



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 13 June, 2017

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ADMITTANCE INTO THE CHAMBER

Admittance into the Chamber pursuant to Order Nineteen Rule 8(2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:

Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila:

“That the House do admit into the Chamber:

- (i) the Hon. Minister of Defence, the Hon. Minister of Interior, the Service Chiefs, the Inspector General of Police, Director-General of Department of State Service and the Commandant-General of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to brief the House on the being taken measures to tackle the grave security challenges facing the nation;
 - (ii) the Winners of the Second Edition of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Senior Secondary School Quiz Competition on the Legislature and Democracy in Nigeria organized by the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) for the purpose of observing the House in Plenary”.
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill, 2017 (HB. 1060) (*Senate*) (*House Leader*) – *First Reading*.

2. Maritime Operations Co-ordinating Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1056) (*Hon. Dasuki Abdussamad and 38 Others*) — *First Reading*.
 3. Internship Regulatory Bill, 2017 (HB. 844) (*Hon. Sunday Adepaju*) — *First Reading*.
 4. *Voluntary Income Declaration, Recovery and Amnesty Scheme Bill, 2017 (HB.1061) (Hon. Linus Okorie) – First Reading.*
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 381) – *Third Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Connected Purposes (HB. 702) – *Third reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Maritime Operations Co-ordinating Board Act, Cap. M4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 Reconstituting the Maritime Operations Co-ordination Board for the Effective Control of all Maritime Operations in Nigeria's Territorial Waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone, Create the Maritime Security Fund, Establish Anti-Piracy Offences and for Related Matters (HB. 1056) (*Hon. Dasuki Abdussamad and 38 Others*) — *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Sheriffs and Civil Process Act, Cap.S6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Services of Process through the use of Technology and for Related Matters (HB. 1026) (*Hon. Dozie F. Nwankwo*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

5. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act, Cap A11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Expand the Membership of the Board of the Fund, to Cover the Interests of Farmers, Increase the Amount to enhance the Capital Base, Expand the Coverage, Increase the size of the Loanable Fund, give more Powers to the Board and for Related Matters. (HB. 239):**
Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno:

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act, Cap A11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Expand the Membership of the Board of the Fund, to Cover the Interests of Farmers, Increase the Amount to enhance the Capital Base, Expand the Coverage, Increase the size of the Loanable Fund, give more Powers to the Board and for Related Matters was passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives with differences;

Aware that a Conference Committee was constituted by both Chambers to harmonize the areas of differences in the Bill as passed;

Also aware that the Committee met in conference on Thursday 19, January, 2017 and harmonized the two versions of the Bill;

In view of the importance of the Bill in providing guarantee for loans granted for Agricultural purposes by any Bank, encourage development of Agro-businesses such as processing, storage and marketing in the country;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act, Cap A11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004

to Expand the Membership of the Board of the Fund, to Cover the Interests of Farmers, Increase the Amount to enhance the Capital Base, Expand the Coverage, Increase the size of the Loanable Fund, give more Powers to the Board and for Related Matters.

6. **Call for Investigation of the Activities of Abuja Investment Company Limited on Non-Remittance of over 2 Billion Naira Proceeds to Federal Capital Territory:**
Hon. Shehu Aliyu Musa:

The House:

Aware that section 88 of the 1999 Constitution empowers the National Assembly to investigate any matter or thing with respect to which it has power to make laws, the conduct of affairs of any person or authority charged with the responsibility of administering laws and disbursing moneys appropriated by the National Assembly for the purpose of making or amending laws and exposing corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution of laws;

Also aware that Abuja Investments Company Limited (AICL), as the investment arm of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) with a mandate to facilitate, encourage and attract investments into the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), was set up in October 2006 following the restructuring of Abuja Investment and Property Development Company Limited (AIPDC) which was incorporated in 1994;

Notes that with over \$100M currently under its management, the AICL has grown to become a world class investment firm with diversified subsidiaries and affiliates which include:

Abuja Property Development Company Limited (APDC) with 100% share holding;

Abuja Urban Mass Transport Company limited (AUMTCO) with 100% share holding;

Abuja Market Management Limited (AMML) with 95% share holding;

Abuja Technology Village Free Zone (ATVFZ) with 51% share holding;

Abuja Film Village Ltd with 50% share holding;

Gas Farm Project with 50% share holding;

Abuja Leasing Company (ALC) with 20% share holding;

Power North AICL Equipment Leasing Company with 20% share holding;

American Hospital with 20% share holding;

ASO Savings and Loans Plc with 10% share holding;

Abuja Power Company Ltd with 10% share holding;

Capital Hotels (Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja) with 6.51% share holding;and

Abuja Downtown Mall with 5% share holding;

Concerned that despite this rapid growth of investments, the company, which is wholly owned by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), is not remitting the required revenue to the FCT treasury;

Aware that over two (2) Billion Naira that has accrued as proceeds from the above listed subsidiaries over the years was allegedly diverted by the Management of the Company which led to the dissolution of the Management team by the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory recently;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to investigate the activities of the Abuja Investment Company Limited (AICL) with a view to exposing the alleged diversion of funds and inefficiency, and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

7. **Call to Investigate the Abandonment of Onitsha Inland Port:**

Hon. Obinna Chidoka:

The House:

Aware that Onitsha River Port was conceived during the regime of former President Shehu Shagari as a port of origin and final destination for cargoes to ease the perennial congestion of the Lagos ports with the attendant hardship to port users and huge loss to the economy;

Also aware that the Port was abandoned when the military overthrew the regime of President Shagari in 1984 and that it was only in 2009 that the Government of President Umaru Yar'Adua rekindled interest in the abandoned Port and awarded a contract valued at N4. 182 billion to rehabilitate the facility;

Notes that the regime of President Goodluck Jonathan completed rehabilitation of the Port and commissioned the facility in 2012 as a bonded wharf where Nigeria Customs Service and other Agencies would generate revenues through export and import of cargoes;

Also notes that in spite of the huge resources committed to the Port Complex, the facility is lying idle and fast deteriorating, while other Ports, notably the Lagos Ports are congested with goods largely imported by businesses situated close to Onitsha Port, and those goods are in turn conveyed by trucks to the South East at huge cost to the businesses, severe environmental hazards to Nigerians and unwarranted carnage and damage on the road, while the Onitsha Port is lying fallow, four years after it was commissioned;

Observes that the Nigeria Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) and the Federal Ministry of Transportation that ought to put the Port to gainful use are undecided on how best to utilize the facility, given their contradictory responses to enquiries as to why the Port was still under locks and keys after huge sums of money had been invested in the project;

Concerned that the post-Shagari regime experience of abandonment of the Port is already playing out and determined that the Onitsha River Port should not join the inglorious list of abandoned projects across the length and breadth of the nation, assessed by experts at N13 trillion;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority to undertake the dredging of River Niger to facilitate passage of vessels and barges from the sea to the Onitsha Inland Port facility;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to investigate the lack of operational use of the Onitsha River Port, five years after the facility was commissioned and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

8. **Need to Appraise the Modalities of Implementation of the Social Investment Programmes (SIP) of the Federal Government:**

Hon. Bode Ayorinde:

The House:

Notes that the Social Investment Programmes of the present Administration under the indefatigable President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR are laudable projects that have impacted positively on millions in some States in Nigeria;

Also notes that at the celebration of the regime's two years in Office, the Federal Government was "thumped up" on its dedication to the programmes in terms of time, resources and energy already invested on the SIP programmes;

Aware of the Federal Government's claim that the SIP is the largest Social Intervention effort anywhere in the world and it has also acknowledged that even though Nigeria recorded some growth level of about 7% in its economy due to rising oil prices, unemployment figure is still high, hence the direct Intervention through the SIP;

Conscious that the SIP have four elements:

- (i) the home grown Schools Feeding Programme targeting 5.5 Million Primary School Pupils in all the States of the Federation;
- (ii) the job creation programme aimed at employing 500,000 graduates to be deployed in their communities to work as teachers, health support officers and agricultural officers, and participants are to be paid ₦30,000 each;
- (iii) the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) of ₦5,000 monthly to extremely poor and vulnerable persons in the Society, targeted at One Million (1,000,000) recipients for two years; and
- (iv) the Enterprises Promotion Programme which is a loan facility of between ₦ 10,000 to ₦ 100,000 to 1.66 million people;

Further notes that at the end of April 2017, the Federal Government claimed to have spent ₦41,714,293,000 across the thirty-six (36) States and the Federal Capital Territory in implementing different aspects of the four SIPs and that not less than 25 million meals have been served under the National Homegrown School Feeding Programme;

Cognizant that the School Feeding Programme has only covered 7 States of the Federation and there are no credible statistics as to how far the other elements have gone among the thirty-six (36) States of the Federation;

Concerned that the Schools and people of Owo/Ose Federal Constituency of Ondo State have not benefitted from any of the 4 elements of the SIP;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to implement one element of the Social Investment Programmes at a time and ensure that each of the elements, when implemented, should cover all the thirty-six (36) States of the Federation, in the spirit of fairness, equity and justice; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Poverty Alleviation and Labour, Employment and Productivity to liaise with the Agency in charge of the SIP to ensure that the Programmes are implemented in all Federal Constituencies in the country.

9. **Alleged Infractions in the Operations and Activities of the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC), the Persisting Lack of Capacity and Attendant Revenue Losses to Nigeria:
Hon. Ahmed Abu:**

The House:

Aware that the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) was established in 1988 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) with the mandate to participate in petroleum exploration and production activities, and currently owns and operates several oil and gas fields and infrastructure in the Niger Delta region;

Also aware that apart from creating an additional source of revenue for the country, the NPDC was established to also develop Nigeria's local capacity in the industry to enable sustainable development and profitability but allegations of unethical and questionable actions by the company appear to be hindering the attainment of those objectives;

Concerned that twenty nine (29) years after its establishment, the NPDC still appears to lack the capacity to compete favourably in the Oil and Gas industry and is reported to be consistently ceding its core activities to third party private entities without due procurement process in Strategic Alliance Agreements that involve the provision of funds by those entities to carry out exploration and production activities on almost all the company's oil fields, including the lifting of crude on behalf of the company resulting in the NPDC's inability to reconcile the revenue generated and the amount of crude lifted, leading to speculations about a loss of over \$1.5 billion of revenue to the Federal Government;

Also concerned about allegations that most of those third-party entities are newly registered companies with little or no technical experience or financial capability to carry out or meet the terms of those Strategic Alliance Agreements but are owned by cronies of members of the Management of NPDC and other interested parties and are consequently allowed access to funds obtained by NPDC from government appropriation to their benefits;

Cognizant of other reports that the nation is losing billions of Naira daily from the outrageously inflated recurring expenditure on the operations of the NPDC with examples of areas like diesel (AGO) supply where the Management selects preferred suppliers and approves payment for quantities of diesel far more than the actual requirement and regular pipe supply contracts also awarded to preferred suppliers, all without due procurement process and also of possible evasion of statutory obligations by the NPDC with regard to royalties and tax required to be paid to the government;

Resolves to:

Constitute an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate all aforementioned allegations against the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC), including other related issues, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Need to Intervene in the Recurring Communal Crisis between Umuebu and Amai Communities of Delta State:**

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:

The House:

Notes that Ukwuani local government area of Delta State is made up of nine clans, namely Akoku, Amai, Ebedei, Eziokpor, Ezionum, Obiaruku, Umuebu, Umukwata and Umutu, which are part of the Ukwuani Ethnic Nationality located in the western part of the Niger Delta;

Also notes that for over forty years, the Umuebu and Amai clans have been entangled in a very bitter, recurring and bloody communal crisis over encroachment into their respective farmlands which has defied all efforts to find solutions, including interventions by the Delta State Government at different times, and has now taken a new dimension of having spread to neighbouring communities of Obiaruku, Eziokpor and Ezionum;

Observes that arsonists have taken over the communities as properties worth millions of naira are often set ablaze and several innocent people have lost their lives to the age-long crisis that is being passed from generation to generation, with economic activities being negatively affected, particularly the only federal highway that passes through some of those communities, which is now being avoided by motorists over the crisis;

Cognizant that section 14 (2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Government of Delta State to initiate measures that would bring about demarcation of boundaries between the communities; and
- (iii) also use the Inspector General of Police to beef up security in the communities to avoid further escalation of the crisis;

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Special Duties, and Police Affairs to ensure implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Architects (Registration, Etc.) Act, Cap. A 19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the Penalties and Make Appeals from the Disciplinary Committee Lie to the High Court and for Related Matters (HB. 254) (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi*) (*Committee of the Whole: 6/6/2017*).
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| 1. | Rules and Business | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06
(White House)
Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 345
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Healthcare Service (<i>with Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH)</i>) | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 236
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>) | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Local Content | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 244
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Federal Capital Territory | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 456
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 7. | Defence | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 348
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (<i>Familiarization meeting with the new Director-General of NEMA</i>) | Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 349
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |