HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Thursday 22 September, 2016

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**

(a) A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council for Public Assistance to Widows, Dependent Children and Orphans; a Bill for an Act to Establish a Welfare Trust Fund and Management Commission for Effective Management of the Welfare of the Unemployed, People with Disability (Temporal/Permanent), Orphans, Widows, the Elderly and the Youths, Compensation for Citizens who are deprived of means of Livelihood as a result of Population, Demolition, Forced Relocation, Retirement and Health, Provision of Medical care and Subsidies for poor Families and to protect the less Privileged in the Society; and for Other Matters Related Thereto, (HBs. 124 and 126), *(Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello and Hon. Rita O. Orji).*

(b) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Control of Orphanages and Other Institutions for the Boarding, Care and Maintenance of Orphans and Deserted Children and for Other Related Matters, (HB. 183) *(Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada).*

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Forest Research Institute of Nigeria, 2016, and for Other Related Matters, (HB. 41) – *Third Reading.*

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Commodity Brokers of Nigeria (CICBN) and for Other Related Matters, (HB. 417) (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk*) – Second Reading.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act, Cap. N3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 206) (*Hon. Beni Lar) (Second Reading.*

5. A Bill for an Act to Make Development Planning Compulsory for all Tiers of Government in Nigeria and to Create Coherent and Measureable Targets in Developmental Initiatives in support of the attainment of the Goals of Vision 20:2020 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 592) *(Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) – Second Reading.*

6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 221) *(Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta) Second Reading.*

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Quarantine Act, Cap. Q2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the Penalty and for Other Related Matters; (HB. 289) *(Hon. Jones Onyereri) – Second Reading.*

MOTIONS

8. Urgent Need to Address the Economic Downturn in Nigeria:
Hon. Mukaila Olayiwola Kazzim:
The House:

Notes that due to the crash of crude oil prices from over $120 per barrel in the last quarter of 2014 to about $45 presently, Nigeria has been witnessing a dramatic reduction in oil earnings, which has impacted negatively on revenues available to finance expenditure, as a result, the foreign reserves had been depleted to bridge the gap;

Also notes that the loss of confidence in the nation's economy has led to increase in the rate of outflow of businesses worth more than four trillion Naira following declining oil revenues and the devaluation of the Naira;

Further notes the unprecedented level of youth unemployment of about 70% which has continued to grow unabated as businesses keep folding up;

Concerned that the bank lending rate of between 25-30% per annum and other hidden charges are discouraging borrowers, especially the Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs) and is also counterproductive for meaningful economic growth;

Also concerned about the economic downturn that is looming in the country which was predicted in 2014 by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) based on the aforementioned events, coupled with declining foreign reserves and rising external debts which, according to the Debt Management Office (DMO) now hovers around $10bn from $3.5bn nine years ago;

Aware that the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) condemned the high interests charged by Banks and the CBN's foreign exchange policy has created more problems for the real sector since

it made access to foreign exchange more difficult for importation of raw materials by genuine users and coupled with the weak Naira, the policy has fuelled cost production increases;

Further concerned that industries such as the steel rolling mills, paper mills, aviation and textile industries etc. that are supposed to provide cushion for the aforementioned policies and conserve foreign exchange have become moribund;

Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Federal Government to direct the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Federal Ministry of Finance and the National Planning Commission to review the existing monetary policy with a view to developing sustainable lending rates and right environment that will foster real sector growth to enhance economic development;

(ii) Also urge the Federal Government to take steps to resuscitate the comatose government owned industries which will generate employment, provide raw materials for local producers and preserve scarce foreign exchange;

(iii) Further urge the Federal Government to develop policies that will be attractive to private investment for the commercial exploration of solid minerals and also pay attention to non-oil sector ventures such as tourism, automobile industry, information technology etc. in order to bring about the diversification of the nation's economy;

(iv) Mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency, Finance and National Planning and Economic Development to ensure compliance, and report back to the House within four weeks for further legislative action.

9. Pollution of Ndokwa Communities by Sterling Exploration and Energy Production Company (SEEPCO) Ltd through Crude Oil Barges:
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:
The House:

Notes that Sterling Exploration and Energy Production Company (SEEPCO) Ltd is the Nigerian subsidiary of the Global Oil Resources Ltd owned by the Sandesara Group, an Indian company which operates over 35 offices around the world;

Also notes that SEEPCO conducts crude oil production activities in its oil fields at Kwuibome, Anieze, Ameshi, Afor, Kwale, Okpai-Olichi and Obetim Communities of Ndokwa East and Ndokwa West Local Government Areas of Delta State;

Aware that SEEPCO uses large and heavy sea-going barges to transport its crude oil from its loading bay at Asemoku through Onyah, Abalagada, Okpai and other Ndokwa communities to Ageh in Bayelsa State;

Observes the reported cases of massive leakages of crude oil from SEEPCO's oil transporting barges into the waters of Ndokwa coastal communities, which have been attributed to the worn-out conditions of the barges and their operational deployment at night, in clear violation of section 9 (1) of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act of 1968;

Also aware that the escape, discharge or leakage of oil from any sea-going device into navigable or coastal waters is a violation of section 3 (1) & (2) and paragraph 5 (6) of the Regulations to the said Act;

Recalls that the British Petroleum was, in 2010, indicted for negligence over the Gulf of Mexico oil pollution and was fined US $18.7 billion;

Concerned that the daily and systematic pollution of Ndokwa coastal waters by SEEPCO has contaminated creeks and other sources of fresh water supply to these coastal communities, thus causing severe health hazards and loss of aquatic lives, among other agro-economic losses;

Also concerned that this crude method of transporting oil by barges always orchestrates strong and speedy sea waves that hit the fragile shorelines, washing off the top soil and cutting deep into the earth-crust to create massive erosion gulfs that keep widening, with the attendant loss of farm lands, economic crops, buildings and habitable lands, especially at Onyah, Abalagada, Okpai and other coastal communities which are running the risk of being submerged;

Further concerned that SEEPCO is neither implementing any corporate social responsibility project nor honoring the various Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) entered into with the host communities of Ndokwa;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat and Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to investigate the operations and the community based projects of Sterling Exploration and Energy Production Company (SEEPCO) Ltd, paying particular attention to the effects of the company's crude oil transportation system, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Call for Investigation of the Extra Budgetary Spendings by the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) between 2012 and 2015:**
Hon. Olasupo Abiodun Adeola
The House:

Notes that the National Broadcasting Commission was established by the National Broadcasting Commission Act of 1992, and by the provision of section 2 (1), is a revenue generating agency of the Federal Government;

Aware that the agency, between 2012 and 2015, generated revenues in excess of 40 Billion Naira made up of NGN843 Million in 2012; NGN 1 Billion in 2013; NGN2.4 Billion in 2014 and NGN37 Billion in 2015;

Concerned that the agency engaged in extra budgetary spendings of the realized funds without the approval of the National Assembly, in clear violation of section 80 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

Also concerned that the ongoing digitization exercise being undertaken by the agency has become an unending process in spite of the Billions of Naira that have been expended on it;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to carry out an investigation of the extra budgetary spendings as well as the digitization process

being undertaken by the NBC, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. **Call for Decongestion of Abuja Municipal Area Council:**
Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi:
The House:

Notes that the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja is divided into six(6) Area Councils of Abuja Municipal, Bwari, Gwagwalada, Kwali, Kuje and Abaji;

Aware that over 95% (ninety-five percent) of all the Federal Government establishments, all foreign countries' embassies, the 36 States liaison offices and major private companies are sited at Abuja Municipal Area Council which is not more than 3-4 kilometers radius, as a result of which 95% of the workforce within the Federal Capital Territory invariably carry out their works within the metropolis of Abuja Municipal Area Council;

Concerned that this untoward development has led to the amenities within the metropolis being stretched by excessive population, thereby causing unhealthy congestion, gridlock, unhygienic environment, threats to lives and properties and constant disruption of social life and business activities which negatively affect the productivity of the workers and consequently lead to fall in government revenues and rendering of services;

Also aware that certain attempts by the Federal Capital Territory Administration to curb the menace caused by this congestion through demolition of illegal buildings failed mainly because a permanent solution was not sought to effectively check the over-congestion;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on FCTA, FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters and Works to appraise the situation with a view to ascertaining the economic, social, developmental and environmental risks posed by the congestion, and report back to the House within six weeks.

12. **Urgent Need to Address the Problem of Casualization and Outsourcing of Jobs and Its Socio - Economic Consequences in Nigeria:**
Hon. Wale Raji Tasir:
The House:

Notes that section 7 (1) of the Labour Act, 2004 provides that no worker should be engaged on probation or temporary employment for more than 3 months;

Aware that in recent years, the scourge of casualization has assumed a worrisome dimension both in the private and public sectors as employers capitalize on the high level unemployment and the quest to maximize profits to engage casual workers and pay them slave wages under deplorable working conditions;

Also notes that some employers, especially in the banking and other sectors, in an attempt to cover up their illegal acts, outsource jobs to firms to recruit workers;

Also aware of the clamour by various stakeholders such as the Nigeria Labour Congress, Trade Union Congress and other Non- Governmental Organizations for the Federal Government to develop the political will to enforce compliance with decent and acceptable work environment in Nigeria;

Further aware that the International Labour Organisation recognizes the transition of employees from temporary to permanent employment within three to twelve months of their contracts and in its Report of 2004, Nigeria was indicted on account of frequent termination of contract workers employment when they became qualified to be considered for permanent employment;

Concerned about the negative effects of casualization on workers which lead to deprivation of employment benefits and lack of legal status, thus making them dispensable at the convenience of the employers;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment, and Productivity to investigate the incidences of casualisation and outsourcing of jobs in both the private and public sectors of the economy and make recommendations within six weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	**Date**	**Time**	**Venue**
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 22 September, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions	Thursday, 22 September, 2016	3: 00 p. m	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Air Force	Thursday, 22 September, 2016	3: 00 p. m	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	*Ad-Hoc* Committee to Investigate Massive Deforestation and Corruption that has Crippled the Environment and its effects on Climate Change	Thursday, 22 September, 2016	3: 00 p. m	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	*Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Urgent Need to Investigate the Fraudulent Multi Billion Naira Payment to Government Officials Annually by Insurance Companies Mandated to Insure Government's Fixed Assets by way of Return on Premiums	Thursday, 22 September, 2016	3: 00 p. m	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex