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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday 1 July 2021

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#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

#### 1. Committee on Police Affairs

#### Hon. Bello Usman Kumo:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issuance from Statutory Budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund, the total sum of (\$\frac{1}{4}74,773,601,916.30)\$ Seventy—Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy—Three Million, Six Hundred and One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixteen Naira, Thirty Kobo, only out of which (\$\frac{1}{4}988,279,006.05)\$ Nine Hundred and Eighty—Eight Million, Two Hundred and Seventy—Nine Thousand, Six Naira, Five Kobo only is for Personnel Cost, (\$\frac{1}{4}10,027,610,310.25)\$ Ten Billion, Twenty—Seven Million, Six Hundred and Ten Thousand, Three Hundred and Ten Naira, Twenty—Five Kobo only is for Overhead Expenditure, (\$\frac{1}{4}11,015,889,316.30)\$ Eleven Billion, Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty—Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixteen Naira, Thirty Kobo is for Total Recurrent and (\$\frac{1}{4}63,757,712,600.00)\$ Sixty—Three Billion, Seven Hundred and fifty—Seven Million, Seven

Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Naira only is Capital Expenditure for the year 2021 *Pursuant to Order Twenty Rules 852(h) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives* 

#### 2. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Yauri, Kebbi State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management to carry out Research in the Development and Adaptation of Technologies; and for Related Matters (HB. 629) (*Referred:*7/7/2020).

#### 3. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Malumfashi, Katsina State; and for Related Matters: (HB. 424) (*Referred:26/11/2019*).

#### 4. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun, Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 613) (*Referred:18/2/2020*).

#### 5. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Umunneochi, Abia State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 724) (*Referred:5/3/2020*).

#### 6. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Technology, Ipokia, Ogun State to Provide the Federal Government Local Content Policy in Science and Technology; and for Related Matters (HB. 512) (*Referred*:10/12/2019).

#### 7. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Omu-Aran to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to Provide for the Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College, to carry out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 131) (*Referred:19/9/2019*).

#### 8. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Ako, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State; and for Related Matters (HB 430) (*Referred:18/3/2020*).

#### 9. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Bende to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to carry out Research in the Development and Adaptation of Techniques; and also make Provision for the Appointment of a Provost and the Officials of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 852) (*Laid:25/3/2021*).

#### 10. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu Jesa, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB 322) (*Referred:18/12/2019*).

#### 11. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

#### Hon. Aminu Sleiman:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB 628) (*Referred*:27/2/2020).

#### 12. Committee on Public Petitions:

# Petitions by Bar. Chike Onyali (Solicitor and Legal Consultant) on Behalf Mr. A. C. Ohamobi: Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Bar. Chike Onyali (Solicitor and Legal Consultant) on Behalf Mr. A. C. Ohamobi against the Nigeria Customs Service on unlawful dismissal, borne out Pre-emptory Criminal Trespass into his Official Accommodation in 2016, Appeal for Review and an Order to Nigeria Customs Service for reinstatement and restoration of his Rights, Privileges and Emoluments, same having been Eclipsed by the said letter of Dismissal dated 13 October, 2016" (*Referred: 30/1/2020*).

#### 13. Committee on Public Petitions:

#### Petitions by Finidi Jahbless:

#### Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Finidi Jahbless against the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) on Gross Injustice and Oppressive Acts and Refusal to pay his Company, Omere and Associates for Contractual Dues Regarding Contract" (Referred: 20/7/2020).

#### 14. Committee on Public Petitions:

#### Petitions by Adewunmi Adeniyi:

#### Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Adewunmi Adeniyi against the Nigerian Navy on Unlawful Dismissal, Wrongful Imprisonment and Violation of Human Rights" (*Referred:* 7/10/2020).

#### 15. Committee on Public Petitions:

#### Petitions by Osagie Obayuwana &Co on Behalf of Alims Plastics and Packing Industry:

#### Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Osagie Obayuwana & Co on behalf of Alims Plastics and Packing Industry on Callous and Unfair Business Practices by First Bank of Nigeria, PLC" (*Referred: 2/3/2021*).

#### 16. Committee on Public Petitions:

Petitions by Okperigbho Fidelis:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Okperigbho Fidelis against the Nigeria Military Pension's Board on the Non-payment of Okperigbho Fidelis father's benefits" (*Referred: 24/3/2021*).

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### BILLS

#### 1. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Firearms Act, Cap. F28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase the Fines, Provide for strict Prison Terms and Licensing Fees; and for Related Matters (HB.1204) (*Hon. Adejoro Adeogun*); and
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Firearms Act, Cap. F28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.101) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*).
- **2.** A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Inclusion of Young Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Appointments in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1375) (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Akoko Edo, to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matter (HB. 1371) (Hon. Peter O. Akpatason) Second Reading
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Elite Sheriffs Corps to Facilitate Tax Collection by Relevant Authorities in the Federation, to enhance Budget Implementation through Internal Revenue Generation; and for Related Matters (HB.1233) (Hon. Abdulrazaq Sa'ad Namdas) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) by Changing the Name of Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State to Bashama Local Government Area; and for Related Matters (HB.1253) (*Hon. Kwamoti B. Lari*) *Second Reading*.
- **6.** A Bill for an Act to Provide Legal Framework for Promotion of Research, Study, Investment, Exploration, Production, Development and Utilization of Locally sourced Bitumen in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1254) (*Hon. Samuel Akinfolarin*) *Second Reading*.
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture (Technical), Enugwu–Ukwu, Anambra State to Provide Full–Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Agricultural Technology, Agriculture, and to carry out its Due Administration and Management; and for Related Matters (HB.1261) (Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo) Second Reading.

#### **MOTIONS**

8. Call for Construction of Rural Feeder Roads and Earth Dams in Bauchi Federal Constituency of Bauchi State.

Hon. Yakubu Shehu Abdullahi:

The House:

*Notes* that rural roads and dams are essential for meaningful social economic activities of any nation;

Also notes that Bauchi Federal Constituency is among the largest and oldest constituencies but is lacking federal presence in terms of feeder road, rural electrification and earth dams;

Aware that the absence of feeder road and rural electrification projects in the constituency has exposed the entire villages within the constituency to untold hardships and brought businesses activities almost to a halt;

Worried that the absence of dams in the constituency has made it difficult for the farmers to record meaningful yields which accounted for loss of agricultural produce;

Also aware that the communities' road cuts across an agricultural hub with high production of export and cash crops such as rice in Liman Katangum, Zungur Dutse fish from Juwara River;

Further aware that there has been shortfall in farming activities, as farmers, investors and consumers trying to patronize the agrarian wealth of the communities in Bauchi Federal Constituency, either fall victims to armed robbery, kidnapping or road accidents;

Further notes that the roads have been in a state of disrepair with deep gullies and have become breeding grounds for hoodlums and a death trap for innocent commuters;

Again notes that the roads in the villages of Yuguda–Juwara, Jitar–Dagun, Gudum–Kusi, Kuhu Natsiran Kudum–Durum, Gwallaga–Dangango, From Bayara –YolaBayara, Kullutum–Miri, Takalafiya–Habli, Badanga–Kangere, Runde–Blanshi Bahausa, Liman Katagum Tamungas–Kusada, Zungur Duste, Liman Katangum–Mun, which are local in nature, have never enjoyed the benefit of road construction for decades;

Cognizant of the importance of the road infrastructure to the development of Bauchi Federal Constituency, Bauchi State;

#### Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees of Works, Power, and Water Resources to make provisions for the construction of feeder roads, earth dams and rural electrification in Bauchi Federal Constituency in the 2022 budget.

9. Need to Provide Relief Materials to Abadam/Guzamala/Kukawa and Mobbar Local Government Areas, Borno State:

Hon, Mallam Bukar Gana:

#### The House:

*Notes* that Abadam, Guzamala, Kukawa and Mobbar Local Government Areas in Borno State share borders with Niger and Chad Republics;

Also notes that as a result of the lingering Boko Haram insurgency, many citizens of the areas have fled to Niger Republic to seek refuge;

Concerned that the Nigerian refugees in the neighbouring Niger Republic have been there for up to five years in camps and makeshift quarters that are not ideal for dignified habitation or living;

*Disturbed* that the refugee camps are overstretched and provisions in terms of food, accommodation, and other essentials are grossly inadequate and insufficient to sustain their population;

Worried that with the recent cases of floods in the parts of Niger Republic where the refugee camps are located, their living conditions have further deteriorated, forcing some of the refugees to migrate further into the hinterlands;

#### Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affair, Disaster Management and Social Development, the North East Development Commission (NEDC), and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to Nigerian Refugees in Niger Republic in order to ameliorate their sufferings;

- (ii) commend the Borno State Government for its efforts in reaching out to the refugees despite scarce resources;
- (iii) constitute a delegation to visit the Niger Republic to assess the living conditions of the Nigerian Refugees with a view to proffering permanent solutions;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on North East Development to ensure implementation.

# 10. Need to Investigate the Transfer of Technical Know-How from Cotecna Destination Inspection Limited to Global Scan Systems Limited: Hon. Leke Abejide:

#### The House:

*Notes* that in 2006, Nigeria acquired cargo scanners worth more than USD 120 Million, and retained the services of the providers on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) terms;

Also notes that the contract provided that the service providers were to provide training services and technical support to the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) on risk management, valuation and classification;

Aware that by the end of 2013, the transition process from Cotecna, SGS Scanning Nigeria Limited and Global Scan Systems Nigeria Limited, the service providers, were completed and the Scanners handed over to the Nigeria Customs Service;

Also aware that a year after the Scanners were handed over to Nigeria Customs Services the scanners had stopped functioning and Nigerian ports and borders were once again returned to the analogue era of 100 per cent physical examination;

Further aware that the scanners installed in Customs operational locations such as Tin Can Island Port, Apapa, Port Harcourt Area One Command, Onne Port, Kano, Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, Seme and Idi-Iroko borders, Port Harcourt and Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airports, among others are littered with non-functioning scanners and seemingly moribund, an indication that the service providers might have handed over faulty scanners to the customs;

*Disturbed* that the Smiths Heimann 2533 HCV machines which were installed and managed by the multinational firm, Cotecna, has not been put to use since 2015 when the contract with the Firm was revoked and re-awarded to the Nigerian Firm Global Scan Systems Ltd;

Alarmed that about 40 to 60 containers are physically examined at Apapa Port daily while between 50 and 70 are examined daily at Tin-can Island port, as one scanner takes up to about 150 containers daily resulting in delays lasting to months;

Concerned that with physical examination importers' containers presently spend weeks at the nation's seaports over delayed clearance, such that containers now spend months to be cleared due to the delay as the Customs Officers stuff consignments and conduct 100 per cent physical examination at a snail pace, the process being very slow, time-consuming, and stressful;

Also concerned that this development has increased cost for importers, estimated to run into millions as businesses pay rent to terminal operators and demurrage to shipping companies for not clearing their goods within a specified time as a result of the slow and cumbersome nature of manual inspection of containers at the sea ports;

*Recalls* that through such physical examination, the Tin Can Island Command of NCS in 2016 intercepted some rifles, military gas masks and ammunition, military kits, caps and boots, which were concealed under the guise that they were personal effects. The Command also intercepted 470 pump action rifles in 2017 as a result of 100% physical examination;

Again aware of intricacies in the transfer of scanners from the original manufacturers Smith Detection/Cotecnc Destination Inspection Ltd to Global Scan Systems Ltd which led to the total collapse of the multimillion dollar Scanners which are better in standard than the Scanners in the Port of Doha, Qatar which if properly maintained using the right technical know-how would have served Nigeria for 30 years;

#### Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to investigate the contracts, management cancellations, re—awards, and operations which led to the total collapse of the multimillion dollar Scanners in all Sea Ports and Border Stations.

## 11. Need to Investigate Illegal Sharing of over \$1,000, 000 (One Billion) Proceeds of Oil Mining Lease (OML) 11:

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:

#### The House:

*Notes* that section 80 sub-section 1 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), is to the effect that revenues and other money raised or received by the Federation shall be paid into Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation;

Also notes the Oil and gas companies who are Licensees and Concession Rentals of Oil Property Licenses (CPL) and Oil Mining Lease (OML) in the upstream sector pay royalties and concession rentals as rent on oil blocks to the Federal Government in return for the right of access to crude oil;

Further notes of a reported letter dated 19 July, 2019 issued by the chief of Staff to the President, communicating a directive to the Federal Ministry of Finance to set up a special purpose vehicle with the sum of USD200 Million, and also listing the format for sharing of the \$1.099 billion in the following manner:

- 1. \$200 Million to be allocated to the Special Purpose Vehicle on 11 October, 2019;
- 2. \$270 Million to be allocated by the Budget Office of the Federation to Nigeria; Sovereign Investment Authority;
- 3. \$200 Million to be allocated by the Budget Office of the Federation to Electricity Distribution Intervention Project (FGN Siemens Project) and to be included also in the 2020 budget;
- 4. \$200 Million to be transferred on 10 April 2021;
- 5. \$200 Million to be transferred on 31 October 2021;
- 6. \$99,655 Million to be transferred on 30 April 2022;

*Observes* that it was reported that the said letter directed the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) which is a subsidiary of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to make payment and share the sum of \$1,099,655,792.20 as Goods and Valuable Consideration for the award of OML.11 oil block;

Also observes that the special purpose Vehicle (SPV) to which \$200million was allocated was alleged to be a disguise for Sahara Energy Resource Ltd (SERL) the ultimate recipient of the fund for further disbursement to individual beneficiaries in government;

*Further observes* that in 2019, Tope Shonubi of Sahara Energy Resource Ltd. allegedly received in trust for the Chief of Staff to the President a \$400millon commission from the NNPC;

*Worried* that report has it that the said letter of 29 July, 2019 finally directed the Budget Office of the Federation to utilize the balance of \$629.655J92.20 to add to the financing of Federal Government budget.

Concerned that the reported allegations of Corruption and diversion of public funds which are already in the public domain, demands the exercise of powers to expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in government as contained in Section 88(2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended);

#### Resolves to

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Upstream to investigate the allocation and sharing of the \$1.099,655792.20 OMLII Oil Block money and report back within eight (8) months for further legislative action

### 12. Need to Exercise Caution in the Implementation of the Police Directives on Vehicles with Tinted Glasses:

#### Hon Henry Nwawuba:

#### The House:

Notes that on 7 June 2021, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Usman Alkali Baba issued a directive to the Commissioners of Police of the 36 States and Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja and Supervising Assistant Inspector Generals (AIG) during a meeting with Senior Police Officers to suspend the issuance of Tinted Glass Permit and Spy Number Plates pending the release of a new protocol that would regulate the issuance of tinted permits for vehicle owners and operators in the country;

Aware that the overzealousness of some police officers has led them to harass and embarrass citizens with dully authorized Tinted Glass Permits, which are currently in use;

Also aware that the suspension, which is a temporary measure, will remain in force pending the release of a new protocol that would regulate the issuance of Tinted Glass Permits for vehicle owners and operators in the country;

*Concerned* that most of the tinted glasses on vehicles are factory fitted by the manufacturers approved for purchase and licensed;

*Disturbed* by the outcry of citizens over the undue harassment and intimidation by members of the Nigeria police even when they are in possession of authorization by the same Nigeria Police Force;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to clarify the policy with specific regard to factory-fitted tinted glasses;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to invite the Inspector General of Police to clarify the issues relating to his directives to stop the extortion, threat and harassment of Nigerian road users by men of the Nigeria Police Force.

# 13. Need to Enforce Compliance with the Inclusion of Health/Dietary and Safety Information on Consumable Products Manufactured or Imported into the Country: Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga:

*Notes* that the functions of National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) as provided in its Enabling Act are to regulate and control the importation, exportation, manufacture, advertisement, distribution, sale and use of food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, bottled water, Chemicals and detergents (Regulated Products) etc., and very importantly, to pronounce on the quality and safety of Products after appropriate analysis;

Also notes that the Consumer Protection Council, now known as the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, is also saddled with the responsibility of surveillance, enforcement and receiving complaint on matters that bother on consumer dissatisfaction;

Concerned of the increased decline in the level of enforcement by these regulatory bodies in ensuring that products, especially edible items sold within the country carry reliable, verifiable and sufficient dietary and nutritional information on the labels of the products;

Also Concerned that many Nigerians have unknowingly consumed foods that have caused on them serious health challenges because of false or misleading dietary information found on products;

*Recognizes* the need to take decisive action on the matter at a time when Nigeria's borders have re–opened and cases of smuggling are still on the rise, to avoid Nigeria further being a dumping ground for all manner of products and perceived as a population of hungry people who will consume anything simply because it has been manufactured, especially abroad;

#### Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to investigate the level of compliance by NAFDAC, Customs, Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Standards Organization of Nigeria, on the inclusion of healthy Dietary and safety information on consumable products manufactured or imported in Nigeria;

### 14. Construction of a Bridge on the Gayankpa-Gupa Ebagi-Abaji River: Hon. Abdullahi Mamudu:

#### The House:

*Notes* that Gayankpa–Gupa community and its adjoining villages in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger state are agrarian communities bordering communities in Ebagi–Abaji Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);

*Further notes* that these communities are predominantly farmers and suppliers of agricultural produce to the major food markets in Abaji, Kwali and Gwagwalada Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory;

Aware that the border communities are separated by the Gurara River and the negative impact of this river, in terms of transportation and socio-economic lives of the people has brought untold hardship leading to the loss of economic activities due to lack of a bridge;

Also aware of the difficulties experienced by members of the communities as they have to swim across against the tide because of the dilapidated nature of the roads that leads to major food markets in Abaji and Kwali Area Councils;

Worried that a trip which shouldn't have lasted for more than 20 minutes if there is a bridge, is forcing members of the community to travel through Muye to Gegu on the Abuja–Lokoja expressway route adding extra 70 kilometers due to the lack of a bridge to link the communities;

Concerned that the lack of a bridge for easy movement across the river has exposed the citizens to avoidable risks like paddling on rickety boats and that led to many boat mishaps over the years and consequently loss of lives and properties;

Further concerned that the persistent cries of the people of both communities calling for urgent action by the government to bring succour to their years of untold hardship have, over the years, remained without any visible action by the government;

#### Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Federal Capital Territory Administration to ensure that the construction of the bridge is treated as a matter of priority;

(ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to collaborate with the Federal Capital Territory Administration and the Ministry of Agriculture's Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP) Programme to facilitate the construction of Gupa–Abaji Bridge.

#### CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

15. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Academy as a Degree Awarding Institution to Provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HBs. 90, 195, 684 and 1209) (Leader, Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno, Hon. Ossai N. Ossai, Hon. Gagdi Adamu Yusuf) – (Committee of the Whole: 16/3/2021).

#### 16. Ad-hoc Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB):

#### Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno:

"That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad–hoc* Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill on a Bill for an Act to Provide Legal, Governance, Regulatory and Fiscal Framework for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry, the Development of Host Communities; and for Related Matters, 2021 (HB. 1061) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 30/6/2021*).

#### 17. Committee on Health Institutions:

#### Hon. Paschal Obi:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 347) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid:20/5/2019*).

#### 18. Committee on Health Institutions:

#### Hon. Paschal Obi.

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee in Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboho, Oyo Sate; and for Related Matters (HB. 733) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 23/3/2021).

#### 19. Committee on Health Institutions:

#### Hon. Paschal Obi:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee in Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Mubi, Adamawa State; and for other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations therein" (HB. 679) (*Laid*:20/5/2021).

# 20. Committees on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values, Telecommunications, Information and Technology, Justice, and National Security and Intelligence:

#### Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:

"That the House do Consider the Report of the Committees on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values, Telecommunications, Information and Technology, Justice, and National Security and Intelligence on the Federal Government's Suspension of the Operations of the Social Media Network, Twitter in Nigeria" (*Laid: 29/6/2021*).

- (i) that time be allowed for the Federal Government of Nigeria and Twitter to enter into the dialogue process that is already on-going, so as to create room for amicable settlement on the matter;
- (ii) that relevant Government Institutions such as National Broadcasting Commission, Nigeria Communication Satellite, etc. should be alive to their mandate by doing the needful to avoid future occurrence of this nature:
- (iii) that the Federal Government should take into cognizance the negative effect of the Twitter suspension on Nigerians who depends on the platform for their livelihood;

- (iv) that Federal Government should be pro-active in their interface with Twitter so as to come up with timely resolution on the matter;
- (v) that Freedom of expression is not absolute anywhere in the world. This is because security and freedom of expression sometimes present contending interests. Therefore, national security must be guaranteed at all times as much as the right to free speech must be protected;
- (vi) that Government should always have communicated better with Nigerians when critical decisions are to be made.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 1 July 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Thursday, 1 July 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Safety Standard and Regulations	Thursday, 1 July 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex