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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal Medical Centre, Ona-Ara (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.944) (*Hon. Akin Alabi*) – *First Reading*.
2. Crime Against Humanity, War Crimes, Genocide and Related Offences Bill 2020 (HB.945) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
3. National Institute of Industrial Technology, Kwale, Delta State (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2020(HB.946) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
4. National Institute for Culture Orientation (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.947) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
5. Agricultural Development Trust Fund Bill, 2020 (HB.948) (*Hon. Ademorin A. Kuye*) – *First Reading*.
6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Act (Alteration) Bill, 2020(HB.950) (*Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad*) – *First Reading*.

7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Act (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB.951) (*Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad*) – *First Reading*.
8. National Metallurgical Training Institute, Ogbaru (Establishment, Etc. Bill, 2020 (HB. 952) (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema*) – *First Reading*.
9. Water Resources Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.953) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
10. River Basins Development Authorities Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.954) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
11. Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.955) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
12. Prevention of Crimes Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.956) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
13. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment, Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.957) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *First Reading*.
14. Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.958) (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos*) – *First Reading*.
15. National Institute for Nigerian Languages, Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB.959) (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos*) – *First Reading*.
16. Notaries Public Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.960) (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos*) – *First Reading*.
17. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Act (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB.961) (*Hon. Solomon T. Bob*) – *First Reading*.
18. Federal Technical College, Ikuru Town, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.962) (*Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante*) – *First Reading*.
19. Federal Medical Centre, Bonny, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.963) (*Hon. Dagogo Farah and 11 Others*) – *First Reading*.
20. Federal College of Agriculture, Iseyin, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.964) (*Hon. Shina Pellers*) – *First Reading*.
21. Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.965) (*Hon. Shina Pellers*) – *First Reading*.
22. Chartered Institute of Development Studies and Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.966) (*Hon. Alex Egbona*) – *First Reading*.
23. Insurance Bill, 2020 (HB.967) (*Hon. Darlington Nwokocha*) – *First Reading*.
24. Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 968) (*Hon. Darlington Nwokocha*) – *First Reading*.
25. Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 969) (*Hon. Darlington Nwokocha*) – *First Reading*.
26. Federal University of Agriculture, Ibadan, Oyo State Bill, 2020 (HB. 970) (*Hon. Adedeji Stanley Olajide*) – *First Reading*.

27. Pension Reforms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 971) (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gummi*) – *First Reading*.

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28. Interpretations Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 972) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.

29. Federal College of Agriculture, Ishiagu (Establishment Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 951) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.

30. Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Owerri (Establishment Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 955) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.

31. Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 973) (*Hon. Sam Chinedu Onwuaso*) – *First Reading*.

32. Innovation and Prize Competition Bill, 2020 (HB. 95) (*Hon. Sam Chinedu Onwuaso*) – *First Reading*.

33. Voluntary Income Declaration, Recovery and Amnesty Scheme Bill, 2020 (HB. 974) (*Hon. Sam Chinedu Onwuaso*) – *First Reading*.

34. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 975) (*Hon. Sam Chinedu Onwuaso*) – *First Reading*.

35. Federal Neuro–Psychiatric Hospital, Isiagu Ezinato, 2020 (HB. 976) (*Hon. Sam Chinedu Onwuaso*) – *First Reading*.

36. Administration of Criminal Justice Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 977) (*Hon. Akin Alabi*) – *First Reading*.

37. Federal University of Aviation Technology, Uyo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 978) (*Hon. Nsikak Ekong*) – *First Reading*.

38. National Centre for Research, Management and Control of Autism and Down Syndrome Bill, 2020 (HB. 979) (*Hon. Nsikak Ekong*) – *First Reading*.

39. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 980) (*Hon. Nsikak Ekong*) – *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission:**

Hon. Mayowa Akinfolarin Samuel:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on the Need to Establish more Roadside Clinics and Improve Facilities in the existing Roadside Clinics (*HR/246/12/2019*).

2. **Committee on Aviation:**

Hon. Nnolim Nnaji:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aviation on the Need to Stop the Use of Foreign Airlines in Evacuating Nigerians Stranded Abroad (*HR. 148/05/2020*) (*Referred 12/5/2020*).

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017 to Preserve the Legislative Powers of a Legislative House and Guarantee the Principle of Separation of Powers; and for Related Matters (HB. 898) (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata and Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *Second Reading*.

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Tarauni; and for Related Matters (HB.584) (*Hon. Hafiz Ibrahim Kawu*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Administration and Management of the National Social Investment Fund to cater for the Basic Needs of the poorest and most vulnerable Nigerians; and for Related Matters (HB. 917) (*Hon. Oluwole Oke*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic Zandi, Plateau State to provide full and part-time courses of instruction in different fields of Studies; and for Related Matters (HB. 184) (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, to Prohibit Members of the National Electoral Commission and Resident Electoral Commissioners from engaging in Partisan Politics within Five (5) Years of Recruitment, Resignation and Official Relief of Duties; and for Related Matters (HB.483) (*Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

6. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:**
Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:
 - (i) Mandatory Inclusion of Agricultural Science in Secondary Schools Curriculum in Nigeria Bill, 2019 (**HB. 244**);
 - (ii) *Institute of Chartered Economics of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 162);*
 - (iii) *Abuja Geographical Information Systems Bill, 2019 (HB. 215)*
 - (iv) *Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education Bill, 2019 (HB. 305);*
 - (v) *Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Professionals of Nigeria (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 791),*
 - (vi) *Nigerian Council for Psychologists (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 848);*
 - (vii) *South–East Development Commission (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 887);*
 - (viii) *Nigeria Railway Authority Bill, 2020 (HB. 888);*
 - (ix) *Nigerian Postal Commission Bill, 2020 (HB. 889);*
 - (x) *Federal Capital Territory Transport Authority (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 890).*
 - (xi) *Chartered Institute of Training and Development Bill, 2020 (HB. 891);*
 - (xii) *National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB.892);*
 - (xiii) *Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 896);*
 - (xiv) *National Water Resources Bill, 2020 (HB. 921).*

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived 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 aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made and/or 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 Bills were re-gazetted as HBs. 244, 162, 215, 305, 791, 848, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 896 and 921 respectively and read the first time;

Resolves to:

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

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**7. Need to Provide Emergency Relief Materials for Victims of Windstorm in various Communities in Baure Local Government Area, Katsina State:
Hon. Nasiru Sani Zangon Daura.**

The House:

Notes that torrential rainfall, flooding and windstorms have become a yearly occurrence all over the country with devastating outcomes that result in very dire humanitarian and economic consequences and they have had greater negative impact in the Northwest Geo-Political Zone of the country with Katsina State and Zango/Baure Federal Constituency in particular having the most devastations;

Also notes that in September, 2019, there were serious devastations in communities constituting twelve wards in Baure LGA and ten wards in Zango Local Government Area, both in Katsina State as a result of flooding and torrential rainfall which led to the destruction of about 400 houses, various household items, farms, foodstuff and animals;

Further notes that an appeal made to the National Emergency Management Agency to provide succour for the affected communities through the provision of emergency relief materials to the victims did not produce the required response;

Concerned that on 11 and 13 June, 2020, serious windstorms resulting from torrential rainfall sadly led to the death of two persons and hospitalization of no fewer than three persons in various communities and villages constituting eight wards in Baure Local Government Area of Katsina State;

Also concerned by the number of villages and communities affected by the current windstorm devastations which include Zoda, Wanga, Hui cikin Gari, Unguwar Rai, Kwaryar Sallah, Wankade, Kwarin Gawasa, Kawarin Gyada, Gamaji, Bukudu, Doki, Taramnawa, Totsi, Sa/ai, Dan Dogo, Shado, Unguwar Jibo, Ilallah etc.;

Aware that conservatively, a total of seven hundred and eighty-nine (789) houses were substantially damaged, affecting about one thousand, three hundred and nine (1,309) rooms, excluding the walls and fences of such houses;

Also aware that the displaced family members are currently seeking shelter in schools while others are putting up with friends and relatives who will only be able to accommodate and take care of them for a short period of time;

Cognizant that if relief materials are not made available to them in the shortest possible time, they run the risk of transiting into internally displaced persons, thereby stretching the capacity of the existing Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps in Katsina State;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency to send relief materials to victims of the windstorm, most of whom are currently in make-shift shelters in the affected communities;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to ameliorate the devastating effects of the windstorm in the affected communities by providing emergency materials like foodstuffs and building materials;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure the delivery of emergency relief materials by the National Emergency Management Agency and Federal Ministry

of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to the affected communities;

- (iv) also mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Environment and Habitat to make recommendations that will address the issue of perennial flooding and windstorm destruction across the country.

**8. Need to set up Skills Acquisition Centres in the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps Across the North–East Geo-Political Zone:
Hon. Bukar Gana.**

The House:

Aware that the North East Geo-Political Zone of the Country and its people have been devastated by the lingering crisis of the Boko Haram insurgency;

Notes that one of the resultant effects of the insurgency is the serious issue of displacement of the people of the areas from their ancestral homes and communities, hence the creation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps across the length and breadth of the North East Geo-Political Zone;

Also notes that with the gradual return of peace to the areas, there is a great need to train and empower the IDPs with skills that will guarantee a better livelihood for them; their communities and in the long run, the country at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development; the North East Development Commission (NEDC) and the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to set up full-fledged Skills Acquisition Centres in designated communities to train and equip the IDPs in different trades and vocations to enable them have meaningful sources of self-sustenance;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on North–East Development Commission to liaise with the Ministry and the Agencies to ensure compliance.

**9. Need to Rescue the Businesses of Importers from Total Collapse:
Hon. Okwudili Christopher Ezenwankwo:
The House:**

Notes that most importers raise usually funds through bank loans and overdrafts to import goods from Asian, European countries for sale in Nigeria;

Also notes that members of the South–East Amalgamated Markets Traders Association (SEAMATA) and other traders doing business across the states of Nigeria benefited from the bank loans and overdraft facilities to import goods from Asia and Europe;

Informed that some of the imported goods arrived the ports shortly before and during the Covid-19 Pandemic induced lockdown, but the traders could not clear and take delivery of the good because the authorities and cargo handling companies at the ports were not operating;

Also informed that while the cargoes and consignments of those traders were lying at the facilities of the cargo handling companies at the ports during the period of Covid-19 pandemic lockdown the interests on the loans and overdrafts facilities with which the goods were imported were accumulating at the banks;

Cognizance that the traders' inability to clear the goods on arrival was never their making, but rather an act of God caused by the novel Corona Virus Pandemic;

Concerned that the cargo handling companies, including SAFMARINE (an affiliate of MAERSK Line Nigeria Limited), West African Container Terminal and others have refused to allow the traders to clear and take delivery of their consignments unless the accumulated demurrages running into millions of Naira are paid first;

Worried that if the Federal Government does not make urgent intervention, the cargo handling companies would not allow the traders to clear and take delivery of their goods whilst the demurrages keep accumulating;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government through the COVID–19 Economic Hardship Relief Programs to intervene and save the businesses of the importers from total collapse;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Commerce to investigate the matter and report back within two (2) week for further legislative action.

10. Need to Create Awareness on the Importance and Benefits of Blood Donation in Nigeria:

Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide:

The House:

Notes that the World Blood Donor Day is celebrated annually throughout the world on 14 June to appreciate and recognise voluntary and unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood and also to raise awareness on the need for regular blood donations to ensure that all individuals and communities have access to affordable and timely supplies of safe and quality- assured blood and blood products, as an integral part of universal health coverage and a key component of effective health systems;

Also notes that many lives are lost in Nigeria on a daily basis due to shortage of blood in the hospitals across the country, hence, there is need for regular blood supply in various hospitals as blood can be stored for only a limited time before use. Regular blood donation by a sufficient number of healthy people is needed to ensure safe blood whenever and wherever it is needed;

Further notes the Report by the American Red Cross Society that one blood donation can save as many as three lives, therefore, donation of blood serves as an act of giving lives to the hopeless in the society, and blood donation is safe for healthy adults without any risk of contracting disease as new or sterilized equipment is used for each donor;

Aware that Nigeria initiated a National Blood Transfusion Policy in December, 2006 that culminated in the National Blood Transfusion Practice and the Policy is made up of series of themes that are directed towards constant supply of safe and affordable blood and also stratified its services into National Blood Transfusion Service (NETS), Zonal Blood Transfusion Centers, State and Local Government Service Centers, Armed Forces Service Centers, Private and other Nongovernmental Health Organizations;

Worried that the blood banking system is still poorly developed as a number of centres depend on paid donors whose haematological and infectious status may not be determined often times prior to blood donations;

Also aware that the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that if a minimum of 1 percent of a country's population donates 1% blood, the country can meet its basic requirement for blood transfusion but Nigeria has not been able to meet this minimum requirement because only about 5% of donated blood used in Nigeria come from voluntary donors and family replacements and paid donors are still the major sources of blood procurement.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal and States Governments to create awareness and develop more meaningful motivational strategy for interested blood donors throughout the country so as to motivate people to donate blood;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Health Institutions and Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to convene a joint stakeholders meeting for the purpose of encouraging and sensitising the general public on the need to donate blood.

11. Need to Urgently Intervene in the Case of Attack and Gruesome Murder of Four (4) Indigenes of Usaka Ukwu in Ikwuano Local Government Area of Abia State by Armed Indigenes of Ibono Okporo, Nkari in Ini Local Government Area of Akwa-Ibom State in Order to Prevent a Bloodbath:

Hon. Samuel I. Onuigbo:

The House:

Notes that the people of Usaka Ukwu Autonomous Community in Ikwuano Local Government Area of Abia State share boundaries with Ibono-Okporo, Ikoru Emiong and Ikoru Etim Communities all in Ini Local Government Area of Akwa-Ibom State and have always lived peacefully with each other as neighbours without any land or boundary dispute of any sort;

Informed that on 20 May, 2020, some indigenes of Usaka Ukwu went to their ancestral farm land at Igbata and while there, irate and armed indigenes of Ibono Okporo numbering over eight (8) persons attacked and killed one of them, Mr. Peter Uwaechege Ugorji and inflicted machete and gunshot wounds on over four (4) other persons, the corpse of Mr. Peter Uwaechege Ugorji was later recovered and deposited in the mortuary;

Also informed that the people of Usaka Ukwu duly reported the incident to the Security Agencies, including the Army Commander, Army Barracks Ariam, Ikwuano and on 22 May, 2020, a peace meeting was initiated by the Chairman of Ikwuano LGA in Ariam Army Barracks with the following people in attendance: Chief Security Adviser to the Governor of Abia State; Area Commander Umuahia Area Police Command (representing the Commissioner of Police); Divisional Police Officer Ikwuano LGA; DSS from Ikwuano and Ini LGAs; the Army Commander (the Host) and other Army officers; Chairmen of Ikwuano, Ini and Obot Akara LGAs and their Deputies and 10 representatives each from Ariam/Usaka Clan and Ibono Okporo, Nkari;

Also notes that during the peace meeting, the people of Usaka Ukwu requested that a joint patrol team made up of the Army; the Police; the DSS and personnel from the two Local Government Areas be established to patrol the two communities to avoid any repeat attack, that the two communities should stay away from the farmland where the murder took place and that the killers of Mr. Ugorji be produced and handed over to the security agencies for prosecution;

Further notes that the Chairman of Ini LGA, Hon. Israel Idaisin demonstrated statesmanship in noting that the people of Ibono Okporo were responsible for the gruesome murder of Mr. Ugorji and publicly apologized to the people of Usaka Ukwu and the Abia State Government for the attack and murder of their son and appealed that Usaka Ukwu people should not go for a reprisal attack while promising that the culprits will be apprehended and handed over to security agencies. Promised that Ibono Okporo and Ini Local Government Council will assist in the burial of Late Peter Uwaechege Ugorji;

Concerned that while a visit to the locus in quo was scheduled for 28 May, 2020 and 30 May, 2020 was chosen as the date for the reconvening of the peace meeting to appraise the visit to the locus in quo, on 23 May, 2020, the people of Ibono Okporo remobilized and ambushed Usaka Ukwu Autonomous Community and shot Mr. John Irozuru and his son Chisom, on their way to their farm at Abama, but luckily, they escaped but their motorcycle which their attackers seized has not been recovered till date;

Also concerned that on 15 June, 2020, the indigenes of Ibono Okporo disregarded all peace efforts and continued with the attack which resulted in the gruesome murder of three Usaka Ukwu indigenes namely- Irugebulam Isaac; Boniface Ugwunna and Iheanacho Orioha who went to their ancestral farm land at Oji and Ala Oku where they were apprehended and beheaded by Ibono Okporo indigenes;

Aware that the Army, the Police and the DSS were contacted, and visited the said land and saw pools of blood in different locations with traces of how two of the murdered victims were dragged away and their corpses have not been recovered till date;

Disturbed that since those premeditated killings were allegedly carried out by the people of Ibono Okporo Nkari against their Usaka Ukwu neighbours, no arrests have been made by any of the Security Agencies

as a stern warning against the people of Ibono Okporo, and the people of Usaka Ukwu Autonomous Community are of the opinion that Nkari is being sponsored to grab their land because of the abundant mineral resources deposits such as Kioline;

Also disturbed that on 30 June, 2020, the people of Ibono Okporo embarked on forceful and unjustified harvesting of the farm produce of the people of Usaka Ukwu even when they were fully aware that authorities are working on how to restore peace to the area, this is absolutely troubling because this ancestral land of Usaka Ukwu people has never been in dispute;

Cognizant that section 14(2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of governance and believing that this type of bloodletting should have been prevented by the Security Agencies in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, the Nigerian Police Force, the Department of State Service and the Nigerian Army to ensure that the perpetrators of those gruesome killings are arrested and prosecuted as a deterrence;
- (ii) also urge the National Boundary Commission to immediately commence the demarcation of the boundary between the two warring communities to avert a repeat of this ugly bloodletting experience;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to immediately send relief materials to the people of Usaka Ukwu community who have fled their homes due to the attacks;
- (iv) condemn the killing of four (4) Usaka Ukwu indigenes in cold blood by armed indigenes of Ibono Okporo even when the State and Military Authorities were working on the restoration of permanent peace between those age-long neighbours and observe a minute silence in their honour;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Special Duties and Legislative Compliance to ensure the implementation of the resolutions and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Investigate Dereliction of Duty by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)

on Continuous Registration of Voters:

Hon. Ben Rolland Igbakpa.

The House:

Notes that an updated and genuine voter register will drastically reduce the chances of electoral malpractices, and is therefore a sine qua non to credible elections;

Also notes that a continuous Voters' Registration Exercise is meant to accommodate eligible voters who had just turned 18 years and above, as well as providing opportunities to replace lost or defaced PVCs, correction of omitted or wrongly included names etc;

Aware that INEC is empowered by Section 15(e) of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as well as Section 9(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 to update, on a continuous basis, a National Register of Voters, INEC has not carried out any voter registration exercise since the last one before the 2019 general elections;

Cognizant that over a year since the last registration exercise, and barely two months to the commencement of gubernatorial elections in Edo and Ondo States on September 9, 2020 and October 10, 2020 respectively, INEC is yet to update the register of voters in those states, given that Section 9(5) of the Electoral Act 2010 provides that voters registration must end 30 days before any election, it appears practically impossible to update the voters register within the next one month;

Again notes that by Section 10(4) of the Electoral Act, 2010 which provides that when a general election is notified, the current official register of voters certified by the Commission shall be the official voters register for the election, it is doubtful whether the last voters register of 2019 without a current update, is valid for the forthcoming Edo and Ondo elections;

Further notes that by INEC briefing of Feb 12, 2019, there are 84 million registered voters and 119, 973 polling units in Nigeria. The figure of registered voters ought to have improved since last year given the age demography during the period;

Concerned that because of the failure to carry out the continuous registration exercise, those who have attained voting age since 2019 would be effectively disenfranchised in the imminent gubernatorial elections in Edo and Ondo States, thus effectively depriving them of their rights to vote as guaranteed by the Constitution;

Also concerned that in spite of the billions of Naira that have been earmarked for INEC to carry out its duties, which includes the Continuous Voters Registration (CVR), and the fact that INEC Chairman had earlier assured that the CVR would be a routine exercise, there is yet no supplementary voters list to be integrated with the voters register to be published not later than 30 days before a general election as required by Section 20 of the Electoral Act 2010;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to investigate the failure of INEC to carry out a continuous voter's registration exercise which is a critical part of the entire electioneering process, thereby reducing the commission to quadrennial and seasonal one, yet funds are appropriated annually for it to carry out its activities and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

**13. Urgent Need to Investigate the Abandonment of Baro Port 19 Months after Commissioning:
Hon Abdullahi Mamudu:**

The House:

Notes that Baro Port is located in Agaie Local Government Area of Niger State approximately 400 miles (650 km) up River Niger at the limit of river navigation, subject to dredging and it is also the terminus of a railway line connected to the Nigerian railway system;

Also notes that the Port will enhance intermodal transportation connectivity in Nigeria, reduce pressure of big trucks on the country's roads, create huge economic opportunities for Nigerians and help in decongesting the existing ports;

Aware that the port boasts of a quay length of 150 meters, cargo stacking yard of 7,000 square meters, a transit shed of 3, 600 square meters and an estimated capacity of 5,000 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) at a time;

Also aware that the port, if it is equipped with facilities such as water hydrant system, water treatment plant, three forklifts of various tonnages and powered by a 100 KVA generating set, is expected to provide 2,000 direct and 2,500 indirect jobs;

Worried that the Port is yet to commence operation nineteen months after it was commissioned by President Muhammadu Buhari as a single cargo has been lifted or any vessel berthed there;

Also worried that the estimated cost of constructing the Port was put at N5.8 billion which was awarded to the Chinese firm, CGCC Project Limited in 2011/12. However, work on the project was stalled, leading to its abandonment before the President Muhammadu Buhari administration forged ahead to deliver;

Disturbed by the Colossal amount of taxpayer's money invested in the project which is wasting away;

Also concerned that the main constraint stalling activities at the port is lack of required transport facility as the two-transport network – road and railway – that should serve as catalysts to its operation are in bad shape;

Observes that one of the major challenges that constituted a clog in the construction and proper utilisation of the Port is deviation from its original plan which was designed to provide intermodal transportation connectivity in Nigeria;

Also observes that the dredging of River Niger is a critical process for the commercial shipping industry to take place at Baro Port as it requires removing sediments to maintain the appropriate width and depth for enabling the safe and unobstructed passage of cargo vessels carrying oil, raw materials, and other essential commodities to the Port;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Land Transport, Ports and Harbour, Works and Housing, and Ecological Fund to conduct an investigative hearing with a view to unravelling the remote cause of the failure to commence operations at the Ports nineteen months after it was commissioned;
- (ii) initiate the process that will ensure removal of bottlenecks stalling the operations at the port;
- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to provide access road to the port and call on the Federal Ministry of Transportation to release the timeline and schedule of completion of the both the port and the rail transportation component;
- (iv) provide benchmark for the functionality of Baro Port and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

14. Need to Commend Mr. Ikenna Steve Nweke for his Exemplary Display of Good Character and Nationalism:

Hon. Miriam O. Onuoha.

The House:

Notes that oftentimes, a nation is portrayed by the manifestation of the character and values of its citizen and contrary to wrong and negative impressions on the image of the nation and people of Nigeria, a young and honest Nigerian in faraway Japan has proven that Nigeria is indeed: “Good people; Great Nation”;

Also notes the current and trending a story of Mr. Ikenna Steve Nweke, a native of Okwosu village in Amauzari, Isiala Mbano Local Government Area in IsialaMbano/Onuimo/Okigwe Federal Constituency of Imo state who returned intact a missing wallet with huge sums of money and other valuables to the police authority in Japan;

Informed that Ikenna Steve Nweke, a Ph.D Student and a teaching assistant at the University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki Japan, had on 19 June, 2020 while coming back from the University around 7pm, seen a wallet with huge sum of money, credit cards and other valuables and taken the wallet and its contents to a nearby Police Station;

Appreciates the good character exhibited by Mr. Nweke which is worthy of emulation by all Nigerians so as to maintain and protect the image and integrity of the nation wherever they are especially, those in the diaspora and believes that a good reward system is necessary to provide further improvement in citizen’s response to national issues;

Resolves to:

- (i) recommend Mr. Ikenna Steve Nweke for Commendation and a National Honours Award for his exemplary display of good character and national ideals;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Anti–Corruption to urge the Independent Corrupt Practices

- (iii) Recommend a Presidential handshake and Commendation letter from the President;
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to offer Mr. Ikenna Steve Nweke automatic employment/appointment into the Nigeria University system upon completion of his studies in Japan;
- (v) also urge the Federal Government to ensure sustained scholarship provision for the remaining period of his Ph.D programme;
- (vi) raise in a standing ovation to honour his exemplary personality.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

15. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Cap. A18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Arbitration and Mediation Bill to Provide a Unified Legal Framework for the Fair and Efficient Settlement of Commercial Disputes by Arbitration and Mediation; make Applicable the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention) to any Award made in Nigeria or in any Contracting State arising out of International Commercial Arbitration, the Convention on the International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (the Singapore Convention); and for Related Matters (HB. 91) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno*) (*Committee of the Whole: 18/12/2019*).
16. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Pharmaceutical Technologists and Pharmacy Technicians Regulatory Council of Nigeria to be Vested with the Responsibility of Determining the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Persons seeking to Become Pharmaceutical Technologists and Pharmacy Technicians; and for Related Matters (HB. 459) (*Hon. Amiru Tukur*) (*Committee of the Whole: 21/11/2019*).
17. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Area Courts Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters; and for Related Matters (HB. 67) (*Hon. Munir B. Dan Agundi*) (*Committee of the Whole: 2/7/2020*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 13 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (<i>White House</i>) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday, 13 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
3.	Petroleum Resources (<i>Upstream</i>) (<i>with Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)</i>)	Tuesday, 13 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
4.	Environment	Tuesday, 13 July, 2020	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex

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| 5. | Committees on Environment, Information, Orientation, ethics and Values (Curbing the Impact of Crude Oil Spill in Nigeria <i>HR. 113/11/2019</i>) | Tuesday, 13 July, 2020 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 201
(<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Committees on Environment, Healthcare Services, and Agriculture Production Services on Need to Investigate the Occurrence of Dead Fishes in Brackish Water (<i>HR. 136/04/2019</i>) | Tuesday, 13 July, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 201
(<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex |
| 7. | <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the Assessment and Status of all Recovered Loots, Movable and Immovable Assets from 2002–2020 by Agencies of federal Government of Nigeria for effective and efficient management and utilization | Tuesday, 13 July, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 144
(<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Commerce | Tuesday, 13 July, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 304
(<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex |
| 9. | <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Pay– as–Go (<i>with Service Provider Multi–Choice (DSTV)</i>) | Friday, 17 July, 2020 | 10.00 a.m. | Committee Room 0.28
(<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex |
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