



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
ORDER PAPER  
Tuesday 14, June, 2016

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ORDERS OF THE DAY  
SECTORAL DEBATES

1. **Sectoral Debate:**  
Sectoral Debate on the Diversification of the Nigerian Economy: Real Sector Development, Pursuant to Order XVI of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:
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BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Sweden and for Other Related Matters (HB. 443) *(Hon. Femi Gbajabamila) – Second Reading.*
3. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦260,064,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Sixty Billion, Sixty-Four Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦231,224,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty-One Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending on 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) *(Hon. Femi Gbajabamila) – Second Reading.*

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council on Aging so as to Provide Social Welfare Services for the Elderly and for Purposes of designing Developmental Programmes and activities for the Advancement of elderly Persons in Nigeria and a Bill for an Act to Establish Unemployed Youths, Elderly and Indigent Sustainability Allowances Trust Fund which will be Funded with 30% of the Money accruing from the Communications Services Tax and such Fund will be Utilized and Managed for the Emergency need services of Nigerians among which are payment of stipends to the Unemployed, Subsidizing Infant Drugs and Hypertension Drugs, Diabetics Drugs and for Other Related Matters, (HBs. 84, 526) (*Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor and Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi*) – *Second Reading*.
  5. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Enhance Political inclusion and participation of Young People in Governance in Nigeria, and for Other Related Matters, (HB. 556) (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe*) – *Second Reading*.
  6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Profession of Dietetics and for Other Related Matters (HB. 547) (*Hon. Odeunmi Olusegun Dokun*) – *Second Reading*.
  7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Electoral Offences Tribunal for the Purpose of trying Electoral Offences and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Electoral Offences Commission charged with the Responsibility of Prohibition and Prosecution of Electoral Offences and for Other Related Matters,, (HBs. 504, 546) (*Hon. John Dyegh and Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*) – *Second Reading*.
  8. A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 27(2) (a) -(b) and 4(b) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004(HB. 576) (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim*) - *Second Reading*.
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#### **MOTIONS**

9. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:  
Order XII, Rule 94  
Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars (HB. 79)  
Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:**

##### **The House:**

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negated, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negated or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill, 2015 was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 79 and read the first time on Wednesday 17 November, 2015.

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

**10. Need to Expand Higher Educational Curriculum to include Compulsory Learning of French Language in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria:**

**Hon. Mojeed Alabi:**  
**The House:**

Notes the significance of international languages in the promotion of bilateral and multilateral relations among nations;

Also notes that French is a major international language, with 77 French speaking countries in the world, and is one of the official working languages of many international organizations, such as the United Nations, the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), each of which Nigeria is a member;

Aware of the potentials of job opportunities in strategic sectors within and outside the country that await Nigerians who could speak both English and French languages, particularly in the West African sub-region where French is widely spoken and has become a lingua franca in official and unofficial circles;

Concerned that the Nigerian elite, particularly in the academic and diplomatic circles, are often confronted with embarrassing situations at international conferences due to their inability to communicate in French ,unlike their French counterparts who are mostly proficient in both English and French languages;

Aware of the existing educational policy that makes the learning of French language compulsory at the middle and upper levels of basic education in the country;

Also aware that there are in existence such institutions as the French village in Topo, Badagry, the Alliance Francaise in Lagos and the Institute Francaise in Abuja, among others, that are dedicated to the teaching, training and practical interaction in French language;

Worried that previous policy initiatives on French language in this regard have not produced the desired effects, thus making the use of the language unpopular among Nigerians;

Conscious of the inadequate number of trained teachers of the French language at both the basic and tertiary educational levels in the country, making learning the language difficult;

Believes that the federal government's desire to recruit 500,000 teachers could assist to moderate the problem of inadequate teachers of the language if a sizeable number is recruited;

Convinced that the assurance given by the immediate past French Ambassador to Nigeria, Jacques Champagne de Labriolle, during the French education fair in Abuja in 2015 which was reinforced by the current Ambassador, Denys Gaver, on the preparedness of France to meet Nigeria's training needs in the teaching of the Language could serve as additional impetus for the Federal Government to pursue the policy of compulsory offering of French language at Tertiary Institutions in the country with greater commitment;

Also convinced that Nigeria's francophone neighboring countries like Togo, Benin Republic, Cote D' Ivoire, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Guinea, Burkina Faso and Mali will be ready sources of French teachers at the actual implementation stage of the policy, having enjoyed similar support in the 1980s in many Nigerian Secondary Schools, particularly with the current level of sub-regional cooperation among the ECOWAS nations;

Further convinced that the policy is capable of preparing Nigerians for greater roles in the international bodies like the United Nations where multilingualism is a major consideration for gaining support for such important positions as that of the Secretary-General;

Equally convinced that expanding the current educational policy of the country to include compulsory offering of French Language in Tertiary Institutions will open greater employment opportunities for Nigerian graduates across Francophone West African countries which constitute more than 70% of the total membership of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

**Resolves to:**

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to review the current national policy on education to include the compulsory offering of French language by students in all tertiary institutions, regardless of courses of study, as applicable to general studies;

- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission (NUC) to facilitate immediate implementation of the policy, including appropriate budgetary provisions for recruitment and training of lecturers and teachers of the French language across the relevant educational institutions in Nigeria; and
- (iii) Also urge the Federal Ministries of Education, and Labour and Employment to ensure that graduates of French language are given significant share of the 500,000 teachers expected to be employed under the provisions of the Appropriation Act, 2016.

**11. Call on the National Universities Commission to Accredite the National Institute for Nigerian Languages as a Degree Awarding Institution:**

**Hon. Solomon Adaelu, Hon. Prestige Ossy:**

**The House:**

Notes that the National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINL), Aba, Abia State was established in 2004 to promote the study and use of Nigerian languages and its establishment Act empowers it to award degrees, diplomas and other certificates to persons who have satisfied the stipulated requirements;

Aware that the Institute has a well-equipped library, offices and lecture halls, and boasts of five Professors and numerous Doctors of Philosophy (PhD) holders as part of its staff, but up till now, the Institute has not been duly recognized by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and thus operates as a non-degree awarding institution;

Concerned that the inability of the Institute to access funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) owing to its non-degree awarding status is inhibiting the growth and development of the institute;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Universities Commission (NUC) to give due recognition to the National Institute for Nigerian Languages as a degree awarding institution, and grant it autonomy to access funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure compliance.

**12. Need to Revisit the Policy of Renewal of the Nigerian Passport on a Five (5) Yearly Basis:**

**Hon. Samson O. Olugbemi:**

**The House:**

Recalls that before the introduction of the Electronic Passport, the Nigerian passport had a 5 years validity period subject to revalidation for another 5 years only; indicating that Nigerian International Passport had a life span of 10 years,

Also recalls that the process of renewal of the old passport was very simple and efficient; as it required mere stamping by an authorized Immigration official, indicating a new expiration date;

Convinced that the 10 years lifespan of the passport sits very well with international best practices because Countries issue travelling visas which vary from 2 weeks to 10 years,

Concerned that the Nigeria Immigration Service, for reasons only known to it, decided to limit the validity of the new Nigerian Passport to 5 years without any option of renewal, therefore, instead of renewal of the passport on expiration, a new one is to be issued;

Also concerned that this arbitrary change in policy is inflicting untold hardships and inconveniences to Nigerians, at home and abroad;

Wonders about the benefits of this change of policy, other than the selfish intentions of the Nigeria Immigration Service to increase its internally generated revenue profile, and by extension, increase the funds it is permitted to offset its operational costs;

Aware that millions of Nigerians who are residing in Countries where Nigerian passports cannot be procured due to absence of Nigerian Embassy or Consular Office are stranded abroad because of the expiration of their passports;

*Resolves to:*

urge the Minister of Interior and the Nigerian Immigration Service to initiate measures aimed at reverting to the 10 years life span policy for the Nigerian International passport.

**13. Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission to Release Outstanding Voters' Cards not released before the last General Elections:**

**Hon. Shadimu Mutiu Alao:**

**The House:**

Notes that Nigeria practices a presidential democracy which involves direct voting by eligible citizens for candidates of their choice in general elections;

Also notes that the Electoral Act, 2010 empowers the Independent National Electoral Commission to make Voters' Cards available to registered voters well ahead of voting days;

Worried that the manner INEC handled the distribution of voters' cards during the 2015 general elections disenfranchised millions of Nigerians nationwide;

Also worried that while some States got a large percentage of voters' cards, other States like Lagos with higher voters got far less voters cards, culminating in mass disenfranchisement of eligible voters;

Further worried that uneven distribution of voters' cards may, in some cases, produce unpopular candidates resulting in triumph of the minority over the majority, which is antithetical to all known democratic tenets.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to immediately embark on distribution of voters' cards not distributed before the last elections;
- (ii) also urge INEC to embark on continuous registration of voters and distribution of voters' cards;
- (ii) call on the Federal Government to ensure provision of funds for INEC to cope with its enormous responsibilities as at when due;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Electoral and Political Party Matters and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with this resolution.

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**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

**14. Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**

**Hon. Herman Hembe:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Breach of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015 and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 18/5/2016*).

- (i) That the Stop-Gap collaboration between the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) for collection of taxes continues, but the timelines submitted by the Honourable Minister be revised, such that the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCTIRS) can take off in October, 2016, and that FCTA reports progress to the Committee on attainment of set targets;
- (ii) that all appointments and engagements by the previous Board and/or the Chairman of the Board stand nullified, as his appointment was never ratified by the National Assembly;
- (iii) that the House should support the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCTIRS) by making adequate budgetary provision in the FCT Statutory Budget, for the take-off of the Service;
- (iv) that the FCTIRS should ensure full deployment of platforms and technology to ensure adequate coverage of all areas of revenue without further delay.

- (vi) that the FCTIRS should engage the services of qualified and competent consultants and tax practitioners as specified in Section 7 (2) (g) and (h) of the FCT Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015, to enhance its operations;
- (vii) that the process for selection of consultants should be open and competitive in compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

**15. Committee on Interior:**

**Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on the Criminal Act of Assault and Battery allegedly visited upon Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor by men and Officers of the Nigeria Prisons Service and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 8/5/2016*)

- (i) *that* from the testimonies of 6 (six) credible witnesses, it is established beyond reasonable doubt that: SIP Idaa Odeh with service number 40258 assaulted Hon. Onyemaechi Mrakpor and is therefore guilty of an offence under Section 16 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004;
  - (a) SIP Idaa Odeh with service number 40258 should be arrested and tried by the Attorney General of the Federation in accordance with Section 16 of Legislative Houses (Powers and privileges) Act,;
  - (b) He should be dismissed from the service with immediate effect;
- (ii) that Corporal Esther Hassan, ASP Sunday Akoh of the Nigeria Police and Adeboye I. O. of the Department of State Services should be disciplined and immediately reprimanded and redeployed;
- (iii) that Training and re-training of all resident security agencies in the National Assembly is needed;
- (iv) that the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004 should be amended as a matter of urgency to the effect that only the President, Vice President and Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) or a visiting President can come into the premises of the National Assembly with moderate convoy, and penalties should be provided for offenders;
- (v) that a complete overhaul of the Office of the Sergeant-At-Arms is urgently needed;
- (v) that all the security personnel currently serving, at the National Assembly gates including Sergeant-At-Arms staff should be redeployed;
- (vi) that the Committee on Legislative Compliance should ensure strict compliance with all the recommendations and report back to the House within 2 (two) weeks.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

|    | <b>Committee</b>      | <b>Date</b>            | <b>Time</b> | <b>Venue</b>  |
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| 1. | Rules and Business    | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 06<br>(White House)<br>Assembly Complex          |
| 2. | Delegated Legislation | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 436<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Special Duties        | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 468<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |

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| 4. | Federal Road Maintenance Agency  | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 348<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Navy   | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 327<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Drugs and Narcotics <i>(with Chairman /Chief Executive of NDLEA and his Management Team)</i> | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 460<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 7. | Public Accounts <i>(with MDAs)</i>   | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 446<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Public Accounts and Finance <i>(Joint Meeting)</i>   | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 231<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 9. | Army   | Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429<br>New Building ( House)<br>Assembly Complex |