



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 12 October, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Older Persons (Rights and Privileges) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1170) (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *First Reading*.
 2. Private Employment Agencies Bill, 2017 (HB. 1171) (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke*) — *First Reading*.
 3. Centre for Scientific Research into Plant Medicine Bill, 2017 (HB. 1172) (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke*) — *First Reading*.
 4. Child's Right Act (Amendment) Bill 2017 (HB. 1173) (*Hon. Benjamin Ikani Okolo*) — *First Reading*.
 5. Firearms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1174) (HB. 1170) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *First Reading*.
 6. Estate Agents Bill, 2017 (HB. 1175) (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke*) — *First Reading*.
 7. National Tobacco Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1176) (*Hon. M. T. Monguno*) — *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**1. Committee on National Security and Intelligence:****Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Identities of National Security Agencies Officers, Agents, Sources, Informants and Operational Methods from Unlawful Disclosure and to Protect their Establishments, Facilities and Equipment against Unauthorized Access, as well as Provide for the Promotion and Engagement of Nigeria's External Security; and for Related Matters (HB. 830)” (*Referred: 1/12/2016*).

2. Committee on Commerce:**Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) of Nigeria with responsibility, among Others, for Determining the Standards of Knowledge, Skill and Qualification for Persons seeking to become Registered Professionals and Practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria and Licensing and Regulating the Practice of Logistics and Transport in all Ramifications; and for Related Matters” (*Referred: 17/5/2017*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY**MOTIONS****1. Ocean Encroachment in Bayelsa State:****Hon. Douye Diri:**

The House:

Notes that most of the communities in Bayelsa State are bordered on all fronts by streams, rivers, rivulets and the Ocean;

Also notes that some communities like Okpoama, Twon Brass, Sangana, Foropah, Ekeni, Ezetu, Koluama, Odioma, Agbere and Sampou are on the verge of extinction as a result of ocean encroachment that is eating up the lands, thus threatening the existence of the people;

Aware that Ocean encroachment has a similar adverse impact on the people as the Sahara Desert in the Northern part of Nigeria, and the people, who are predominantly farmers and fishermen, are being threatened by the Ocean and Rivers that are washing away their communities;

Observes that as a result of the Ocean encroachment, infrastructure such as schools, health centres, roads and residential buildings are at risk of being washed away;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to mitigate the effects of the encroachment, the lives of the people who reside by the shorelines and banks of the Rivers and the Ocean will be in jeopardy;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the Federal Government to:

(a) undertake shoreline protection by constructing stone and concrete pavements on the banks to stabilize the shoreline,

(b) dredge the River beds to remove encroaching weeds so that the Rivers can contain more water volumes, thereby reducing flooding;

(ii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, and Works to ensure implementation.

2. Need to Investigate the Deplorable Condition of the State House Clinic and the Alleged Deductions from the Salaries and Allowances of the Medical Staff:

Hon. Henry Archibong:

The House:

Notes that the State House Clinic was established to take care of the health needs of the President, the Vice-President, their family members as well as members of staff of the Presidential Villa, Abuja;

Also notes that the Clinic has, over the years, been receiving annual budgetary allocations to procure equipment that will enable it function optimally;

Further notes that in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Appropriation Acts, the Clinic was allocated the sums of ₦3.94 billion, ₦3.87 billion and ₦3.2 billion respectively, for upgrading and provision of necessary drugs and equipment;

Observes that in spite of those huge budgetary allocations, the Clinic lacks necessary facilities such as syringes, drugs and equipment needed for saving lives;

Informed that Medical Doctors working at the Clinic have expressed concern over alleged illegal deductions from their salaries and allowances by the Management since April 2017, without any official communication for the action;

Aware that the wife of the President, Mrs Aisha Buhari complained publicly during a stakeholder's meeting on Reproductive, Maternal, Nutrition, Child Advocacy and Health and Nutrition (RMNCAHN) at the State House of her inability to access health care needs at the Clinic when she took ill recently, but was rather advised by the health providers to fly out of country for treatment;

Acknowledges that her refusal to heed the advice of the health providers and insisting on obtaining medical care in Nigeria saved the country millions of dollars in foreign exchange and was also an act of patriotism and selflessness worthy of commendation;

Resolves to:

- (i) commend Her Excellency, Mrs Aisha Buhari for her exemplary show of patriotism and selflessness; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to investigate the deplorable condition of the State House Clinic and the alleged deductions from the salaries and allowances of the medical staff and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

3. Need to Investigate the Expenditure of ₦7.092 Billion on the Home Grown School Feeding (HGSF) Programme in Nine States of the Federation:

Hon. Prestige Ossy:

The House:

Notes that in execution of the Federal Government's Social Investment Package (SIP), a whopping sum of ₦93.1 billion was appropriated in the 2016 budget for the Home Grown School Feeding (HGSF) Programme which was proposed to provide food for primary schools pupils in the thirty-six (36) States of the Federation, but it has so far effectively commenced in only seven States, namely Anambra, Zamfara, Enugu, Ebonyi, Ogun, Osun and Oyo States, with a total of 8,587 Schools, so far benefitting from the Programme;

Also notes that apart from feeding primary schools pupils, the Programme also aims to create 1.14 million new jobs, increase food production by up to 530,000 metric tonnes per annum and attract fresh investments of up to ₦980 billion;

Further notes that so far, a total of ₦1.8 billion has been spent on the 25 million plates of food that have been served to beneficiaries at the cost of ₦70 per plate, while a further sum of ₦2 billion was spent on the training and soft interest free loans advanced to the 14,492 cooks so far hired under the scheme and on other ancillary costs;

Aware that at the present, over 1,274,620 pupils in the Seven States are currently benefitting from the Programme while the Federal Government has disbursed the following amounts to the benefitting States:

Anambra State	—	₦145,000,000 for 103,742 pupils and 937 cooks,
Ebonyi State	—	₦114,000,000 for 163,137 pupils,
Osun State	—	₦212,000,000 for 151,438 pupils in over 200 schools,
Oyo State	—	₦66,000,000 for 95,338 pupils in 2,375 schools and 1,332 cooks and caterers,
Ogun State	—	₦162,000,000 for 23,660 pupils in 874 primary schools and 1,381 cooks,
Enugu State	—	₦76,000,000 for 108,893 pupils and 1,028 cooks,
Zamfara State	—	₦188,000 for 268,573 pupils;

Also aware that Kaduna State, which ran a similar Programme for 36 weeks between January to August 2016, before the Federal Government kick started its own Programme, has received a total of ₦3.4 billion as reimbursement for money allegedly spent in feeding its primary schools pupils, a claim that has remained unverified as there are no data or records so far produced to that effect;

Further aware that Delta and Abia States have recently joined in the implementation of the Programme and have received ₦63,000,000 for 90,532 pupils and ₦42,000,000 for 61,316 pupils, respectively;

Concerned that the procedure for the recruitment of cooks under the Programme is not transparent which opens a window for corrupt practices in this otherwise laudable Programme as funds have been disbursed without accountability, proper auditing and transparency;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the expenditure under the Home Grown School Feeding Programme and undertake oversight visits to the benefitting States to ascertain the expenditure framework of the exercise and report back within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action.

4. Call for a Safer and More Secured Capital City: Hon. Anayo Nnebe:

The House:

Notes the improved security situation in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja as a result of the support the Minister of the FCT, Alhaji Muhammad Musa Bello has been offering to security agencies through provision of patrol vehicles, security gadgets and equipment, etc.;

Observes the developmental strides in infrastructure and other endeavours as a result of the relative security pervading the capital city;

Recognises that, like other fast-growing cities in the world, there are still challenges such as rural urban migration;

Concerned that the influx of job seeking Nigerians into the Federal Capital Territory brings attendant pressure on the economic, social, environmental and other sectors requiring interventions by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA);

Resolves to:

- (i) commend the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) for the visible efforts at changing the face of the capital city and encourage him to explore alternative platforms for uplifting the environmental and infrastructural fortunes of the city;
- (ii) enjoin corporate bodies and individuals to enter into Public Private Partnership (PPP) with the Administration to further the provision of infrastructure and expansion of the city; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on FCT to ensure implementation.

**5. Call On the Federal Government to Provide Subsidies for Palliative Care Drugs and Chemotherapy for Cancer Patients in Nigeria:
Hon. Zubairu Abdulmalik Bungudu:**

The House:

Notes the increase in cases of Cancer in Nigeria and the attendant heavy economic burden on families and individuals affected by the disease;

Aware of the excruciating pain sufferers of Cancer pass through while battling with the disease which palliative care drugs help to ease, if they are accessible;

Also aware of the hardship and challenges faced by victims in procuring those palliative drugs as a result of their high cost or accessing chemotherapy because the machines are procured from abroad, hence unaffordable to the poor victims of the disease;

Concerned by the lack of chemotherapy machines in many public hospitals in the country which leaves the citizens at the mercy of private hospitals;

Cognizant of the responsibility of the Government in ensuring the welfare of the citizens as guaranteed in Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to ensure that Cancer drugs are available and affordable to all citizens afflicted by the ailment and that Chemotherapy machines are provided and made functional in all government hospitals and clinics across the country; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure implementation and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Need to Harken to Calls for Review of the National Minimum Wage Figures to Avert the Looming Nationwide Strike Action:
Hon. Peter Ohiozogh Akpatason:**

The House:

Aware that the Minimum Wage Act of 2011 set the lowest payable salary to a worker in Nigeria at ₦18,000.00 only;

Cognizant of the Tripartite Agreement between the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), the National Employers Consultative Association (NECA) and the Federal Government to set up a joint review team to study and recommend an appropriate rate to the Government;

Concerned that despite the Labour Unions having submitted names of their nominees and making several requests for commencement of the review process, the Government has yet to respond positively to the requests;

Also aware that payments of outstanding debts to contractors and arrears of salaries and pensions to workers contributed to the reflation of the economy, and in turn partly contributed to the eventual exit of the economy from recession, and as such, an upward adjustment of the rate of the minimum wage will have similar positive effect on the nation's economy;

Concerned that a combination of high inflation and weak Naira exchange value have eroded the purchasing power of fixed income earners in the country who happen to be the bread winners to millions of jobless and aged dependants;

Convinced that any nationwide strike action embarked upon by workers at this time is capable of rolling back recent economic gains, thereby returning the nation's fragile economy into recession that will further exacerbate the suffering of the masses;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to direct the Minister of Labour and Employment to commence forthwith the process of negotiating an upward review of the current minimum wage rates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity to ensure implementation.

BILLS

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Enhance Transparency, Entrenchment of Parliamentary Accountability and Enhancement of the Bank's Efficiency in the Discharge of its Statutory Duties, to provide for Appointment of a Person other than the Governor as the Chairman of the Board, Divest the Board of the Powers of Determining and Fixing its own Salaries and Allowances and the Powers of Considering and Approving the Annual Budget of the Bank and for Related Matters (HBs 1094, 407 and 711) (*Hon. Binta Bello, Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba and Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.
8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Arid Research and Desertification Control and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 573) (*Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita*) — *Second Reading*.
9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act, Cap. M8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase the Penalties for Offences under the Act and for Related Matters (HB. 1084) (*Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo*) — *Second Reading*.
10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Niger Delta Institute of Technology and Skills Acquisition, Egbema, Imo State, and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration, Provide for detailed Identification of Areas in Technology and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB. 1069) (*Hon. Goodluck Opiah*) — *Second Reading*.
11. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Farmers Registration Act that will Create a Database of Farmers in Nigeria to Professionalize Farming and Diversify the Economy with a view to Boosting Food Production and Economic Activities in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1055) (*Hon. Michael Adeniyi Omogbehin*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1. Rules and Business	Thursday, 12 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2. Power	Thursday, 12 October, 201	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3. Federal Capital Territory (FCT)	Thursday, 12 October, 201	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4. Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday, 12 October, 201	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5. Federal Character (<i>with</i>	Wednesday, 11 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex