booming, due mainly to the Government industrialization policies such as the Indigenization exercise and import substitution policy etc, which then encouraged the establishment of public and private industries and as a result, a lot of Nigerians were gainfully employed and their standard of living was relatively high;

Also notes that from the early 1990s, a downward trend began to manifest as a result of a combination of several factors that included economic down turn that was both global and national in nature, resulting in the closing down of many industries and companies with its attendant economic consequences such as growing unemployment and social discontent which was hitherto never experienced;

Further notes that the closure of the industries that had been employing hundreds, if not thousands of people resulted in increased unemployment, especially graduates and the youth, thereby accentuating criminality, youth restiveness, reduction in the standard of living in the country and mounting pressure on the scarce foreign exchange due to a resort to importation of goods that were hitherto being produced locally;

Observes that efforts made by successive Administrations to address the situation through various policy initiatives like privatization of government owned companies, grant of waivers and tax incentives to both local and foreign investors have not yielded the desired results;

Realizes that lack of industrialization of the Nigerian economy made the recent economic recession experienced by the country more acute and therefore brought to the fore the dire need for diversification of the economy by reviving the moribund industries and focusing attention to the non – oil sector which remains one of the surest ways to reposition the country on the path of sustainable growth and development;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Federal Government to carry out a survey of moribund industries/companies across the country with a view to creating a databank on moribund industries/companies (both publicly and privately owned), and proffer mechanism for resuscitating them;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Industry and Legislative Compliance to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to ensure compliance and report back in six weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

7. Committee on Police Affairs:

Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika:

“That the House do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Trust Fund; and for Related Matters, 2017 (HB.894) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Adjourned Consideration: 30/1/2018*).

8. *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Health Implications of Mounting Telecommunications Masts close to Buildings:

Hon. Iboro Ekanem:

“That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Health Implications of Mounting Telecommunications Masts close to Buildings and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 8/11/2017*).

(i) That the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) should:

- (a)* carry out regular research locally in collaboration 'with Nigerian Society of Engineers, Nigerian Medical Association, Universities and other Research Institutes to determine the radiation level of Base Transceiver Stations to ascertain the safety levels and other factors affecting residents' health and other land use environmental health hazards;
- (b)* conduct regular public enlightenment to inform, educate and empower Nigerian consumers on the best practices and uses of Telecommunications gadgets;
- (c)* ensure safety and operational efficiency of all Telecommunications equipment and gadgets deployed in the country in accordance with international best practices;
- (d)* regularly monitor and enforce compliance with established standards for Telecommunications services by all Network Operators and other Service Providers in the country;
- (e)* continue to develop the capacity of Engineers and other staff of the Commission to adequately equip them to face the challenges of regulating the rapidly changing Telecommunications environment;

- (f) cause the dismantling/remediation of any masts that falls short of the 10m setback standards.

- (ii) *That the National Environmental Standard and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) should:*
- (a) ensure strict environmental safety standard by all the network/service providers and should sanction any Telecoms operator for failure to comply with environmental and regulatory requirements on conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA);
 - (b) carry out public awareness on the health and environmental impacts of siting BTS in residential areas;
 - (c) carry out epidemiological studies and monitoring of the health and environmental impacts of BTS radiations in Nigeria.
- (iii) *That the Nigeria Electricity Management Service Agency (NEMSA), in accordance with its establishment Act which the Committee discovered is grossly under-utilized, should furthermore be involved in the testing and certification of all electrical installations in the Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) to ascertain the safety standard compliance before such installations are connected;*
- (iv) *that further research should be carried out to determine the appropriate distance to buildings for establishing base stations to avoid arbitrary establishment of minimum set back to buildings;*
- (v) *that all installed masts should be maintained regularly by carrying out integrity tests, painting of towers, reconstruction of bent towers and other maintenance works to ensure safety of lives;*
- (vi) *that due to uncertainty of health issues as a result of electromagnetic radiation from GSM Telecommunication Installations that may come up on long term bases, radiation levels should be monitored regularly by both the Regulators and Network Service Providers to prevent excess emission;*
- (vii) *that the setback distance to high tension lines should be taken as the falling distance of the masts to avoid electrocution in event of a mast collapse;*

- (viii) that the Ministry or Agency of Government should ensure that building approvals are not given to a person intending to carry out development close to a telecommunication mast;

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- (ix) that installation of masts within the hospital environment should be discouraged as this affects the proper functioning of some sensitive medical equipment due to electromagnetic interference from telecommunication radiations resulting in wrong diagnoses and treatment;
- (x) that Telecommunications operators should collaborate among themselves in installing their network service on a single mast instead of proliferation of different masts that deface the urban built environment, provided the soil tests are carried out to determine the soil condition to avoid overloading and wind;
- (xi) that de-commissioned masts all over the Country should be dismantled to avoid any accidental/health hazards as they may pose dangers to the environment;
- (xii) that the Physical Development Control Agencies, Ministry of Physical Planning, Urban and Regional Planning Departments and other Local Planning Authorities of each State and relevant Federal Agencies should incorporate siting of BTS Masts in the physical development plans to prevent indiscriminate springing up of telecommunication masts and ease the maintenance of such infrastructure for the safety of the residents in such locations;
- (xiii) that Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and the National Environmental Standard and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) should monitor and regulate the installation of privately owned Telecommunications Mast/equipment Nationwide to ascertain the level of compliance with Regulatory Standards.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 6 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

2.	Public Petitions <i>(Investigative Hearing)</i>	Tuesday, 6 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
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3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Incessant Killings and other Security Concerns	Tuesday, 6 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 6 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Appropriations	Tuesday, 6 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 120 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Agricultural Colleges and Institutions <i>(Budget Defence)</i>	Tuesday, 6 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Tertiary Education and Service <i>(Budget Defence with Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Education)</i>	Tuesday, 6 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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