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- **14.** Federal College of Agriculture, Affa (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1205) (Hon. Amadi Dennis O.) First Reading.
- **15.** Federal College of Agriculture, Bukkuyum (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1206) *(Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi) First Reading.*
- **16.** Federal Teaching Hospital, Ajaokuta (Establishment) Bill 2021 (HB. 1207) *(Hon. Lawal Muhammadu Idirisu) First Reading.*

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Healthcare Services:

Hon. Tanko Sununu:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, Cap. N69, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.39)" (*Referred:6/11/2019*).

2. Committee on Healthcare Services:

Hon. Tanko Sununu:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on 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 Matters (HB.181)" (Referred:12/5/2020).

3. Committee on Healthcare Services:

Hon. Tanko Sununu:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Quarantine Act, make Provisions Relating to Quarantine and make Regulations for Preventing the Introduction into and spread in Nigeria of Dangerous Infectious Diseases; and for Related Matters (HB. 836)" (*Referred:12/5/2020*).

4. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by CPL Umeh and Two others:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by CPL Umeh and two others against the Nigeria Army and the Chief of Army Staff Requesting for the reinstatement of dismissed Soldiers from Operation Zaman Lafia Dole (188 Taskforce Battalion) Maiduguri (*Referred:18/2/2020*)

5. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Abdullahi Dahiru, Santino and Co. on behalf of its Client Bashir Albasu against the Institute of Journalism, Abuja:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Abdullahi Dahiru, Santino and Co. on behalf of its Client Bashir Albasu against the Institute of Journalism, Abuja over rent Indebtedness and breach of Tenancy Agreement (Referred: 21/6/2020)

6. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Olubunu (His Royal Highness Oba J.A Ikusemoro):

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Olubunu (His Royal Highness Oba J.A Ikusemoro) against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on the Conspiracy in the Death/Killing of their son, Prince Kokumo Philip Ikusemoro on the line of duty at the NDLEA Sokoto Command: Call for inquest (*Referred*:26/7/2020).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Enforcement Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 542) (Hon. Ibrahim A. Isiaka);
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act to make Provisions for enhanced Efficiency in the Operations of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons; and for Related Matters (HB.1054) (Hon. Ifeanvi Chudy Momah and 4 Others);
- (c) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act No. 4, 2015 to Review the mode of Appointment of the Director-General of the Agency, Strengthen the Composition of its Governing Board and Review the Offences and Penal Provisions; and for Related Matters (HB.1154) (Hon. Onofiok Luke and 7 Others).

2. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 to Provide for the Review of Provisions which do not conform with the Spirit of the Constitution, and make them more responsive to Criminal Justice Reform; and for Related Matters (HB. 944) (Hon. Akin Alabi);
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 to Eliminate the use of Life Threatening Gadgets on suspects by Security Agents according to International Best Practices; and for Related Matters (HB. 1108) (Hon. Oberuakpefe

Anthony Afe);

- (c) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Administration of Criminal Justice Act No. 13, 2015, to further enhance the dispensation of Justice in Criminal Proceedings in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1162) (Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu).
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science Act, Cap. N160, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 915) (Hon. Gideon Gwani) Second Reading.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agricultural Produce Technology, Kano, to provide for its Functions and Promote Sound and Basic Scientific Training as a foundation for the Development of Food Storage, Pest Control, Food Chemistry, Agriculture and Food Production taking into Account Indigenous Culture, the need to enhance National Unity, the need to vastly increase the practical content of Student Training and Adequate Preparation of Graduates for Self–Employment in Agriculture and Allied Professions; and for Related Matters (HB. 1005) (Hon. Dederi Haruna Isa) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education, Pankshin, Plateau State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher Education of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 686) (Hon. Gagdi Adamu Yusuf) Second Reading.
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Power Training Institute of Nigeria by creating an enabling Framework for the Operation and Administration of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 657) (Hon. Tasir Raji Olawale) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

7. Extension of Time for the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Oil-Spill Clean-Ups and Remediation in the Oil Producing States of Nigeria to conclude its Assignment:

Hon. Amiru Tukur Idris:

The House:

Aware that on Tuesday, 10 March 2020 the Ad-hoc Committee on Oil – Spill Clean – Ups to investigate clean-ups and remediation in the Oil Producing States in the last 5 years and the activities of the National Oil Spill Detection was constituted;

Cognizance of the provisions of Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives and the time limit for the Ad-hoc Committee to dispense its work within 8 weeks;

Concerned that due to the suspension of legislative activities and inability of identified agencies of government to make submissions to the Ad-hoc Committee as a result of the dreaded Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic, and total lockdown across the country call for extension of time to enable the Ad-hoc Committee conclude its assignment;

Resolves to:

Extend the time of the Ad–hoc Committee for another eight (8) weeks to conclude its assignment.

8. Need to Lift the Embargo placed on Employment by Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies and the Private Sector to Ameliorate the Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic in the Country:

Hon. Sani Bala:

The House:

Notes that the President, during the Budget presentation in October 2019, announced an embargo on recruitment in Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

Also notes that the President recently maintained the Federal Government stand on the existing embargo placed on recruitment in reaction to the devastating effects of the CoronaVirus Pandemic and fall in Global Oil prices on Nigerians;

Aware that by virtue of its role as the major employer of labour in the country, the action of the Federal Government not to sack or reduce salaries of its workers at the time has been applauded and has no doubt helped to reduce the worsening effects of the pandemic;

Also aware that in the attempt to address the adverse effects of the pandemic, the federal government instituted stimulus packages of N65Billion to assist a coalition of private sector operators, N50billion survival funds for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and N15billion guaranteed uptake scheme to save 500,000 jobs, among other interventions;

Concerned that in view of the projection made by the Minister of Labour in 2018 that Nigeria would record an unemployment rate of 33.5% by 2020, the pandemic had only worsened the

would record an unemployment rate of 33.5% by 2020, the pandemic had only worsened the situation, with the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo alleging that 39.4 million job losses were anticipated by December 2020;

Also concerned that as a fallout from the pandemic, the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics reported that the unemployment rate was put at about 27.1 percent in the second quarter of 2020, the highest on record since 2018 when unemployment rate was put at 23.1 percent in the third quarter of that year;

Disturbed that in addition to the 2 million Nigerians previously projected by the World Bank to become impoverished, a further 5 million Nigerians have been said to be facing poverty as a result of COVID–19 Pandemic;

Also disturbed that given the rate of youth corps members who continue to pass out on completion of the mandatory service year at various intervals, the unemployment statistics in Nigeria shows that the most agile working—class population in the country remain unemployed;

Worried about the dire consequences of youth unemployment in the society under critical periods like this, including poverty as well as rising criminal activities and other social vices which are currently prevalent in various parts of the country as the effects of the pandemic continue to bite harder;

Cognizant of the fact that Nigeria, like many other countries, ought to have begun a Post COVID—19 era by implementing measures geared towards revamping the economy and improving other socio—economic sectors;

Also cognizant of the correlation between unemployment and poverty as well as the proposition that the latter can be reduced by creation of productive employment or creating income opportunities for the poor;

Desirous to consider lifting the embargo on recruitment by the federal government, as a means of addressing further decline of Nigerians into extreme poverty.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to lift the embargo placed on employment by directing the Head of Service of the Federation to declare existing vacancies and direct the Federal Civil Service Commission to embark on recruitment exercise;
- (ii) also urge Members of the Organized Private Sector to fill existing vacancies in order to reduce the rate of unemployment in the country, given the interventions it may have enjoyed from the Federal Government and other development partners.
- 9. Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission to Review Upward the Number of State Constituencies in Oyo State to Satisfy the Provisions of Sections 112–114 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999:

Hon. S. Ajibola Muraina Hon. Adeyemi Akeem Adeniyi Hon. Shina Abiola A. Peller Hon. Olatubosun Olajide Hon. Stanley Olajide Hon. Akinola Adekunle Alabi Hon. Tolupe Tiwalola Akande

Hon. Musliudeen Olaide Akinremi Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun A. Hon. Ojerinde Olumide Abiodun Hon. Yemi Taiwo Hon. Abass Adigun Hon. Akintola Oluokun George

Hon. Jacob Adejumo:

The House:

Notes that Section 112 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) 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 the State;

Also notes that Section 91 of the Constitution provides that the House of Assembly of a State shall consist of three or four times the number of seats the 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 114 of the Constitution provides that INEC shall review the division of every State into constituencies at intervals of not less than ten years, and may alter such constituencies under the provisions of this section to such extent as it may consider desirable in the light of the review;

Aware that Oyo State currently has Thirty–Two (32) State Constituencies and fourteen (14) Federal constituencies namely: Ona–Ara/Egbeda, Iseyin/Kajola, lwajowa/Itesiwaju, Ibadan North–East/South–East, Lagelu/Akinyele, Ibarapa East/Ido, Ibadan North, Oluyole, Atisbo/Saki East/Saki West, Ibadan North–West/South–West, Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North, Afijio/Atiba/Oyo East/Oyo West, Ogo–Oluwa/Surulere, Oluyole, Ogbomosho–North/South/ Orire and Olorunsogo/Orelope/Irepo;

Believes that to satisfy the Constitutional provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 the number of State Constituencies in Oyo State should be 40, being the maximum threshold prescribed by the Constitution;

Concerned that since the inception of the present democratic dispensation on 29 May 1999, INEC has failed to review the number of State constituencies in Oyo State as prescribed by the Constitution;

Also aware that the Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Federation and its provisions are binding on all authorities and persons in Nigeria including, INEC;

Observes that the failure or refusal of INEC to comply with the provisions of the Constitution deprives the people of Oyo State of equitable and fair representation in the State House of Assembly;

Further aware that the discharge of this constitutional duty by INEC is subject to the consequential approval of the National Assembly, hence, the process should be commenced and concluded before the statutory periods prescribed for the conduct of next general election in Nigeria, which may hold in the First Quarter of 2021;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to commence the process of reviewing upward the number of State Constituencies in Oyo State (by creating additional 8 State Constituencies) to satisfy the mandatory provisions of Sections 112 to 114, forthwith;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to ensure compliance and report back within six (6) weeks.

10. Need to Upgrade Ogbunike Cave in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State to International Standards:

Hon. Vincent Ofumelu:

The House:

Notes that the Ogbunike Cave discovered by Ukwa over 4000 years ago, is a major Tourist attraction in the South Eastern part of Nigeria, and records an annual patronage of over 2 million Tourists from within and outside the country to behold the wonders of nature;

Also notes that the main cave is made of a massive structure with a big open chamber linked by small tunnels and passages taking its name from Ogbunike, a town in Oyi Local Government of Anambra State;

Again notes that beyond serving as a Tourist Centre, it also serves as a place of refuge and worship especially for the indigenes of the community who believes it was created by a deity who lives in the cave;

Aware that in 2007 the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) included Ogbunike Cave to their tentative list to be considered as a World Heritage Site after it was submitted by the National Commission for Museums and Monuments;

Also aware that the Anambra State Government has contributed immensely to the preservation and upgrading of the site with lots work left to be done;

Worried that the Country suffers huge revenue loss as a result of neglect of majority of its tourist potentials like the Ogbunike Cave, that most Countries are trying to diversify their economy to cushion the effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic;

Believes that urgent intervention of the Federal Government through the appropriate agencies is required to preserve, maintain and upgrade all Tourist Sites in Nigeria to a World Heritage Site;

Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC), National Commission for Museums and Monuments to immediately carry out a feasibility study on the cave and mobilize materials and resources needed to upgrade the cave to International Standard;

(ii) mandate the Committees on Culture and Tourism and, Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

11. Call on the Federal Government to Re-Visit the Ban on Employment in Federal Universities: Hon. Oluga Taiwo.

The House:

Notes that in the 2020 Appropriation Bill, the Federal Government proposed a national budget of N10.59 Trillion but due to the fall in crude oil prices and COVID–19 Global Pandemic, the Government was forced to trim down the Budget to about N9 Trillion, shift the benchmark Oil Price from \$57 US Dollar per barrel to \$28 Dollar per Barrel and ban recruitments into Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs);

Also notes that a recent oversight of Federal Universities in Nigeria revealed that the institutions have an avalanche of internal vacancies for both academic and non-academic positions, but because of the ban on recruitment, the positions cannot be filled, thus hampering smooth academic programmes in the Universities;

Cognizant that the amount Appropriated in the 2020 national Budget for Personnel Expenditure in the Universities can accommodate the internal vacancies, hence the Universities should be allowed to fill the vacancies, especially where the amounts appropriated for Capital Expenditure can offset the attendant personnel costs;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to lift the ban on recruitment into Federal Universities in order to fill the existing vacancies so as not to hamper the smooth running of the Academic Institutions:
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ascertain the number of internal vacancies in all Federal Government Universities with a view to monitoring their replacements in order to curb inefficiency and waste.

12. Need to Arrest the Spate of Communal Clashes and Killings in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State:

Hon. Abdulsalam Gambo Mubarak:

The House:

Notes the spate of clashes between the Jukun and Tiv Communities in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State which started in March, 2020 and has recently taken another turn;

Also notes that the lingering crisis has claimed lives, several people injured and properties worth millions of naira destroyed with over five thousand (5000) persons internally displaced;

Aware that on 4 and 5, June 2020, the Village head of Bagony and the Imam along with many others were murdered, a similar incident occurred at Wurbo village of Bali Local Government Area in a midnight attack by militia living many dead as reported in the Daily Trust of 6 June 2020;

Also aware that the rate of Arm Banditry, Kidnapping, Wanton killings and Destruction of Properties is increasing daily;

Disturbed that the development has hampered peace and paralysed the economic and agricultural activities in the area as farmers no longer go to their farms for fear of being attacked by militia and this may lead to poverty and hunger;

Concerned that the IDPs Camps are in shabby and sordid condition, hence the needs for urgent help as there are not enough space and food to accommodate the displaced persons as well as lack of basic health care as this may lead to the spread of contagious infections such as COVID-19, Cholera, among others;

Also concerned that no stringent security measures have been put in place to complement the effort of State Government to restore law and order as people are daily fleeing from their ancestral homes for fear of being attacked;

Worried that if Communal Clashes, Arm Banditry, Kidnapping and Killings are allowed unabated, peace may not only elude the areas but may escalate to other local governments and or other States;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Army and other relevant Security Agencies to immediately deploy more security to the affected areas to arrest the situation and forestall future occurrences;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergence Management Agency (NEMA) and the North–East Development Commission to provide relief materials for the IDPs and restore destroyed Communities;
- (iii) set up an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the matter with the view to getting to the remote causes of frequent Communal Clashes, Arm Banditry, Kidnapping and Killings in the area and other parts of the country and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative.

13. Fire Incident at Ufuma Junction Market in Orumba North of Anambra State: Hon. Okwudili Christopher Ezenwankwo:

The House:

Notes that on 6 December 2020, an outbreak of fire erupted Ufuma Junction Market in Orumba North Local Government Area of Anambra State, destroying properties worth millions of naira;

Informed that the fire outbreak could not be controlled by the community members due to the absence of firefighting equipment/personnel, until it razed down many lockup shops belonging to market traders, forcing them out of business;

Also informed that the shops affected by the fire outbreak are stocked with goods such as foodstuff, assorted drinks, drugs, motorcycle spare parts and building materials to meet up with the usual high demands;

Worried that the traders affected by the fire incident secured credit facilities, not minding the high rate of foreign exchange to meet up with high demands of the season;

Concerned that the effect of the incident would cause undue economic hardship to the affected traders, the host community and its environs;

Also worried that the continued absence of Federal Fire Service in Anambra State has contributed to the extent of damage wrecked in the Ufuma Junction Fire Outbreak.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the affected victims of Ufuma Junction Fire Outbreak in Anambra State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to establish a Federal Fire Station in Onitsha and its environs which is the hub of business activities in Anambra State;

(iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the causes of the Ufuma Junction Market Fire Outbreak and report back in four (4) Weeks for further legislative action.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 10 February, 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 10 February, 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex

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