

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 4 December, 2019

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### **PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

- 1. Companies and Allied Matters Bill, 2019 (HB. 544) (Executive) First Reading.
- 2. South East Development Commission (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 545) (Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta) First Reading.
- **3.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2019 (HB. 546) (Hon. Kolawole Lawal) First Reading.
- 4. Kidnapping and Hostage Taking (Prohibition) Bill, 2019 (HB. 547) (Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok) First Reading.
- **5.** Federal University of Agriculture and Entrepreneurship, Saki, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 548) (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun*) *First Reading*.

- 6. Electoral Offences Tribunal (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 549) (Hon. Francis C Uduyok) First Reading.
- 7. Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 550) (Hon. Jude Ise-Idehen) First Reading.
- 8. National Universities Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 551) (Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo) First Reading.
- 9. Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 552) (Hon. Mansur Manu Soro) First Reading.
- 10. Dental Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 553) (Hon. Joseph E. Edionwele) First Reading.
- **11.** Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 554) (Hon. Paschal C. Obi) First Reading.
- 12. Child Rights Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 555) (Hon. Paschal C. Obi) First Reading.
- **13.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2019 (HB. 556) (Hon. Paschal C. Obi) First Reading.
- 14. Federal College of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Tuomo, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, (HB. 557)) 2019 (*Hon. Julius G. Pondi*) *First Reading*.
- 15. Service Compact Management Agency Bill, 2019 (HB. 558) (Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu) First Reading.
- 16. Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 559) (Hon. Oluwole Oke) First Reading.
- 17. Employees' Compensation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 560) (Hon. Oluwole Oke) First Reading.
- 18. Defence Industries Corporation of Nigeria Bill, 2019 (HB. 561) (Hon. Oluwole Oke) First Reading.
- 19. Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 562) (Hon. Oluwole Oke) First Reading.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Kirikasamma, Jigawa State to Provide full-time Courses, Teaching, Instructions and Training in Agriculture and carry out its due Administration and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 382) (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata) Second Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Birniwa, Jigawa State to Provide fulltime Courses, Teaching, Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 383) (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata) – Second Reading.
- A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Blood Service Commission to Coordinate, Regulate and ensure the Provision of Quality Blood and Blood Products; and for Related Maters (HB.181) (Hon. Abbas Tajudeen) Second Reading.
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4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal college of Education, Keana, Nassarawa State, to Provide full-

Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Disciplining of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 439) (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba*) – *Second Reading*.

### MOTIONS

#### 5. Rehabilitation and Dualization of Ita-Oshin-Ilaro-Owode Yewa-Ikoga Road in Ogun West and Central Senatorial Districts of Ogun State: Hon. Kolawole Lawal.

#### The House:

*Notes* that the 101km Ita-Oshin (Abeokuta), Joga orile, Imasayi/lboro,lbese, Ilaro, Owode, Ado-Ode and Ikoga federal road connects towns in Ogun west senatorial district to the capital city, Abeokuta and then links to Lagos State from where its connect to the Republic of Benin through Badagry;

*Also notes* that the road is invaluable in the transportation of goods and services across Nigeria, thereby boosting revenue generation;

*Aware* that the leading cement manufacturing factory in Africa, Dangote Cement, Ibese is located along the same road which is a single carriageway with no separation between vehicles in opposite directions;

*Cognizant* that roads are considered key prerequisites for social and economic development of any country as they are the arteries through which the economy pulsates, by linking producers to markets, workers to jobs, students to schools and the sick to hospitals;

*Concerned* that considering the economic activities that are carried on along its stretch, the road is too narrow and thus slows down activities, leaving commuters frustrated over their inability to get to their destinations on time and also poses great risks as accidents frequently occur on the road;

*Observes* that since the construction of the road, palliative maintenance has scarcely been carried out on the road, thus leaving it in a deplorable state, hindering both human and vehicular movements and declining revenue generation;

*Cognizant* that rehabilitation and dualiazation of the road will greatly improve the nation's economy as well as enhancing the lives of the people living in the area;

#### Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, commence rehabilitation of the Ita-Oshin-Ilaro-Owode Yewa-Ikoga Road in Ogun West and Central Senatorial Districts of Ogun State;
- *(ii)* also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to make provision in the 2020 budget estimates for the dualization of the Ita-Oshin-Ilaro-Owode Yewa-Ikoga Road in Ogun West and Central Senatorial Districts of Ogun State;

*(iii)* mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance.

### 6. Need to Expedite the Construction of Gulka Dam in Giade Local Government Area of Bauchi State:

#### Hon. Kani Abubakar Faggo:

#### The House:

*Notes* that water is an important component of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), and is also a vital developmental tool for any nation;

*Also notes* that meeting the basic need of water has been a long-standing challenge in sub-Saharan African countries as, according to reports, water is the second most sought after item after education, on the developmental agenda of the citizenry;

*Aware* that the idea for construction of Gulka Dam was conceived in 1978 to harness the water resources of Bauchi State in order to improve agricultural production through the use of irrigation and also provide potable water for the people, but the project has since been abandoned;

*Also aware* that the dam was projected to irrigate several hectares of arable land to support the agricultural production across Bauchi State and the neighbouring Jigawa State as Gulka River lies at a boundary between the two States;

*Appreciates* that the project has huge revenue generation potentials as it would provide direct employment for at least 10,000 youths in farming and make provisions for the development of at least 2,000 tonnes of fisheries annually, provide recreation as well as attracting tourism to Bauchi State;

*Cognizant* that with a proposed storage capacity of 56 million cubic metres, Gulka Dam will conveniently serve multiple purposes as it will enhance the developmental potentials of North East region in terms of increased agricultural output and improvement in water supply;

#### Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Federal Ministries of Water Resources and Works and Housing to expedite action on the construction of Gulka Dam;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources and Works to ensure implementation.

#### 7. Need to Commence the long Overdue National Population Census in Nigeria: Hon. Ademorin Kuye.

#### The House:

*Notes* that the holding of a population census is an important national assignment because its figures are critical for national planning and it is for this reason, among others, that most countries of the world carry out this exercise once every ten years;

*Also notes* that without a census, and an accurate data of the number of people in a given country, no government can provide adequately for its citizens as Government requires data to know the number of children being born, the number of schools and hospitals that will be needed, how many

workers are in a given town and how many foreigners are in the country, for proper provision of infrastructural facilities;

*Further notes* that most times, Nigeria's population is predicated on projected figures provided by foreign organizations like the United Nations, thus making planning extremely difficult in the absence of a population census which the National Population Commission (NPC) would have been ready to conduct every ten (10) years, as is obtainable in other countries, but it is now left to the whims and caprices of the government;

*Recalls* that since the first census which was held in Lagos in 1866, there had been a trend towards a better planned and more reliable census exercises as subsequent census exercises took place in 1869, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1911, but were limited to Lagos and its environs and some parts of the Southern Protectorate;

Aware that the 1952/1953 census was the first modern, national and carefully planned census, however, its outcome was not generally accepted as it was not conducted simultaneously throughout the country;

*Also aware* that other population census that took place at various times between 1953, 1962/1963 and 1973 were well planned;

*Concerned* that the last national census was conducted in 2006 and until it becomes mandatory to conduct census at given intervals like elections, Nigeria will continue to have delays in organizing national census;

*Further aware* of the extreme importance of conducting another census to ascertain the country's actual population in order to do away with projected figures, a development that will enable the Government to plan better for the citizens;

*Worried* that if adequate measures are not put in place where population census is conducted periodically at least once every 1 0 years, Nigeria will be lacking in the statistical data of its citizenry either politically or economically;

*Again notes* that in 2016, the World Bank estimated Nigeria's population at 186 million and the United Nations, also in 2017, put Nigeria's population at 180 million with a growth rate of 2.7 percent and prior to that in 2016, the former Director-General of the National Population Commission (NPC) Alhaji Ghali Bello had estimated Nigeria's population to be 182 million with a growth rate of 3.5 per cent;

*Also recalls* that the National Assembly had, in 2018, called for postponement of the proposed 2018 population census on the ground that such an exercise, coming on the eve of the 2019 general elections, could end in chaos;

Acknowledges that Nigeria has a dynamic economy and a large population which is expected to double in the next two decades and census is a pivotal and necessary tool for the growth of any emerging society, which in turn informs decision-making at all facets of public and private sectors;

*Cognizant* that lack of accurate data on the population of Nigeria has been affecting national planning and development at all levels;

#### Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the National Population Commission (NPC) to come up with a feasible time table for the conduct a National Census not later than year 2020;
- *(ii)* also urge the Federal Government to provide necessary logistics for the conduct of a national census in 2020 as a way of ending the uncertainties surrounding Nigeria's actual population;
- (*iii*) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to liaise with the National Population Commission (NPC), the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and Planning and the National Bureau of Statistics to work out modalities on how to conduct a census in 2020 and also to liaise with other foreign donors such as UNFPA, EU, USAID, UNESCO, AU, etc. for necessary support for the exercise.

### 8. Extension of Agricultural Support Service to Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency of Jigawa State: Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman.

#### The House:

*Notes* that the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is saddled with the responsibility of growing Nigeria's agricultural sector, and integrating rural development for the transformation of the economy and accelerating food production;

*Also notes* that the Ministry equally has the mandate to promote agricultural businesses, encourage rural development, support private sector institutions and stakeholders to assure food security, provide raw materials for agro-based industries, diversify employment opportunities and agricultural products along commodity value chains and generate foreign exchange for the nation;

*Concerned* that Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency, as a purely agriculture based enclave has consistently been denied the benefits of supply of agricultural materials like improved quality seedlings, fertilizer, pesticides, periodic and consistent education and enlightenment;

*Worried* that the planting season is underway and so many constituencies have benefited immensely and severally from the Ministry except Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency, as evidence in this year's flag off of the commencement of distribution of high yielding cotton seeds and other farm inputs like fertilizer and pesticides to over 100,000 cotton farmers in Katsina State which was reported in the Ministry's website on May 6, 2019;

#### Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to provide periodic training programs and also supply materials that can meet the agricultural needs of farmers in Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency, Jigawa State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to ensure implementation.

### 9. Need to Establish more Roadside Clinics and Improve Facilities in the existing Roadside Clinics: Hon, Akinola Adekunle Alabi.

#### The House:

*Notes* that road transportion is the most common mode of transportation in Nigeria, and statistics by the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that nearly 3,500 people die every day as a result of road traffic accidents worldwide, with the most affected victims listed as young people within the ages of 5 and 29 years; `

*Also notes* that the National Bureau of Statistics recorded 1,538 deaths from road accidents in the fourth quarter of 2018 alone which always results in huge economic costs to the Nation and weighs a great deal on the health system, not to mention the negative emotional and social implications the affected families go through;

*Cognizant* that the government is constitutionally bound to protect lives and properties of its citizens by providing for their security and welfare and Section 10 (3) (q) of the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act empowers the Federal Road Safety Commission to provide roadside and mobile clinics for the treatment of accident victims free of charge;

*Also cognizant* that there are only forty-seven (47) road side and mobile clinics across Nigeria, out of which 18 are furnished and functional, fifteen (15) are furnished but non-functional, while the remaining fourteen (14) are neither furnished nor functional;

*Concerned* about the prediction by the World Bank that without a sustained action to stem the rate of accidents on the nation's highways, road crashes would become the seventh leading cause of death by 2030;

*Also concerned* that while most efforts have been geared towards providing enlightenment on safety tips including the use of seat belts, speed reduction, non-consumption of alcohol construction and rehabilitation of roads, there is still a need to broaden efforts and explore all options in approaching this vexed issue.

*Regrets* that the available road side clinics are grossly insufficient to cater for the medical needs of accident victims, and the functional ones are poorly managed hence, people continue to die on the high ways for want of immediate medical attention;

#### Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to intensify efforts towards the provision of safely engineered roads;
- (*ii*) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to interface with the Federal Road Safety Commission to ascertain the current infrastructural, equipment and manpower status of road side and mobile clinics and recommend measures to be taken to make them functional to cater for victims of road accidents and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

#### 10. Holistic Review of all Agreements between Oil Companies in Nigeria and Host Communities: Hon, Ossai Nicholas Ossai

#### The House:

*Notes* that the execution of Agreements between Oil Companies in Nigeria and their host Communities is a form of Corporate Social Responsibility;

*Also notes* that such strategic business management and corporate governance initiative is designed to balance responsibility of stakeholders at all levels and produce greater impact on a wide number of people;

*Observes* that most of the agreements are either partially implemented or completely not implemented by the Oil companies, resulting in untold hardships on the host Communities in Nigeria;

*Worried* that the continued breach of such agreements and under performance by Oil Companies has built up dis-affection, restiveness and tension in the oil producing communities in Nigeria;

*Cognizant* that a holistic review of all agreements executed and entered into by Oil Companies with their host Communities will resolve all problems and provide a lasting solution to the poor implementation of Agreements by Oil Companies;

#### Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements, and Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to review all the Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding between the Oil Companies and the host Communities in order to protect the interest of host Communities and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

#### 11. Need for Commercial Banks to Stop Casualization of Staff: Hon. Amobi Yinusa Akintola. The House:

*Notes* that prior to the emergence of new generation banks in Nigeria, staff of banks were usually full time workers and entitled to series of benefits from the banks they worked for, including promotions, health packages, productivity, life insurance policies, housing allowances, wardrobe allowances, feeding allowances etc. which made banking jobs enviable work for all and sundry in the country;

Also notes that with the advent of new generation banks in the country, so many things changed in the banking industry but despite all the challenges being faced by the new generation banks, the financial sector still remains one of the most viable sectors of the Nigerian economy with each of the banks having a minimum of twenty-five billion naira only (N25, 000,000,000) as its capital base;

Aware that in 2017, Guaranty Trust Bank declared a profit before tax of one hundred and eighty-six billion naira only (\$186,000,000,000) followed by Zenith Bank plc which in the same financial year declared a profit before tax of one hundred and seventy-three billion naira only (\$173,000,000,000) while Access Bank Plc came third with a profit of eighty billion naira (\$80,000,000,000) and by the end of that year, all the banks in Nigeria had declared jumbo profits, a situation that was repeated in 2018 when the banks made huge profits;

*Also aware* that commissions and charges that banks had raked in as at September 30, 2019 were over seven hundred billion naira (N700,000,000,000), without considering money generated from loans, advances and other portfolio investments of the banks, evidencing the lucrative nature of banking business;

*Concerned* that despite the huge profits being made by commercial banks, they still casualize most of their core operational staff, as (90) percent of bank workers are casual staff, a development that is an act of exploitation of the unemployed youths;

*Also concerned* that core operations of banks like tellering customer service, relationship management, marketing, business development, internal controls etc are being handled by contract staff who are not entitled to promotion, health care services, utility allowances, productivity etc, thus making them to be virtual slaves within the banking sector as six months ago, Eco Bank laid off over a thousand casual staff;

*Cognizant* that the practice of casualization of staff is causing a rise in fraud rate perpetrated by staff and also psychological trauma among those set of staff to the extent that a contract staff committed suicide in 2010 when he was retrenched by WEMA Bank without any compensation and in another incidence few days ago, during a robbery attack in Ekiti State on Thursday November 21, 2019, the Police explained how a CCTV footage exposed a bank staff involved in the robbery operation;

*Convinced* that if the casual staff handling core operations of banks are converted to permanent staff, better service would be derived by customers and the rate of fraud in the banking industry will reduce drastically;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Call on commercial banks to convert their casual staff who are handling core operations to permanent staff without further delay and also urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to sanction any bank that fails to comply;
- *(ii)* mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to interface with commercial banks on the need to stop casualization of their core operational staff;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS** 

- 12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) Act, Cap. I.112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB180) (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega*) (*Committee of the Whole: 5/11/2019*).
- **13.** A Bill for an Act to Establish the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) charged with Responsibilities to, among others, Provide Community Policing, Maintenance of Law and Order and Community Service for Nigerians; and for Related Matters (HB.437) *(Hon. Abbas Tajudeen) (Committee of the Whole: 21/11/2019).*
- 14. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism for Training, Certification and Registration of Personnel in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.45) (Hon. Gideon Gwani) (Committee of the Whole: 21/11/2019).

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

<b>S</b> /N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 4 December, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 4 December, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Ethics and Privileges	Wednesday, 4 December, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Character (with Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and Court of Appeal)	Wednesday, 4 December, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Basic Education and Service (with Teachers Registration Council (TRCN), National Teacher Institutions (NTI), National Union of Teacher (NUT) and National Association of Proprietors of Private Schools) NAPPS)	Wednesday, 4 December, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 141 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Legislative Budget and Research	Wednesday, 4 December, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex