FOURTH REPUBLIC 9<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (2019–2023) THIRD SESSION No. 18



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 15 September 2021

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- **1.** Federal University of Science and Technology, Lau, Taraba State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1587) (Senate) First Reading.
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- **4.** Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Aboh (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1590) (*Senate*) *First Reading*.
- **5.** Nigerian School of Economics, Lagos (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1574) (Hon. Oufemi Bandele Adebanjo) First Reading.
- **6.** National Poverty Eradication Programme (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1579) (Hon. Olufemi Bandele Adebanjo) First Reading.
- 7. Nigeria Foreign Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1572) (Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub) First Reading.

- **8.** Nigerian Military Academy, Igbo-Eze Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1573) (Hon. Simon Chukwuemeka Atigwe) First Reading.
- **9.** Coastal and Inland Shipping Cabotage) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1575) (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive*) *First Reading*.
- **10.** Anti–Kidnapping and Hostage Taking Bill, 2021 (HB. 1576) (Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive) First Reading.
- **11.** National Agricultural Tool Development Centre, Aboh Mbaise, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1582) (*Hon. Bede Eke*) *First Reading*.
- **12.** Federal College of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Ngor Okpala, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1583) (*Hon. Bede Eke*) *First Reading*.
- **13.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1584) (*Hon. Aniekan Umanah*) *First Reading*.
- **14.** Federal University Teaching Hospital, Lokoja (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1586) (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali*) *First Reading*.
- **15.** Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1591) (*Hon. Ntufam Eta Mbora*) *First Reading*.

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORT

#### **Committee on Navy:**

#### Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Navy on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Maritime Trust Fund for the Purpose of Training, Provision of Security Equipment, and Related Facilities, enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigerian Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1243) (*Referred:* 21/4/2021)

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **BILLS**

- **1.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1485) *Third Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Facilities Management Agency charged with Responsibility to Ensure that Federal Real Property Assets are Properly Managed and Maintained; and for Related Matters (HBs.611 and 1252) (Hon. Emeka Martins Chinedu and Hon. Ibrahim Hamza) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Igboora, Oyo State to make Comprehensive Provision for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 413) (*Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola*) *Second Reading*.
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Amagu Ikwo, Ebonyi State; and for Related Matters (HB.1326) (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah*) *Second Reading*.

#### **MOTIONS**

5. Urgent Need to Mitigate the Ravaging Floods and Cholera Outbreak in Kirikasamma, Guri and Birninwa Federal Constituency of Jigawa State:
Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

#### The House:

*Notes* that since the first week of July, 2021, there have been heavy rainfalls that have resulted to ravaging floods and cholera outbreak which have affected Kirikasamma, Guri and Birninwa Federal Constituency

of Jigawa State, throwing the communities into chaos as residents have been forced to relocate to neighbouring Local Government Areas;

Also notes that in Karanka in Birninwa Local Government Area, Musari, Una, Kadira and Guri towns in Guri Local Government Area, Turabu, Baturiya, and Gishinawo in Kirikasamma Local Government Area, the floods destroyed farmlands and over 500 houses collapsed while others were submerged;

Worried that according to recent reports, over 200 people, mostly children and the elderly have died due to collapse of buildings and cholera as a result of the flooding;

Also worried that the situation has left the people of the affected communities in dire straits as they are exposed and vulnerable to the elements and disease which the General Hospital in Guri town has been cut off after the heavy rainfalls, and as a result, residents have been denied access to health care services;

*Disturbed* that the flood has polluted all sources of drinking water in the three Local Government Areas, hence the outbreak of cholera which is claiming hundreds of lives daily;

Concerned that Jigawa State has suffered greatly from the effects of flooding and if the situation is left unchecked, considering that the State is known for production of food crops, it could worsen Nigeria's current food insecurity which could lead to further increase in prices of staple foods which the affected communities are known to cultivate;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter urgency and as a temporary measure, provide food, medical services and other relief materials for victims of the flood disaster in the affected Local Government Areas in Jigawa State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to assist the Jigawa State Government by making provisions for temporary shelters to ensure safety and dignity of the flood victims;
- (iii) further urge the Ecological Fund Office to take measures towards finding lasting solutions to forestall future occurrences of the disaster;
- (*iv*) Mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees to ensure compliance.

#### 6. Call on the Federal Government to Takeover and Complete MKO Abiola International Airport, Ido-Osun, Osun State:

Hon. Bamidele Salam:

#### The House:

*Notes* that the MKO Abiola International Airport is situated in Ido-Osun, Egbedore Local Government Area of Osun State, a community where aviation activity first took place in the entire West Africa;

Also notes that after the acquisition of the site, an airstrip, which served as a take-off and landing platform for the West African Frontier Force during the Second World War, was constructed by the British Empire in the area:

Further notes that the site spans over 839 hectares of land located in a flat area which the British considered a perfect site for aviation activities and thereafter made it the first landing strip in British West Africa during the preparation for the Second World War;

Aware that historical sites such as this are meant to be revitalized and preserved to foster the appreciation of national history and heritage;

Also aware that the Administration of former Governor Oyinlola made attempt to construct a modern Airport on the same expanse of land, but that could not be achieved before the end of the tenure of that Administration;

Further aware that subsequent Administrations of former Governor Rauf Aregbesola and the incumbent Governor Gboyega Oyetola attempted to complete the Airport, but were constrained by several factors;

Worried that the construction of 3.5 kilometers runway project was abandoned despite billions of naira expended on the project;

Cognizant that the massive potentials of tourism in Osun State is capable of shoring up Nigeria and the State's revenues in dollars and can best be encouraged with the establishment of an Airport in the State given that the state has a population of over 4 million with huge economic and agricultural potentials;

Again aware that Osun State is one of the most urbanized and cosmopolitan States in Nigeria with the presence of eight leading public and private Universities and several other prominent higher institutions of learning;

*Acknowledges* that the Airport will facilitate trade, generate economic growth and ultimately create jobs for the teeming unemployed youths in the State;

Worried that the current state of finance of Osun State may not be able to complete the construction of the Airport as huge capital will be required to do so and if nothing is done to complete the project in Ido-Osun, the several billions of naira already spent would have gone down the drains;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to take over and complete the MKO Abiola Airport, Ido-Osun, Osun State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Aviation and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority to liaise with Osun State Government to look at the possibility of partnership on the project;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance.

## 7. Need to Extend Railway Line from Apapa Port to Tincan and Ijegun Ports: Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh:

#### The House:

*Notes* that the Tin Can Port in Lagos is the second busiest Port in Nigeria after Apapa Port, with a storage capacity of 28,000 metric tonnes of grain which is transported by Fleetwood transportation;

Also notes that the terminal handles wheat, maize and malt and can take delivery of about 4000 metric tonnes of grain daily and the port facilities can handle ships of about 30,000 tonnes;

Aware that the Port handles diversified Cargoes with each terminal operator specializing in unique forms of cargo such as Dry and Wet bulk cargoes and Box- containerized Cargoes;

Also aware that currently, Ijegun Port absorbs 25 per cent of the 60 per cent of the nation's petroleum products and would be able to absorb 50 per cent with greater co-operation from the government and handles millions of tons of containers and various goods daily;

*Cognizant* that over 50 Oil Tank Farms have relocated to Ijegun in Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency of Lagos thereby causing oil tankers to occupy all sides of old Ojo Road and every street in Ijegun, Kirikiri and Satellite town, thus leading to constant traffic jam in Oshodi Apapa Expressway;

Also cognizance that fully loaded tankers of several capacities would line up on the community roads in Ijegun Egba/Satellite town, from the beginning of Mumuni Adio Badmos Road to the end of Pioneer Road, from various points of the Tank farms to the Mumuni Adio Badmos Road junction, and from Finger through the Old Ojo Road to Dantata junction onward to Mile 2 for the whole day and most worrisome at nights;

Further notes that the constant gridlock along this axis of Lagos - Oshodi Apapa Expressway is creating both economic and social stagnation in Lagos and the nation at large as valuable time is wasted daily in goods delivery both containers and petroleum products;

Observes that a railway line has been linked to Apapa Port while Tincan Port which is the largest port in Nigeria and Ijegun Port where over 50 oil Tank Farms are located still depends on tankers to evacuate them through land transportation, in addition to the millions of tons of containers and various goods that cause Lagos roads to be blocked almost all the time which causes the country to waste billions of naira through time wastage and accidents resulting from the traffic jam;

Also observes that oil tankers and heavy-duty vehicles carrying containers of different sizes and tonnes of goods are caused so much damage to the roads that cost the Government trillions of naira to build and maintain;

Further observes that if a railway line could link Apapa Port to Ijegun Port through Tincan Port it would create an alternative route of transporting petroleum products, containers and various goods, thereby decongesting the roads and save the country billions of naira and less road damage;

Conscious that with a railway line linking Tincan Island Port and Ijegun Port, goods going to the North and other parts of the country would be easily and cheaply transported, thereby saving Nigerian roads from destruction and reduction in accident rate;

Also conscious that the distance between Apapa port to Tincan Island Port and Ijegun Port in Satellite town is less than fifteen kilometers and the extension of the railway line could be minimal in cost due to its short distance in length and would bring huge financial benefit to the country;

*Informed* that the present Lagos-Kano railway line being constructed is 2700 kilometres in length, therefore, an extension of 15 kilometers railway line from Apapa port to Tincan Island Port and Ijegun Port in Satellite town will no doubt be of huge economic benefits to the nation as it will enable the Federal Government to move more goods to other parts of the country and reduce damage done to the roads;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to extend the railway line from Apapa Port through Tincan Port to Ijegun Port tankers terminal in Satellite town;
- (ii) Also urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Nigerian Railway Corporation to, as a matter of urgency, include the construction of a railway line from Apapa Port to Ijegun Port through Tincan Port in the 2022 budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance and Land Transport to ensure compliance

### 8. Need to Address the Epileptic Power Supply in Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency of Akwa Ibom State:

#### Hon. Umanah Aniekan John:

#### The House:

*Notes* the importance of electricity to the socio-economic, industrial growth and development of any society;

Also notes the abysmal power supply to the people of Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency of Akwa Ibom State where more than eighty percent (80%) of Small and Medium Enterprises depend on electricity supply to enhance productivity and socio-economic development in the Area;

Aware that electricity consumers in the Area enjoy less than five days of power supply in a month but receive estimated bills from the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHED) running into thousands of naira monthly;

Also aware that the hardships being experienced by the people in Area due to epileptic power supply hamper productivity, economic growth, poverty alleviation and wealth creation capacities, thus resulting in criminality and insecurity in the Area;

*Observes* that the epileptic power supply can be attributed to the obsolete power lines, dilapidated transformers and equipment which the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) has refused to address;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, the PHCN and the PHED to ensure urgent improvement of electricity supply in Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company to desist from billing consumers for electricity not supplied to them and urgently provide meters for consumers in the Area;
- (iii) further urge Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company to urgently extend the 33KVA power line from Afaha Ube substation in Uyo to Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Local Government Areas and ensure the replacement of obsolete equipment and transformers to enhance power supply
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Power and Rural Development to ensure Compliance.

# 9. Need to Investigate the Brutal Murder at Igangan, Igbo Ora, Ayete, Tapa in Ibarapa Area of Oyo State by Men of the Nigeria Customs Service: Hon Ajibola S. Muraina:

#### The House:

*Notes* that at about 8:00pm on July 16, 2021, men of the Nigeria Customs Service attacked Igangan, Igbo-Ora, Ayete, Tapa, and other communities in Ibarapa Area of Oyo State, which resulted in the death of four harmless and innocent residents;

Also notes that the attackers dressed in Nigeria Customs Service and Nigeria Army Uniforms, drove on high speed into the communities in a convoy of two Toyota Hilux and one Toyota Sienna bus, and without any provocation from the residents shot sporadically in built-up areas, killed Muritala Ajasa, the Amotekun Commandant in Ibarapa Central Local Government Area, at Igbo-Ora, killed two passers-by at Igangan and one person at Ayete, leaving several residents with life-threatening gunshot injuries;

Aware that on June 6,2021 about 40 days before the attack, Igangan was invaded in the night by suspected armed bandits who reportedly killed 15 residents and razed down the Afin Oba (Palace), two Petrol Filling Stations, and destroyed properties worth millions of naira;

Also aware of reports that the Public Relations Officer of the Nigeria Customs Service, Mr Theophilus Duniya, issued a Press Release admitting that the attack was a face-off between men of the Nigeria Customs Service and suspected smugglers who were resisting seizure of smuggled rice by allegedly inciting a mob to attack the Customs men, which resulted in the shooting and eventual disarming of one of the smugglers;

Further aware that because of several similar conflicts with men of the Nigeria Customs Service in the past, which have resulted in the death of innocent residents, leaders of the affected communities, have made several appeals to the Nigeria Customs Service to reduce the number of patrols carried out by armed Nigeria Customs men within the communities, which have proved futile as the Service instead increased and intensified patrols despite the fact that the communities are over 200 kilometers away from the closest border post,

*Disturbed* that contrary to the claim of the Nigeria Customs Service spokesperson that the victims of the face-off were smugglers, residents of the affected communities affirmed that the 4 persons who were killed, as well as several others who sustained life-threatening injuries were not smugglers but ordinary residents who were carrying out their routine daily activities,

*Recalls* that from the year 2020, the number of innocent Nigerians who had been brutally killed by reckless armed men of the Nigeria Customs Service on the pretext of resisting smuggling is increasing by the day without anything being done to protect innocent citizens;

Also recalls that in October 2020, one Moses Atanda was killed in his shop by a stray bullet from the men of the Nigerian Customs Service, similarly on 31 December 2020, one person was killed at Oke-Odan, Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State by men of the Nigerian Customs while chasing a car smuggler; another was killed in Aiyetoro, Ogun State, by Customs men while chasing smugglers of foreign rice and in May 2021, at Iseyin Oyo State, men of the Customs Service engaged suspected smugglers in a shoot-out during which four innocent persons were killed and in August 2021, Nigeria Customs Service men allegedly chasing suspected smugglers, killed 5 persons and injured over 15 others at Jibia, Kastina State,

Disappointed by the brazenness of the men of the Nigeria Customs Service, who, instead of being remorseful, continue to threaten residents of the affected communities and the general public under the guise of doing all it takes to suppress smuggling activities;

Worried that the unguarded statements by the Nigeria Customs Service indicate that the Service believes in the Machiavellian philosophy of the ends justify the means, even if it means destroying the properties and lives of legitimate residents;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Observe a one-minute silence in honour of the deceased victims of the Igangan shooting;
- (ii) condemn the killing of four persons at Igangan, Igbo Ora, Ayete, and Tapa in the Ibarapa Area, of Oyo State by men of the Nigeria Customs Service;
- (iii) condole with the families and friends of all those who lost their lives in the crisis;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to investigate the shootings at Igangan with a view to ensuring that victims are adequately compensated, and report within three weeks for further legislative action.

# 10. Need to Address the Constitutional Infraction in the Appointment of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Federal Character Commission:

#### **Hon. Unvime Idem:**

#### The House:

*Aware* that in compliance with the resolution of the House dated February 25, 2020, the President, on April 28, 2020 appointed the Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission;

*Also aware* that the current Secretary of the Commission was appointed as a substantive Secretary to the Commission in March 2017, although his tenure was expected to end on April 7, 2021, but was re-appointed by the President on 7 April 2021 for a second term as secretary of the Commission;

Cognizant that the current Chairman of the Commission is from the North as well as the re-appointed Secretary which is in flagrant violation of Section 14 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), which stipulates that the composition of the Government of the Federation or any of its agencies and the conduct of its affairs shall be carried out in such a manner as to reflect the federal character of Nigeria and the need to promote national unity, and also to command national loyalty, thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance of persons from a few States or from a few ethnic or other sectional groups in that Government or any of its agencies.

*Notes* that the Federal Character Commission is one of the departments of the Federal Government with the responsibility to promote, monitor and enforce compliance with the principles of the proportional sharing of all bureaucratic, economic, media and political posts at all levels of government;

Also notes the provisions of Section 4 of the subsidiary legislation which provides that where positions available cannot go round the States of the Federation and the Federal Capital, the distribution shall be on Zonal basis and where two positions are available, the positions shall be shared between the Northern and Southern Zones:

Worried that this unambiguous provisions of the subsidiary legislation were disregarded despite the complaints of Nigerians, thus, threatening the continued existence of Nigeria as a united nation;

Further aware of the Principle of Federal Character, as contained in the Act governing the Commission, to the effect that leadership positions must be equally distributed between zones, therefore the position of Secretary of the Commission should be automatically zoned to the Southern part of Nigeria;

#### Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to be fair, just and comply with the provisions of the Constitution in the appointment of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Federal Character Commission;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Character to ensure compliance.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

S/N	<b>Committee(s)</b>	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 15 September 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 15 September 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex