



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

**Tuesday 15 March 2022**

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## PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Health Institutions:**  
**Hon. Paschal Obi:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Upgrade the General Hospital, Okigwe to Federal Medical Centre, Okigwe; and for Related Matters (HB. 1603) – (Referred: 7/12/2021).”
  2. **Report of the Meeting of Leadership of the House of Representatives with Airline Operators in Nigeria:**  
**Hon. Alhassan Ado Doguwa:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Meeting of Leadership of the House of Representatives with Airline Operators in Nigeria on the Need to Investigate the Sudden Scarcity and high cost of Aviation Fuel” (Referred: 9/3/2022).”
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
  - (a) A Bill for an Act to Establish Real Estate Regulatory Council of Nigeria to provide Efficient, Effective and Transparent Administration of the Business of Real Estate Development and Prescribe Minimum

Standards for the Conduct of the Business of Real Estate Development in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1759) (*Senate*);

- (b) A Bill for an Act to Establish Real Estate Regulatory Framework to Regulate and Promote the Real Estate Sector and Ensure the Development, Sales and Lease of Plot, Apartment or Building (Landed Property) in a Transparent Manner; and for Related Matters (HB. 1739) (*Hon. Ahmad Kalambaina*); and
  - (c) A Bill for an Act to Establish Real Estate (Regulations, Development); and for Related Matters (HB, 1896) (*Hon. Blessing Onuh and Nine Others*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency; and for Related Matters (HB. 288) – *Third Reading*.
  3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. P 34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Psychiatric Hospital, Budo-Egba, Kwara State, Provide Legal Framework for Establishment of the Psychiatric Hospital to facilitate the Training of Specialist Personnel at all levels; and for Related Matters (HB. 1593) – *Third Reading*.
  4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Mutum Biyu, Taraba State; and for Related Matters (HB.1136) – *Third Reading*.
  5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Senior Citizens Centre Act, 2010 to Establish Citizens Centres and Old Age Home in all the States of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory; Abuja; and for Related Matters (HB. 1733) (*Hon. Olarewaju Ibrahim Kunle*) – *Second Reading*.

## MOTIONS

### 6. **Urgent Need to Regulate the Operations of Abattoirs in Nigeria:** **Hon. Olalekan Rasheed Afolabi:**

#### **The House:**

*Notes* the distasteful state of abattoirs in the country which has raised a lot of health concerns among Nigerians who consume meat from the slaughter slabs;

*Also notes* that it has been ascertained that most abattoirs in Nigeria fall short of international and minimum operating standards to guarantee food safety and hygiene;

*Concerned* that apart from the filthy environment, animals slaughtered in most abattoirs are often roasted with vehicle tyres, which constitute a great hazard to human health;

*Also concerned* that most abattoirs often kill sick animals and mix infected meat with the healthy ones which are sold to unsuspecting buyers, exposing them to diseases such as tapeworms, flukes and tuberculosis, among others;

*Aware* that the four major abattoirs within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Deidei, Karu, Kubwa and Gwagwalada with a slaughterhouse at Mpape are under the Agricultural Services Department of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) operate in unhygienic conditions;

*Worried* that Nigeria has not been able to export its meat to other countries because of the inability to meet the standards of the World Trade Organization for processed meat;

*Believes* that it has become expedient for the Federal Government to establish ultra-modern abattoirs across the nation as well as employ qualified veterinary personnel to carry out a thorough inspection of such abattoirs;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to consider partnerships with private investors to manage and operate ultra-modern abattoirs in Nigeria in line with global best practices for sustainable and improved revenue generation;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to put robust mechanisms in place to monitor and regulate the operations of abattoirs within the Country;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Healthcare services to ensure compliance.

**7. Call to Complete the Dredging of the Calabar Seaport:  
Hon. Alex Egbona:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Calabar Seaport is the oldest seaport in Nigeria that ship goods like palm oil to Europe and other parts of the world in the sixteenth century;

*Also notes* that the port was privately operated by various shipping companies including John Holts until December, 1969 when the Federal Government took over the port's facilities from the erstwhile operators and vested it on the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA);

*Further notes* that the development, modernization and expansion of the port complex was embarked upon under the third National Development Plan of 1975–1980 and commissioned on 9 June, 1979 by the Military administration of General Olusegun Obasanjo;

*Recalls* that the refurbishment generated a considerable level of attention and activity, but for questionable reasons, the port has failed to live up to its full potential;

*Aware* that there have been diverse government proclamations on the dredging of the port dating back to the administrations of General Ibrahim Babangida and General Sani Abacha but no tangible thing had been done to rehabilitate the port;

*Also aware* that in 2006, the then President Olusegun Obasanjo Administration awarded a contract for the dredging of the port to Messrs. Jan De Nul and Van Oord at a cost of \$56 million but abandoned the projects in a protracted moribund state;

*Further aware* that in 2014, former President Goodluck Jonathan initiated the Calabar Channel Management (CCM), a Joint Venture company between the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and a consortium of companies led by Niger Global Engineering and Technical Company Limited with a mandate to dredge the port;

*Concerned* that although Calabar Channel Management was reported to have commenced work, the port is yet to be dredged till date;

*Cognizant* that quick completion of the Calabar Seaport would help decongest the Lagos Ports and reduce the hardship of waiting for hours to clear goods;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to re-award the contract for the dredging of the Calabar Seaport to a reputable company with a mandate to complete the project within a specified time frame;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to supervise the project and ensure that standard depth is established to enable larger vessels to berth in line with international best practices;

- (iii) mandate the Committee on Ports and Harbours to investigate the contracts awarded in 2006 and 2014 respectively with a view to ensuring that all factors militating against complete dredging of the Calabar Seaport are resolved.

**8. Need to Grant Automatic Employment to First Class Graduates:  
Hon. Chinedu Emeka Martins:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Nigerian Universities produce hundreds of First-Class graduates annually at the end of every academic year, a great percentage of them find it difficult to secure employment and contribute to nation-building;

*Concerned* about the growing rate at which employable First-Class graduates in Nigeria are unable to secure jobs thus, forcing them to leave the country and become assets to other countries that offer employment;

*Aware* that some Universities award their first-class graduates with automatic employment as assistant lecturers or student lecturers in their specific courses;

*Also aware* that recently, the University of Lagos offered employment to no fewer than 100 graduates of the University who made First-Class in various fields of study in the University, and it is common knowledge that some firms in the country consider applicants with First-class honours before other categories of graduates, which is in line with global best practices;

*Concerned* that same job opportunities are not obtainable for First-class graduates in the Ministries Departments and Agencies and Parastatals, who are by virtue of their position as government agencies, saddled with the responsibilities of driving the country's economic and Infrastructural development;

*Cognizant* that Nigeria's inability to leave the status of a developing nation may not be unconnected with the insensitivity and lack of political will of the ruling class and policymakers to introduce a reward system that ensures that the best brains automatically occupy important positions according to their area of competence;

*Also concerned* that according to research, Nigeria has continued to unwittingly give away her best brains and intellectuals to other countries who by virtue of their robust policies on a value system, reward diligence and excellence as can be seen in the exodus of medical professionals from Nigeria to other countries;

*Also notes* that reports have shown in seeking admissions to Universities, students consider in countries such as the United Kingdom, United States, Germany, France, Australia, China, Canada as it increases their chances of being employed upon graduation;

*Believes* that automatic employment for first-class graduates will not only serve as a source of motivation for students to work harder but will also maximize their potentials in preparation for different economic roles, future leadership positions and ultimately reduce unemployment while helping to achieve development targets;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to liaise with relevant government agencies to ensure employment for first-class graduates of Nigerian Institutions;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Labour, Employment and Productivity to ensure compliance.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 9.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Obafemi Awolowo University (Transitional Provisions) Act, Cap. A14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB. 922) (*Laid: 23/9/2021*).

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Ibadan Act, Cap. U6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.923) (*Laid: 23/9/2021*).
11. **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 for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences, Isiala-Mbano, Imo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1642) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 2/2/2022*).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| S/N | Committee(s)  | Date                  | Time      | Venue  |
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| 1.  | Rules and Business  | Tuesday 15 March 2022 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06<br>(White House)<br>Assembly Complex     |
| 2.  | Public Petitions ( <i>Investigative Hearing</i> )   | Tuesday 15 March 2022 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex   |
| 3.  | APC Caucus of the House of Representatives ( <i>with Senator Abdullahi Adamu Aspirant for the position of APC National Chairman</i> )   | Tuesday 15 March 2022 | 3.00 p.m. | Conference Room 0.28<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 4.  | Basic Education and Services  | Tuesday 15 March 2022 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 141<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex   |
| 5.  | HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malarial Control ( <i>with Stop TB Partnership Nigeria</i> )   | Tuesday 15 March 2022 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 348<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex   |
| 6.  | Federal Character ( <i>with National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency, National Institute for Trypanosomiasis, National Institute for Science Laboratory Technology</i> ) | Tuesday 15 March 2022 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 247<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex   |