



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 12 July, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Nigerian Street Trading Regulation Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1517) (*Hon. Linus Okorie*) – *First Reading*.
 2. Federal College of Veterinary Assistants, Onicha (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1518) (*Hon. Linus Okorie*) – *First Reading*.
 3. Federal College of Education (Technical), Ako, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1519) (*Hon. Adekoya Adesegun Abdel-Majid*) – *First Reading*.
 4. Nigeria Para-Military Academy, Ijebu-Igbo (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1520) (*Hon. Adekoya Adesegun Abdel-Majid*) – *First Reading*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Education, Nsugbe, to provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such other fields of applied Learning Relevant to the needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, matters of Administration and Discipline of Students and for Related Matters, 2018 (HB. 1067) – *Third Reading*
2. A Bill for Act to Authorise the Provision of Free Pre-Natal and Post-Natal Health Services to every Nigerian Woman Pregnant in Government Hospitals, and for Related Matters (HB. 717) – *Third Reading*

3. A Bill For an Act to Establish the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Profession of Dietetics; and for Related Matters (HB.547) – *Third Reading*.
4. A Bill for An Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Kwale, Delta State to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and other Fields of Studies and to Make Provisions for General Administration of the Polytechnic; and for Related Matters (HB.1492) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *Second Reading*.
- 5.. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Center for Child Development to, among other things, Advocate early Years Development, Promote Skills Acquisitions, Provide Assessment and Resources Centers, Drive Innovation, Design Developmental Programmes and activities for the Advancement of Children; and for Related Matters (HB. 1297) (*Hon. Henry Ofongo*) – *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase the Block Grant of the Federal Government and reduce that of the States Governments; and for Related Matters (HB.1312) (*Hon. Afe Olowookere*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

7. **Discharge of Committees from Referrals on Bills, Pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**
Hon. E. Y. Orker Jev:

The House:

Notes that the following Bills were read a Second time and referred to the under listed Committees for legislative actions:

S/No.	Title of Bills	Date	Committee
1.	Cerebrospinal Meningitis (Prevention, Control and Management) Bill, 2016 (HB.785)	29/11/2016	Healthcare Services
2.	Chartered Institute of Social Work Practitioners (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1258)	21/2/2018	Women Affairs and Social Development, and Justice

Aware that the Committees are yet to present Reports on the Bills, contrary to the provisions of Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, to wit:

"Any matter referred to any Committee shall be treated within 30 days otherwise the Committee shall stand discharged after 60 days and the matter committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration";

Resolves to:

Discharge the Committees from the Bills and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

8. **Call for Audit of Facilities at the Benin Airport, Edo State:**
Hon. Omosede G. Igbinedion:

The House:

Notes that the Benin Airport which was constructed in 1956, and located about 2km southwest of the ancient Benin Kingdom is one of the oldest Airports in Nigeria;

Also notes the importance of the Airport to the people of Edo and Delta States which currently does not render night services such as landing or taking off;

Aware that in 2013, a 13 year old Daniel Ohikhena stowed in the wheel of Arik flight W3544 to Lagos, among other incidences;

Also aware that in 2015, the Airport was shut down for weeks to allow for upgrading of the runway and the firefighting department;

Concerned about the gradual dilapidation of the Benin Airport runway, absence of Perimeter fence which makes the Airport susceptible to trespass by both people and animals, and lack of capacity to operate flight travels beyond certain times in a day;

Recalls that when Mr. Saleh Dunomas, the Managing Director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria visited the Airport in 2017, he expressed the intention of the Authority to concession the Airport and to partner with the Edo State Government to operate 24 hours flight schedules daily;

Cognizant of the need to ensure security and safety in Nigeria's aviation sector, hence the call to improve the situation of the Benin Airport;

Desirous of taking pro-active measures to ensure that the Benin Airport is upgraded to meet International standards;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) to:
 - (a) Commence the repairs of the Benin Airport runway and erect Perimeter fence at the Airport;
 - (b) Upgrade the Navigational, Communications and Surveillance Equipment at the Benin Airport Traffic Control Towers;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to visit the Benin Airport to inspect and take an audit of the Airport Air Traffic Control Towers and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Need to Investigate the Annual Accounts and Application of Annual Profits of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in the Last 10 years:

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:

The House:

Notes that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) was established in 1958 to, among other things, issue currencies, maintain external reserves, maintain monetary stability and stable financial system, and function as banker to other banks and the Federal Government of Nigeria;

Also notes that the CBN Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Bank and the Chairman of the Bank's twelve-member Board of Directors amongst which five of them are Executive-Directors;

Concerned that the CBN Board appoints the Bank's auditor, receives its audit report and act on its audit report in accordance with Sections 6 and 49 of the CBN Act without any input or surveillance of any other Agency of Government;

Also concerned that unlike other Nations in the world where Central Banks are subject to the supervision of the Ministry of Finance, the CBN is not accountable to any Ministry, having been granted absolute independence by the parliament assented to by the President;

Worried that the only semblance of accountability in the CBN is the requirement of Section 50 of the CBN Act, which requires the Bank to lay its audited Annual Reports and Accounts before the parliament; a duty which the CBN has consistently refused to perform over the years;

Aware that other Central Banks in the world including that of UK, Canada, South Africa, USA pay tax out of their operating profit whereas the CBN by Sections 53, 54 and 55 is statutorily excluded from payment of tax, which raises a concern that the untaxed profit of the Bank is managed by the Bank without reporting to the Parliament as required by law;

Also aware that Central Banks all over the world remit some money to their governments out of their profits after tax, for example, the Federal Reserve of the USA remitted \$98.7 billion dollars of its net income in 2014 to the US treasury; \$117 billion was remitted in 2015 and \$92 billion were similarly remitted in 2016. Similarly the South African Reserve Bank which is the Country's Central Bank, jointly owned by the Government and some shareholders, after payment of tax remitted to the revenue pause of South Africa the sum of R45.0m, R79.8m, R72.6, and 73.3m in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively;

Further concerned that the CBN has been operating as an independent government within the Federal Republic of Nigeria, evading the oversight function of the parliament by flagrantly refusing to conform to its enabling statute on rendition of Annual returns;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the usage and application of the CBN profits and audited accounts in the last 10 years, and report back within (4) weeks for further legislative actions.

**10. Need to Investigate the Sales of Naira Mints and Sources of Black-Marketing of the Naira:
Hon. Adekoya Adesegun Abdel-Majid:**

The House:

Notes that the Naira is greatly losing its value in the international market, and facing a serious war within the country as it is being handled with no respect by citizens;

Concerned that the Naira now appears in inglorious forms and with odours that can be dangerous to human health;

Also notes that the Naira notes in circulation are badly torn, terribly squeezed, soiled, cello taped, dirty and mutilated, especially the 100 Naira note which carries the face of the late sage, Obafemi Awolowo;

Further notes that except for 1000 and 500 naira notes, other notes are rarely paid to people in banks but are available in black markets;

Worried that bacteria naturally breed and live in dirty environments and objects, hence dirty naira notes could pose serious health risks as they have been found to contain pathogenic parasites and bacteria, and are therefore sources of infection as well as potential carriers of communicable diseases;

Also worried that diseases such as nosocomial infections, Human Influenza Virus, Hepatitis A virus and others have been found on some of these dirty notes;

Aware that as these notes stay longer in circulation, they gather dirt from one hand to the other, for example, money that has been held by a mechanic whose hands were stained with oil and grease is passed on to a farmer while selling his produce, then gets to the butcher at the abattoir and still goes back to a trader, and may even find its way to the custody of those who superstitiously pour blood of animals on money and the journey continues until it gathers enough microorganisms that can wreak havoc on human health;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to commence the immediate withdrawal from all banks, such mutilated notes from circulation and replace them with new notes, especially the 100 Naira note;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate the black-marketing of Naira on the streets while it is perpetually unavailable in banks;
- (iii) Also mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Banking and Currency to ensure strict compliance.

