



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 11 October, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Abduction, Wrongful and Confinement for Ransom Bill, 2017 (HB. 1168) (*Senate*) — *First Reading*.
 2. Anti-Jungle Justice (Prohibition, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1169) (*Senate*) — *First Reading*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Chartered Sales Professionals of Nigeria to Regulate the Standards of Practice of Salesmanship in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1072) (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga*) — *Second Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to expressly give the Commission Power to Regulate the Condition of Service and Procedure for the Engagement of Academic Staff other than Non-Academic Staff Members on Part Time Basis or Visiting Lectureship and for Related Matters (HB.958) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) — *Second Reading*.
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3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Maintenance Orders Act, Cap. M1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 as it is no longer Relevant in the Current Dispensation (HB. 305) (*Hon. Zakari Mohammed*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

4. **Need to Resuscitate the 132/33 KVA Arochukwu Electricity Substation:**
Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe:

The House:

Recalls that in year 2000, the Federal Government conceived the 2x30 MVA 132/33 KVA Substation to be sited in Uburu-Ihechiowa and Amuvi Village, Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State with the aim of improving power supply to Communities in Abia and the neighbouring Akwa Ibom and Cross River States;

Also recalls that the contract for the substation was awarded in May 2001 for the sum of \$3.4 million with additional local currency component of ₦91 million which contract sum was later varied by additional sums of \$350,000 and ₦21 million respectively, that brought the total contract sums to \$3.7 million and ₦111.8 million;

Aware that the scope of the project covered comprehensive electro- mechanical and civil works that would ensure that the substation provides adequate electricity to the Communities, thereby boosting economic and social activities;

Notes that this critical power generation project was abandoned over ten (10) years ago without explanation after attaining ninety percent (90%) completion, thereby leaving the Communities utterly frustrated and without immediate prospect for remedy;

Concerned that the Arochukwu power substation project was conspicuously omitted from the power privatization programme of the Federal Government without any explanation, and determined that the laudable and beneficial project be resuscitated and urgently completed for the benefit of the expectant communities;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the circumstances surrounding the abandonment of the Arochukwu 2x30 MVA 132/33 KVA Substation as well as establish the facts regarding the placement or otherwise of the project on the Federal Government's power privatization programme and make recommendations within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

5. **Call to Investigate the Abandonment of the Remodelling of Port Harcourt International Airport**

Hon. O. K. Chinda:

The House:

Notes that in year 2011, the Federal Government, under former President Goodluck Jonathan, awarded a contract for remodelling of Airports across the country, including Port Harcourt International Airport, however while remodelling works were 'substantially' completed at Abuja, Kano, Lagos, Sokoto, Yola, Ilorin, Enugu and Owerri Airports, that of Port Harcourt was abandoned and has till date remained under rehabilitation at a slower than snail speed rate;

Aware that the Airport is in a very poor state and no concrete work is on-going at the site as passengers are received in tents, and even the departure hall which was claimed to have been completed is full of structural faults with noticeable cracks on the walls, suspended ceilings and leaking roof, yet the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) collects tolls and other very high charges for entry into and over-night parking at the Airport;

Also aware that budgetary allocations have always been made for modernization and remodelling as well as Airports projects maintenance, yet the proper utilization of such funds falls short of expectations of teeming Nigerians;

Concerned that social, economic and commercial activities in Rivers State and indeed the South-South and Southern Eastern parts of the country have been adversely affected as a result of the poor state of the Port Harcourt International Airport and unless steps are taken to ensure resumption of rehabilitation works, the funds already expended would have been wasted and the sum budgeted and advanced for the project could be frittered away, thus adding to the growing number of abandoned projects;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to urgently cause the resumption of rehabilitation works at the Port Harcourt International Airport; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Aviation, Anti-Corruption and Public Accounts to investigate the expenditure of all the monies released for the upgrading and maintenance of the Airport from 2011 to date, and the reasons for the abandonment of rehabilitation works at the Airport, with a view to ensuring that same is completed, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Need to Investigate the Alleged Importation of Genetically Modified Maize into Nigeria:
Hon. Kingsley Obinna Onwubuariri Hon. Munir Babba Dan Agundi:**

The House:

Notes that the Agricultural revolution of the Administration of President Muhammadu Buhari is geared towards ensuring sufficiency in food production and Nigerians have heeded the call and have gone back to the farms, the result of which was an impressive harvest in maize which forced the price down;

Aware of recent reports in the Sun and Nigeria Today Newspapers of 8 September, 2017, calling on the Federal Government to probe the Nigeria Customs Service and other agencies at the Seaport over an alleged importation of seven ship-loads of maize by Olam Group;

Also aware that following recent information by scientists and researchers, more than half of the countries of the European Union, including Germany, France, Scotland, Italy, Austria, Greece, Poland and Belgium have either completely banned or placed severe restrictions on consumption of genetically modified products in their respective countries;

Informed that Olam Group imported the maize partly to feed its newly built feed mill factory in Kaduna rather than patronizing local farmers;

Cognizant of the grave danger to the health of the citizens given the shipment of 70,000 tons of GMO maize into the country without the knowledge and clearance of the National Biosafety Management Agency, a development that could stifle the efforts of local farmers and aggravate the nation's capital flight situation;

Concerned that since the question of the safety and long term effects of genetically modified products has not been resolved in Nigeria, the importation of genetically modified maize could expose our citizens to future health hazards, the magnitude of which nobody is in a position today to foretell or disprove with certainty;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Customs and Excise to investigate the circumstances that led to the importation of the genetically modified maize without clearance from the National Biosafety Management Agency and recommend appropriate measures to protect the nation from importation of such products in future, and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. Need to Address the Effects of Malnutrition in the Country:
Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike G.:**

The House:

Aware that malnutrition is a public health emergency and despite its devastating effects, the required attention is not being given to it by the Federal Government, especially in terms of funding;

Also aware of the ranking of Nigeria among countries with the highest malnutrition cases in the world with statistics by the United Nations (UN) suggesting that thirty seven (37) percent of Nigerian children are stunted by acute malnutrition and that twenty (20) percent of them could die if urgent steps are not taken to address the issue;

Concerned by the high prevalence of malnutrition in the North East which is continuing to rise and is now almost evenly spread across the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to, as a matter of urgency, declare a state of emergency on the menace of malnutrition; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to invite the Minister of Health to intimate the Committee on the Ministry's efforts towards combating the spread of the menace as well as the challenges in doing so, with a view to effectively tackling the menace and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Threat to National Security in the Large Number of Condemned Inmates in the Prisons:
Hon. Anayo Nnebe:**

The House:

Notes with concern the data that there are two thousand, one hundred and ninety-four (2,194) condemned inmates in Nigerian Prisons, some of whom have been there for more than ten years;

Also notes that those prisoners awaiting execution are far above the official carrying capacity of not more than 500 in each of the facilities designated for the purpose;

Recognizes the immense threat those set of inmates pose to national security, especially in the event of jail breaks and also the concern by the Nigerian Prisons Service over the growing number of prisoners on death row;

Acknowledges that the country may be sitting on a keg of gunpowder if urgent steps are not taken to decongest the prison formations across the country, more so given the agitations and restiveness usually associated with this category of inmates.

Resolves to:

- (i) appeal to Governors in whose States condemned criminals are being held to either endorse the death warrants/sentences or commute same to life imprisonment;

- (ii) urge the Federal Government to beef-up security around prison facilities in the country, with particular attention being paid to condemned inmates cells;
- (iii) also urge relevant agencies saddled with the task of prison decongestion, such as the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Police, the Judiciary, the Nigeria Prisons Service to evolve more practical approaches towards restoring order to the system; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Interior to ensure implementation.

9. Need to Determine Why Food Products Prohibited from Exportation are being Exported and also do not Meet International Standards:

Hon. Gaza Jonathan Ghewi:

The House:

Notes that as part of measures to diversify our oil-dependent economy by tilting towards the export of agricultural products, the Federal Government launched the yam exportation program with a projection of earning \$10 billion in foreign exchange in the course of the next four years;

Aware that the Schedule of the Export (Prohibition) Act, Cap. E22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 lists Beans, Cassava tuber, Maize, Rice, Yam tuber and their product derivatives as goods absolutely prohibited from exportation from Nigeria;

Also aware that a Bill for an Act to repeal the provisions of the Export Prohibition Act, had recently passed second reading in the House;

Concerned that the Federal Government has, in the bid to increase agricultural products exportations, disregarded a subsisting law and carried on the exportation of some of the above goods expressly prohibited from exportation;

Observes the recent report that 72 tonnes of yam tubers that were exported sometime in June 2017 were rejected by the United States of America as they were found to have rotten upon arrival, thereby causing the nation great embarrassment as it is now obvious that produce approved for export by the government do not meet with world standards for exportation;

Also concerned that the above development raises concern about the capacity of Ministries, Departments and Agencies charged with the responsibilities of conducting necessary checks on quality of goods billed for export to diligently carry out the assignments, and this also calls to question the safety of food approved for local consumption by those Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Customs and Excise to interface with the:

- (a) Minister of Agriculture on why the law prohibiting the exportation of yam tubers was flagrantly disregarded, thereby causing immense embarrassment to the country;
- (b) Comptroller-General of Customs, the Executive Director of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council, the Director General of the Standards Organization of Nigeria and Head of the Nigerian Quarantine Service and Heads of all other relevant Agencies to explain why:
 - (i) they granted export license for food products prohibited from exportation;

- (ii) food products they approved for exportation did not meet the prescribed quality and standards of the countries they were exported to, and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**10. Need to Check the Incessant Kidnaping and Assassination in Benin City, Edo State:
Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama Hon. Peter O. Akpatasan Hon. Sergious O. Ogun:**

The House:

Notes the precarious security situation in Benin City and environs over the past weeks;

Aware that the primary objective of government is to ensure security and welfare of citizens, a responsibility that cannot be compromised by leaderships at all levels;

Informed of the following unfortunate incidences within a span of two (2) weeks:

- (a) Rev. Fr Lawrence Adorolo of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Auchi Diocese who was kidnaped on 27 September, 2017;
- (b) Mr Andy Ehanire, the CEO of Ogba zoo who was kidnaped on 24 September, 2017 with three (3) policemen attached to the Zoo being killed in the process and their arms carted away by the kidnapers;
- (c) Amb. Osayomore Joseph, a renowned Bini musician who was kidnaped on 3 October, 2017; and
- (d) Professor Paul Otasowie of the Electrical Engineering Department, University of Benin who was killed on 4 October, 2017 while being kidnaped;

Concerned that the upsurge of kidnaping, killings and other unreported criminal activities that are being carried out freely by well-armed bandits in Benin City and other parts of Edo State is leaving residents with deep apprehension;

Convinced of the need to urgently call the attention of the Nigeria Police Force and other security agencies to beef up security and increase surveillance in Benin City and other parts of Edo State in order to arrest the reign of terror in the State;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Inspector General of Police for immediate intervention to secure the release of all kidnaped victims and the arrest of the culprits;
- (ii) also call on the Inspector General of Police to urgently beef up security and increase surveillance in Benin City and Edo State in general to guarantee the safety of lives and property of residents;
- (iii) further call on the Inspector General of Police to carry out an audit of policing activities in Benin City and Edo State in general;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. 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 Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) charged with Responsibilities, among Others, to Provide Community Policing, Maintenance of Law and Order and Community Service for Nigerians and for Related Matters (HB.718) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Adjourned Consideration: 10/10/2017*):

Clause 12: Ranks and Insignia.

- (1) The Commandant General — Coat of Arms, two Stars at the Centre and Vigilante Group of Nigeria logo.
- (2) Deputy Commandant General — Coat of Arms, a Star at the Centre and Vigilante Group of Nigeria logo.
- (3) Assistant Commandant General — Coat of Arms, one Bar at the Centre and Vigilante Group of Nigeria logo.
- (4) Group Commandant — Coat of Arms and Vigilante Group of Nigeria logo.
- (5) Deputy Group Commandant — a Star and Vigilante Group of Nigeria logo.
- (6) Assistant Group Commandant — Vigilante Group of Nigeria logo.
- (7) Chief Group Superintendent — Coat of Arms and one Star.
- (8) Group Superintendent — Coat of Arms.
- (9) Deputy Group Superintendent — three Stars.
- (10) Assistant Group Superintendent I — two Stars.
- (11) Assistant Group Superintendent II — one Star.
- (12) Chief Inspector — four Bars.
- (13) Senior Inspector — three Bars.
- (14) Inspector — two Bars.
- (15) Group Sergeant.
- (16) Corporal.
- (17) Lance Corporal.
- (18) Operative — **Retained.**

12. A Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944 into Nigerian Law, to Establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Service; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 319) (*Adjourned Consideration: 20/7/2017*).

 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1. Rules and Business	Wednesday, 11 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2. Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday, 11 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3. <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on TSA	Wednesday, 11 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4. Water Resources	Wednesday, 11 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5. Privatization and Commercialization (<i>with DG Bureau of Public Enterprises</i>)	Wednesday, 11 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6. Federal Character <i>with National Film, Video and Censor Board, University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State and Federal Polytechnic, Ekowe, Bayelsa State</i>	Wednesday, 11 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex