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# BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Alter Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to devolve to States some items on the Exclusive Legislative List; and for Related Matters (HB. 755) (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno) Second Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, Cap. C15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters; (HB.420) (Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante) Second Reading.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Civil Societies Regulatory Commission for Coordinated Regulation of Civil Society Organizations for the Purposes of Strengthening their Capacities to Promote Democracy and Development in the Country; and for Related Matters (HB. 722) (Hon. Abbas Tajudeen) Second Reading.
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical), Katsina Ala; and for Related Matters (HB. 650) *(Hon. John Dyegh and Hon. Richard Gbande) Second Reading.*

# MOTIONS

5. Need to Investigate the Death of Martins Chineme on the Football pitch in Lafia, Nasarawa State: Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos.

#### The House:

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*Notes* that on March 8, 2020, one Mr. Martins Chineme, a member of Nasarawa United FC, slumped on the football pitch during a match in Lafia, Nasarawa State and died;

Aware that First Aid Manual and Related Healthcare Issues for Football which is the standard for international best practice, provides guidelines for scene safety, safe environment, first aide, assessment of injuries and basic life support among others which were all ignored in that case;

*Further aware* that Article 10, No. 3, Grade "A", Players' Welfare 6-9 of the "Nigeria Football Federation Club Licensing Regulations that deal with annual medical examination provides Regulation for examination which was also not adhered to;

*Again aware* that Article 11, No.101, Grade "A" of the Football Federation Club licensing regulations give specific guidelines on first aid equipment (e.g"Defibrillator") and facilities that must be available, but there was no first aid or ambulance service on that day;

*Worried* that League Management Company (LMC) has not taken necessary steps to ensure compliance by providing necessary medical equipment and ambulances;

Resolves to:

- (*i*) Observe one minute of silence in honor of late Martins Chineme;
- *(ii)* urge the Nigeria Football Federation/League Management Company (NFFLMC) to ensure that first aid and emergency response with ambulance services are on standby at all match events in line with international best practices;
- *(iii)* mandate the Committee on Sports to investigate cause of death of Martins Chineme and also audit the health facilities provided by the LMC for league matches across the country and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

### 6. Call on Mutichoice Digital Satellite Television (DSTV) and Other Service Providers to Introduce the Pay as You Go Tariff (PAYG) Plan: Hon. Unyime Idem:

#### The House:

*Notes* that the National Broadcasting Commission Act empowers the National Broadcasting Commission to regulate the ownerships activities or operations of Radio and Television Stations, as well as Direct Broadcast Satellite Service Providers and currently, there are over 10 Direct- To-Home Service Providers operating in Nigeria and rendering paid services;

*Also notes* that DSTV, one of the leading Direct-To-Home Service Providers in Nigeria, was launched in 1995 and has about 11.9 million subscribers, which is largest market for its operations;

*Concerned* that DSTV and other Direct-To-Home Service Providers have deliberately refused to implement the Pay As You Go Tariff Plan but rather charge users on a fixed monthly tariff plan, unlike what is obtainable outside Nigeria.

*Aware* that Nigeria constitutes 40% of DSTV's global market share, yet over 40% of the citizens do not use a greater part of their paid monthly tariff due to engagements that take them from one location to the other on a daily basis, hence they cannot access the services upon expiration, whether or not they used their previous subscriptions until they renew it for another month.

*Also aware* that DSTV operates a Pay As You Go Tariff Plan in other countries but has chosen to exploit Nigerians through a fixed monthly Tariff Plan;

*Cognizant* that the continuous exploitation by Multichoice, owners of DSTV, constitutes economic sabotage against Nigerians as most of them pay for services they do not consume while the Company,

judging from their average monthly tariff of eight thousand naira, if multiplied by 11.9 million subscribers, makes about 100 billion naira monthly at the expense of its subscribers;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Federal Government to direct Multichoice and other direct-to-home broadcast service providers to implement a Pay As You Go Tariff Plan;
- (*ii*) Mandate the Committees on Information Technology and Telecommunications to investigate the non- implementation of the Pay As You Go (PAYG) tariff plan by broadcast Satellite Service Providers with a view to ensuring strict compliance with the tariff plan and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

### 7. Construction of a Link Bridge and Rehabilitation of the Abakaliki-Ikwo-Obubra Road: Hon. Chinedu Nweke Ogah:

#### The House:

*Notes* that Ikwo-Obubra road is a major route that serves as a link between States in the South East and Cross River State;

*Also notes* that the people of Ikwo in Ebonyi State and Obubra in Cross River State are predominantly farmers who rely on the Abakaliki-Ikwo-Obubra road to transport their agricultural products to different parts of the States and other neighbouring States in order to earn a living;

*Concerned* that the road is in a dilapidated state thus making transportation of goods and other economic transactions extremely difficult for the people as well as causing countless accidents leading to loss of lives and properties, thereby discouraging people from plying it;

*Also concerned* that there is no bridge across the river in Obubra which separates Ebonyi State from Cross River State, hence commuters take great risks to ferry their goods from either State;

*Aware* that Ebonyi State is set to open an International Market, thus good access roads from neighbouring States to the market will enhance the economy of the state and Nigeria as a whole;

*Also Aware* that Ebonyi and Cross River States are endowed with abundant agricultural resources, hence there is need to boost relations between the two States and the road is the shortest border route from the South-east to Cross Rover State;

*Worried* that if not rehabilitated, the road may become a haven for criminals to unleash mayhem on unsuspecting commuters;

*Commends* President Muhammadu Buhari's Administration for its committed efforts towards rehabilitation and construction of major roads across the country, a typical example being the rehabilitation of Okigwe-Umuahia road;

*Cognizant* that good road infrastructure is a critical tool for development of a nation and the reconstruction of Abakaliki-Ikwo-Obubra road will foster economic relations between Ebonyi and Cross River States, as well as douse the crisis between communities in the two States;

#### Resolves to:

*(i)* Urge the Federal Government to commence the reconstruction of Abakaliki-Ikwo-Obubra road as well as build a bridge across the river in Obubra to link Ebonyi and Cross River States;

- *(ii)* mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to ensure that the construction of a link bridge and reconstruction of Abakaliki-Ikwo-Obubra road is included in the 2021 Budget estimates;
- *(iii)* also mandate the Committees on Works and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

#### 8. Need to Equip Federal Medical Centers with Modern Laboratories and Diagnostic Equipment: Hon. Emeka Martins Chinedu:

#### The House:

*Notes* with dismay the deplorable states of Federal Medical Centres across the country despite reforms and investments made in the health sector as most of them wear the look of glorified clinics due to lack of modern medical equipment;

*Also notes* that the poor state of laboratory and diagnostic equipment in Federal Medical Centres further exacerbates the already dismal health sector, and has in many cases, led to wrong diagnoses of patients who ordinarily cannot afford to go to private hospitals, leading to avoidable cases of wrong treatment, unnecessary medical expenses, misery and even death;

Aware that in modern medical practice, healthcare delivery has moved beyond the use of analogue methods of diagnosis, as innovation and use of modern medical laboratory equipment have influenced how diseases and ailments are detected and managed, resulting in increased life expectancy;

*Also aware* that other causes of misdiagnoses in hospitals include excessive workload which has overstretched health care providers, inadequate training of physicians and medical laboratory scientists, non-conducive work environments and negligence by medical practitioners;

*Further aware* that equipping Medical Centres in Nigeria with modern medical equipment will drastically reduce the adverse effects of such factors;

*Recalls* the Ebola scare in 2014 when Dr. Sawyer, a Liberian collapsed on arrival at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos and was later diagnosed with Ebola virus in a private hospital where Dr. Adadevo, along with her team exhibited professionalism and the medical examination carried out by the team quickly detected the virus and led to its being checked;

*Again aware* that had the patient been taken to any of the government hospitals, the story may have been different, considering that Federal Medical Centres are not properly equipped and prepared to handle an outbreak of epidemic;

*Further notes* that the world today is a global village, where the outbreak of an epidemic in one part of the world is a threat to the rest of the world, as 15 being witnessed with Coronavirus pandemic which originated in Wuhan, China but has spread to over 29 other countries, causing over 2000 deaths and infecting over 75,000 people worldwide;

*Cognizant* that with recent global developments, Nigeria more than ever needs to equip and upgrade Federal Medical Centres and Government Hospitals with modern laboratories and diagnostic equipment in order for them to be able to detect and contain any threat of epidemic in the country;

#### Resolves to:

*(i)* Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to immediately equip and upgrade all Federal Medical Centres and Government Hospitals with modern laboratories and diagnostic equipment, to meet the global standards and best practices;

(ii) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions and Health Care Services to ensure compliance.

### 9. Economic Implications of the Production and Adoption of Electric Vehicles on Nigeria: Hon. Ossy Prestige:

### The House:

*Notes* with dismay the bleak future for Nigeria's oil exports as its biggest crude oil buyers and other major Asian and European customers are poised to do away with petrol and diesel-powered vehicles from year 2025;

*Informed* that India, China, France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom that bought a total of 24.4 million barrels of crude oil from Nigeria in May of 2019, almost half of the nation's total exports for the month, are now pushing ahead with plans to stop the use of oil-powered vehicles as part of efforts to reduce pollution and carbon emissions, a development that could spell trouble for Nigeria's oil exports in the coming decades;

*Also informed* that the UK followed France in announcing that new diesel and petrol cars would be banned by 2040 in a bid to encourage people to switch to electric and hybrid vehicles; Netherlands as well has mooted a 2025 ban for diesel and petrol cars, Germany too, another major buyer of Nigeria's crude in Europe, aims to have one million electric cars on the road by 2020, while India, the biggest importer of Nigeria's crude, is considering even more radical action, with plans to support electrifying all vehicles in the country by 2030 while China equally has announced that it was looking to ban the production and sale of diesel and petrol cars and vans as well;

*Aware* that if more countries follow the same path, the development could translate to a drastic reduction in the demand for crude oil globally and developing countries such as Nigeria with excessive dependence on crude oil revenues would experience serious and prolonged economic shocks from gradual moderation and reduction in crude oil demands;

*Worried* by the recent Bloomberg New Energy Finance Report, which forecast that electric powered vehicles will be cheaper to buy than their internal combustion engine counterparts by 2025 and also predicted that by 2040, there would be 530 million electric vehicles worldwide, comprising about one third of the fleet, which would displace roughly eight million barrels of oil production per day;

*Concerned* that Nigeria is not prepared for this shift politically, socially and economically, since the country failed to internally build capacity and capabilities to enjoy the benefits of its natural endowments, and equally refused to broaden the opportunities and ancillary services that are associated with crude oil and natural gas;

*Believes* that as government income dwindles due to this development, Nigeria would be forced to implement structural reforms and stop paying lip service to diversification of her economy as well as look more inwards into utilisation of crude oil as raw material for the manufacturing of other products;

*Aware* that Netherlands is currently seeking collaboration with the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) towards utilizing petroleum products for the manufacturing of animal feeds as more innovations are coming up towards utilizing crude oil as raw materials for the production of other products;

*Confident* that Nigeria could still explore the vast opportunities that exist in the domestic markets and the African sub region if the government implements structural reforms and develops the capacity to efficiently refine Nigeria's crude oil to supply the entire West Africa and the Gulf region;

*Cognizant* that oil and gas business is dynamic and as more customers and usefulness dwindle from a particular region, other developing countries will also be demanding for the products, and equally looking for other possibilities of utilising crude oil as raw material for production of other goods;

Resolves to:

- (*i*) Urge the Federal Government to critically evaluate the implications of reduced demand for crude oil s in the light of emerging trends of preference for electric vehicles by her major oil buyers;
- *(ii)* further urge the Federal Government to, without delay, commence genuine and far reaching diversification and structural reforms of the economy from over dependence on oil revenues;
- *(iii)* again urge the Federal Government to commence research on developing alternative uses of crude oil as raw material for the production of other goods.

#### 10. Need to Investigate the Failure of the Federal Government's 3.4 Billion Naira Solar Powered Grid Project in the Six Geo-Political Zones and the Federal Capital Territory: Hon. Aniekan Umanah:

# The House:

*Recalls* that the then Federal Ministry of Power, in 2013 rolled out an Off Grid Renewable Solar Energy Project code named Operation Light up Rural Nigeria (OLRN) with a budget of N3.446bn for four years, from 2013-2016;

*Also recalls* that the project was targeted at four communities of Durumi-Mpape, Waru, Shape in the FCT as pilot scheme with plans to expand the scope later to other States of the Federation;

*Observes* that with the coming of the present Administration in 2015, the project was rechristened Renewable Energy (Solar) Micro Utility (REMU) by the then Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing and was expanded to provide additional 18 mini grids with three in each geopolitical zone;

*Aware* that the sum of NI.4bn was released in 2014 to fund the Pilot Projects, where N40.6 billion was earmarked for periodic maintenance in 2015, and another N40.1billion for maintenance of each of the 18 grids;

*Also aware* that Messrs Schneider Electric Nigeria Ltd was awarded the Durumi grid in the sum of N228.4m in 2014; Mesers Lordzetech got Waru grid for N228.4m and also won Shape grid, all in the FCT for N218.9m, according to records at the Bureau of Public Enterprises ;

*Further aware* that the sum of N382.6m was fully released in 2015 to fund the 18 mini grids while another N305.3m meant to construct a grid in Pakau, Kaduna State was also fully released;

*Worried* that the sum of N625.5m has been expended on OLRN alone, while N687.9 has also gone into funding REMU as at 2017 according to budget records;

*Also concerned* that despite the huge investments on the projects, most of them were found, shortly after their commissioning in 2014 not to have been properly implemented while others were out rightly abandoned till date with some of the equipment already vandalized;

*Further concerned* that the overall intention of government to power up the rural areas in order to create jobs and assist in the springing up of small businesses for the local populace, thereby bringing

development closer to the people and checkmating rural-urban migration has been defeated by the inefficient handling of the projects since inception;

# Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the abandonment of the projects by the Federal Ministry of Power since 2018 despite the huge amounts of money expended and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

# **CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

**11.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Social Work Practitioners and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Social Work; and for Related Matters (HB. 358) (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga*) – (*Committee of the Whole:13/11/2019*).

# 12. Committee on Public Petitions: *Petition by International Recruitment Service:* Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by International Recruitment Services against the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on the unlawful Arrest, Detention, Maltreatment and Death Threats by NAPTIP and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 27/2/2020*).

- *(i)* Urge the Director General of the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) to write to the Management of International Recruitment Services (IRS)officially to clear them of any wrong doing;
- *(ii)* that the Management of IRS should desist from engaging in any illegal activities on International Recruitment that is not approved by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity, and as well facilitate the process of acquiring its Recruitment License from the Ministry in order to make its business legitimate;
- *(iii)* that the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) should try to limit its operations within the Act establishing it to avoid infringement on the activities of other Government Agencies.

#### 13. Committee on Public Petitions: *Petition by Chidi Henry Onviuke and Co:*

# Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Chidi Henry Onyiuke and Co against the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on the unexplained, deliberate, oppressive and continued withholding of Master Akachukwu Mathew Onyiuke's 2019 JAMB result and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid: 27/2/2020*).

*Urge* for a discontinuation of the matter as the Executive Secretary of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has promised to release the results of eight hundred and thirty (830) Candidates who have similar case with Chidi Henry Onyiuke and Co. and to ensure that justice, fairness and equity is done on their case within the shortest possible time to enable the petitioners son (Akachukwu Matthew Onyiuke) gain admission in a University in 2020.

# **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

<b>S</b> /N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	PublicPetitions(Investigative Hearing)	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 427 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	General Meeting of Members of the North-West Caucus	Wednesday, 18 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 028 ( <i>New Building</i> ) Assembly Complex
4.	General Meeting of Members of the North-East and South-East Caucus	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 0.34 ( <i>New Building</i> ) Assembly Complex
5.	Army (Investigative Meeting with Auno Village Attack)	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Basic Education and Services	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 (New Building) Assembly Complex
7.	Health Institutions	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 ( <i>New Building) Assembly</i> <i>Complex</i>
8.	Water Resources (Budget Performance Appraisal)	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 034 (New Building) Assembly Complex
9.	Appropriations (with Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning)	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 120 (New Building) Assembly Complex
10.	Customs and Excise	Tuesday, 17 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 019 (New Building) Assembly Complex