11. Need to Curb the Spate of Wanton Killings, Forceful Occupations, Proliferation of Firearms, Terrorism and Other Criminal Activities in the Country:

Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye:

The House:

Notes that there has been an unabated rise in the spate of killings and several other criminal vices across the country;

Also notes that different criminal groups now converge, plan and brazenly execute crimes against people in Nigeria without fear of being caught, as the security agencies seem to be doing little or nothing to bring the criminals to book;

Disturbed that if the trend is left unchecked, Nigeria may become a thriving ground for not only indigenous criminal gangs who may become so emboldened as to become full-blown terror groups, but also a target location for international terrorist groups;

Concerned that despite the various security formations of the Nigeria Police Force and their collaboration with other security outfits, insecurity still pervades the nation;

Cognizant that one of the viable tactics to achieving a reasonable reduction of crime in Nigeria is to employ community policing and grassroots intelligence gathering, which can be sustained through the establishment of State Police;

Also cognizant that right to life and peaceful cohabitation of persons living in Nigeria should not be compromised and the Federal Government has a constitutional duty to protect the people and ensure peace and safety across the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to immediately deploy officers and men of the Nigeria Police Force to trouble spots and flashpoints where crimes are prevalent, as a palliative means to curb the crimes;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs and the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) to make provisions for a legislative framework for establishment of State Police in all States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**12. Call on the Government to Check the Prevalent Cases of Malaria Diseases in Nigeria:
Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub:**

The House:

Notes that malaria is a life threatening disease caused by parasite that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female anopheles mosquitoes;

Also notes that malaria project was conceived by the Nigeria–China Parliamentary Friendship Group in the course of its working relation with a Chinese pharmaceutical firm (Guangdong new south group), with its production base in China which is credited with the research and development of the anti – malaria drugs (artequick);

Aware that the anti-malaria drug artequick was invented for the treatment of malaria especially for the drug resistance *P. falciparum* malaria, the developed project is an innovative method to eliminate malaria by eradicating the source of transmission through mass drug administration of artequick;

Also aware that the anti- malaria drug has with achievement featured in 38 countries and on sale in 18 malaria epidemic countries;

Further aware that the artequick was successfully launched as a pilot project in Cambodia and thereafter introduced into Comoros in 2006 where it recorded great success by changing the status of the area from a high epidemic to one with the lowest morbidity without any mortality in a short period of time;

Observes that Nigeria is one of the countries in Africa with highest burden of malaria, it account for 60% of out of patient visits to health facilities, 30% of childhood death, 25% of dead in infants (child aged 1 year) and today one of the major causes of school absenteeism and low productivity;

Recalls that the Nigeria Medical Association and the World Health Organization warn that malaria parasites is one disease that has high multi- sectional and socio- economic effect on our national economy and health care services;

Concerned that lack of awareness of this deadly disease remain the main reason for its alarming rise coupled with inability of the populace to provide proper sanitation of their environment to control the wide spread of the malaria parasites;

Desirous of taking advantage of this method of malaria elimination because it has been tested in some countries and perfect result recorded;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Health Care Services to ensure the realization of the project in Nigeria, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

13. A Bill for an Act to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Confiscation, Forfeiture and Management of Properties Derived from unlawful activities; and for Related Matters (HB. 872) (Hon. Kayode Oladele) – Committee of the Whole: 18/1/2017.

14. “That the House do resume consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Housing Fund Act, Cap. N45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Housing Fund Bill to make Provisions for Additional Sources of Funding; and for Related Matters (HB 1077) and approve the recommendation therein” (*Adjourned Consideration: 22/5/2018*) (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 12 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday, 12 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the Investigation of Registration and Issuance of Permanent Voters Cards (PVC) to Under-Aged Voters by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	Thursday, 12 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 345 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate Gas Flared Penalties by Oil Companies	Thursday, 12 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Health Institutions	Thursday, 12 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 360 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Federal Character (<i>with NCAA, NPA and National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies</i>)	Thursday, 12 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex