

UPDATES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PLENARY SESSION

THURSDAY 10 JUNE 2021

1. Presentation of Reports

- The House of Representatives received the following reports from its Committee on Foreign Affairs
 - a. Report on the *“Incessant Malpractices Associated with Diplomatic Postings and Deliberate Draining of Resources in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs”*
 - b. Report on the *“Deliberate Attempts by a Member of the House of Commons, Mr. Tom Tugendhat, to cause crisis in Nigeria by making False Allegations capable of Inciting Violence against the Former Head of State, General Yakubu Gowon and to cause Breach of Peace”*
- The House of Representatives received the report from its Committee on National Planning and Economic Development on the *“Need for Nigeria to Develop a Long Term Social and Economic Development Framework Vision”*

2. Presentation of Bills

- The following Bill were presented in the House of Representatives for First Reading...
 - a. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1414)
 - b. Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1416)
 - c. Civil Service Recruitment (Regulation) Bill, 2021 (HB.1422)
 - d. Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1423)

3. Consideration of Bills

- The House of Representatives considered and read for the Second Time the following Bills
 - a. The Bill to amend section 61 of the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria Act, 2019 to extend the tenor of the Resolution Cost Fund; grant access to the special tribunal established by Bank and Other Financial Institutions Act, 2020; and to confer on it power to take possession, manage, foreclose or sell, transfer,

assign or otherwise of asset or property used as security for eligible bank assets (HB 1320). The Bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

- b. The Bill to establish the Umar Ibn Ibrahim El-kanemi College of Education, Science and Technology Bama, Borno State (HB 1226) and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.
- c. The Bill to establish the Federal Entrepreneurship Centres at the Local Government Areas of the Federation of Nigeria (HB 790) and referred to the Committee on States and Local Governments.
- d. The Bill to establish the Federal Universities of Agriculture and Technology, Kwale, Delta State (HB 1290) and referred to the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.
- e. The Bill to amend the Orthopedic Hospitals Management Board Act, 2004 for the purpose of establishing the Federal Orthopedic Hospital Azare, Borno State (HB 1322). The Bill was referred to the Committee on Health Institutions
- f. The Bill to amend the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Act, 2004 to reduce the size of the Board; make provision for removal of Members of the Board; and give the Board the power to approve additional Directors and expand the borrowing powers of the Institute (HB 1327). The Bill was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.
- g. The Bill to establish the Adamu Sanda Federal College of Education (Technical) Ganye, Adamawa State (HB 134). The Bill was referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.
- h. The Bill which seeks to amend the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Act, 2004 to address emerging trends in the Nigeria's economic environment (HB 1178). The Bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.
- i. The Bill which seeks to amend the Bank Employees, Etc. (Declaration of Assets) Act, 2004 to extend the application on declaration of assets to employees of other financial such as Pension Fund Administrators, Insurance Corporations etc. (HB 1303). The Bill was referred to the Committee on Anti-corruption.

4. Consideration of Motions

- The House of Representatives considered the following motions and adopted the resolutions:

- a. *Motion on the incessant abuse of orphanage centers in Nigeria:* The House of Representatives mandated its Committee on Woman Affairs to ensure that the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development regularly monitor and review the operational activities of orphanage operators.
- b. *Motion on the Need to investigate activities of Police Officers in Ibadan, Oyo State:* The House of Representatives mandated its Committee on Police Affairs to ensure that Inspector General of Police to complies with its resolution calling for investigation into the activities of Police Officers in Ibadan, Oyo State.
- c. *Motion on the need to investigate recent killings in Agatu, LGA Benue State:* The House of Representatives mandated its Committee on National Security and Intelligence to ensure that the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) complies with its resolution calling for the establishment of security posts and deployment of security personnel to the area.
- d. *Motion on the need for the FG to constitute the Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC):* The House of Representatives resolved to urge the FG to constitute the Board of NDDC; and consider Ondo, Edo and Imo States for the positions of Managing Director; Executive Director, Finance and Administration; and Executive Director, Projects of the Board respectively.

5. Consideration of Reports

- The House of Representatives in the Committee of the Whole considered and approved the reports on the following Bills:
 - a. The report on the Bill to establish the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Funtua (HB 645) (Senate)
 - b. The report on the Bill to establish the Federal College of Education Mutum Biyu, Taraba State (HB 644) (Senate).
 - c. The report of its Committee of the Committee on Public Service Matters on a Bill to establish the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria, (HB 1120) to determine the standards of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons

seeking to become Members of the Institute; and review those standards from time to time.

- d. The report of its Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on the Bill to establish the Federal University of Technology, Asaba, Delta State (HB 721)