

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 5 February, 2020

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- 1. Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 653) (Hon. Ademorin A. Kuye) First Reading.
- 2. Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 654) (Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh) First Reading.
- 3. Nigerian Council for Social Work (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 655) (Hon. Ossai N. Ossai) First Reading.
- **4.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 656) (Hon. Olawale Tasir Raji) First Reading.
- **5.** National Power Training Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 657) (Hon. Olawale Tasir Raji) First Reading.

- 6. National Directorate of Employment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 658) (Hon. Prestige Ossy) First Reading.
- 7. National Polytechnics Regulatory Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 659) (Hon. Frederick Y. Agbedi) First Reading.
- **8.** Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 660) (Hon. Ozurigbo Ugonna) First Reading.
- 9. National Population Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 661) (Hon. Lawal M. Idirisu) First Reading.
- **10.** National Boundary Commission Task Force (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 662) (Hon. Henry Nwawuba) First Reading.
- 11. Federal University of Agriculture Technology, Orerokpe (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 663) (Hon. Anthony Afe Oberuakpefe) First Reading.
- **12.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 664) (Hon. Muda Lawal Umar) First Reading.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **BILLS**

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal and Enact the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Enact the Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 47) *Third Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Trade and Investment to Provide for Investment, Indemnity Assurance Scheme, Trade and Investment Tribunal, Trade and Investment Registry Data Bank; and for Related Matters (HB. 154) (Hon. Ossai N. Ossai) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State and to make Comprehensive Provision for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.628) (Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere) Second Reading.

#### **MOTIONS**

4. Erosion Menace in Jabaka Town, Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency of Zamfara State: Hon. Shehu Ahmed.

#### The House:

*Notes* that climate change is posing fierce challenges in various parts of Nigeria, especially the Northern States, resulting in adverse weather conditions, including flooding and windstorm;

Also notes that the climate change is also bringing about recurrent cases of flooding during raining seasons as witnessed in the Northern part of the country, resulting in surface erosion;

Aware that erosion has caused havoc and destruction to communities in Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency, especially the apparent encroachment of gully erosion in Jabaka town of Maru Local

Government Area, from three directions, namely, East and West at the town Cemetery, northern segment of the town and the middle of the town;

Worried that if the erosion menace is not urgently addressed, it could lead to loss of property and jobs of thousands of farmers in the communities many arable hectares of land would be washed away;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) to visit the affected areas to assess the situation for the purpose of rendering assistance to the victims;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment to ensure implementation.

# 5. Need to Utilize Zobe Dam in Dustin-ma Local Government Area of Kastina State: Hon. Arm'yau Abdullkadir:

#### The House:

*Notes* that one of the focal point of the Administration of President Muhammadu Buhari to diversify the economy to agriculture which will improve Nigeria's internally generated revenues, achieve food security, thereby motivating millions of Nigerians to go back to the farms;

Also notes that the anti-corruption drive of the administration has put to a halt the exogenous leakages in the agricultural sector to encourage, empower and enhance locally made farm produce, thereby increasing the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) index and foreign exchange reserve to over \$45 Billion in cash and bonds;

Aware that some of the successful programs introduced by the Administration are the Anchor Borrowers Program, the Presidential Fertilizer Initiative, the Youth Farm Lab and the Presidential Economic Diversification and Food Security Council;

*Informed* that Zobe Dam was constructed in 1972 under the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority with the purpose of achieving comprehensive and integrated rural development, such as provision of irrigation facilities, flood control, domestic/industrial water supply and hydroelectricity;

Also informed that since the commissioning of the Zobe Dam in 1983, it has not been put to use for irrigation, water supply or power generation;

Aware that the dam has the capacity of irrigating over 20,000 hectares of land, supplying 80 million liters of water daily and generating hydro-power that can supply the whole of Katsina State with electricity;

Also aware that the dam has capacity of supplying water for the production of wheat, rice and vegetables that can meet domestic requirements of over 30% of Nigerians, but it has been abandoned, a development that can lead to its overflow which will cause serious flood to communities around the dam as had happened in the past;

#### Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to award a contract for the establishment of ultramodern irrigation canals of the Dam and ensure full functionality and utilization of the Zobe Dam;

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Water Resources to ensure implementation.
- 6. Call on the Independent National Electoral Commission to Create Additional Seven State Constituencies in Rivers State:
  Hon. Farah Dagogo.

#### The House:

Notes that Sections 49, 71, 72, 73, 75, 112, 113 and 144 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) have empowered the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to, where necessary, review and cause the creation of additional constituencies;

Aware that the delimitation of constituencies involves the partitioning of geographical entities with a view to providing political platforms for the electorates and guarantee the people's will and mandate by providing a direct link between voters and their representatives and allows voters to hold their representatives accountable;

Also aware that delimitation of electoral constituencies allows the election management body to cater for population growth, migration and geographical dynamics within and between constituent entities which makes it logistically easier for the conduct and timely release of election results, giving easy access to voters, observers and other stakeholders;

Also notes that Section 91 of the 1999 Constitution states inter alia that "subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a House of Assembly of a State shall consist of three or four times the number of seats which that State has in the House of Representatives divided in a way to reflect, as far as possible nearly equal population: Provided that a House of Assembly of a State shall consist of not less than twenty-four and not more than forty members,"

Further notes that Section 112 consolidates the arguments in Section 91 as it states "subject to the provisions of sections 91 and 113 of this Constitution, the Independent National Electoral Commission shall divide every state in the federation into such number of state constituencies as is equal to three or four times the number of Federal constituencies within that state";

Further aware that Section 114, (1) of the 1999 Constitution mandates INEC to review the division of every State into constituencies at intervals of not less than ten years, and may alter such constituencies in accordance with the provisions of Section 114 to such extent as it may consider desirable in the light of the review, yet, for more than two decades, the INEC has failed to perform this statutory function;

Equally that Rivers State House of Assembly has 32 State Constituencies instead of 39, which is the intendment of Sections 91 and 113 respectively which prescribe that 'a House of Assembly of a State shall consist of three or four times the number of seats which that State has in the House of Representatives.... ', consequently, given that the State has 13 Members in the House of Representatives, it presupposes that the Rivers State House of Assembly should have 39 State Constituencies, thus, the State is short changed with 7 seat in the distribution of State Constituencies by the electoral body;

#### Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to create seven (7) additional State Constituencies in Rivers State in line with Sections 91 and 113 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

(ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to ensure implementation.

# 7. Need for the Nigeria Police Force to Implement Community Policing in their Postings: Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive.

#### The House:

*Notes* that Nigeria is in a transitional and democratically developing stage and therefore experiencing periods of rapid social, economic and political changes with their resultant security challenges that are affecting state structures, agencies and their performances;

Also notes that critical to the changes is the development and sustenance of a strong police architecture with the capacity to effectively carry out its primary responsibility to maintain law and order and ensure peaceful co-existence among the citizens, as well as safeguard lives and properties;

Concerned that traditional policing approach is essentially reactive, and primarily law enforcement-based, and there is the need for a policing structure that is proactive and able to stop crime before it is committed, not responding to calls for service after the crime had been committed and most times, resulting in irreparable damages, including loss of lives;

Cognizant that community policing has remained a problem-solving approach to security challenges and management in many countries of the world, including the US, Israel, UK, Canada, Japan all of which are known for effective problem-solving and community engagement to address the causes of crime, fear of crime and other community issues;

Further notes that the community policing model is different from State Police being clamoured for by different States and is also different from the traditional vigilante structure or any other Police Community Forum being operated in different parts of the Country;

Recalls a publication in the Daily Trust, Newspaper of 3 September, 2019 where the Inspector General of Police stated that the President had approved the implementation of a new community police policy which will require the establishment of Special Constabulary in line with Part X of the Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Also recalls that the Community Policing Structure being adopted by the Government is such that "Special Constables will be drawn from members of the community to serve as voluntary community police officers under the coordination of the Nigeria Police Force":

Commends the President for the policy, however, there is the need for the Nigeria Police Force to adopt the Communities policing in their postings, accessing the ranks and file of the force, where officers are posted to serve in their various zones, states and Local communities of origin;

Believes also that the policy will have a far reaching effect, as officers will be saddled with responsibility of safety and well-being of their community of origin and also enhance police community relations, thereby checkmating crime rates and security challenges in general;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Nigeria Police Force to implement Community Policing in its postings;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to interface with the Nigeria Police Force to work out modalities for implementation of the policy and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

## **CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

**8.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Gashua and to make Comprehensive Provision for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 503) (Hon. Ahmed Idris) (Committee of the Whole: 11/12/2019).

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

<i>S</i> / <i>N</i>	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Power	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Legislative Budget and Research	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Wing) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Character (with Federal University Kebbi and University of Agriculture Makurdi)	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Land Transport	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Aviation	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 304 (New Building) Assembly Complex
7.	Commerce	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 467 (New Building) Assembly Complex
8.	Ethics and Privileges	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 (New Building) Assembly Complex
9.	Federal Road Safety Commission	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 (New Building) Assembly Complex
10.	Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring (with Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC))	Wednesday, 5 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 (New Wing) Assembly Complex