

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER Wednesday 30 March 2022

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru to serve as Nigeria's Apex Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1720) (*Hon Mohammed Tahir Monguno*)– *Second Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Lafiagi, Edu Local Government Area, Kwara State, to provide Full-time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB.747) (*Hon. Ahmed Abubakar Ndakene*) *Second Reading*.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Education (Technical), Gombe, Gombe State for the Promotion and Development of Teachers Education, make Comprehensive provision for Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters (HB.1880) (*Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad*) *Second Reading*.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Food Technology, Ndiagu Amagu Ikwo, Ebonyi State to Provide Full-Time Courses leading to the award of Diploma, Higher National Diploma in Food Technology and Allied Disciplines; and for Related Matters (HB. 712) (Hon. Chinedu Nweke Ogah) *Second Reading*.

- 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011; and for Related Matters (HB. 1817) (*Hon. Femi Fakeye, Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren & 20 Others*) *Second Reading.*
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and make Comprehensive Provisions for the Prohibition and Control of Counterfeit Medical Products, Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods; and for Related Matters (HB.1666) (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu and Hon. Samuel Babatunde Adejare*) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

7. Discharge of Committee on Bill Referral, Pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3(g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives: Hon. Tijani Ismail Kayode:

The House:

Notes that the underlisted Bill was read a Second time on 19 December, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services for further legislative action:

Title of Bill	Date	Committee	
Forensic Science University of Nigeria	19/12/2021	Tertiary Education	and
Erin-Ile, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill,		Services	
2021 (HB. 1754)			

Aware that the Committee is yet to present a Report on the Bill, contrary to the provisions of Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, to wit:

"Any matter referred to any Committee shall be treated within 30 days, otherwise the Committee shall stand discharged after 60 days and the matter Committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration."

Resolves to:

Discharge the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

8. Urgent Need to Address the Prolonged Construction of the Trans Saharan Natural Gas Pipeline Project: Hon. Ahmed Munir:

The House:

Notes that on 14 January 2002, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Limited and the Algerian National Oil and Gas Company (Sonatrach) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a 12 Billion Dollars, 4,128 kilometers Natural Gas Pipeline Project with a projected annual capacity of 30 billion cubic meters that will extend Gas supply to Europe;

Also notes that in June 2005, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited and Sonatrach signed a contract with Penspen Limited for a feasibility study of the project, which was completed in September 2006, and the pipeline was discovered to be technically and economically feasible and reliable which in turn led to the intergovernmental agreement on the pipeline signed by the Energy Ministers of Nigeria, Niger and Algeria on July 3, 2009, in Abuja;

Concerned that in 2013, the Federal Government approved a budget of 400 Million Dollars for commencement of the project originally scheduled to be operational by 2020 with no commensurate progress made to date;

Cognizant that a new Gas Master Plan (GMP) needs to be crafted due to the current geo-political realities such as; newly completed 20,000 barrel per day Zinder Refinery in the Niger Republic, new Niger-Benin Republic Pipeline due for completion in 2023, discovery and exploitation of hydrocarbons in commercial quantity in the Lake Chad Region of Chad Republic, prospecting of oil and gas on the Nigerian side of Lake Chad, discovery of hydrocarbons in Bauchi, spike in the cost of hydrocarbon, security situation along the right of way across the

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Sahel, as well as the Russia-Ukraine Conflict leading to Western Nation looking for alternative options to meet energy demands;

Also cognizant that the successful completion of this vital project will create jobs, spur economic growth, and enhance energy and regional security;

Resolves to:

- (*i*) Urge the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Limited to provide information regarding the implementation, funds utilization and status of the project;
- (*ii*) also urge the National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Limited to review the National Gas Master Plan relating to the project to conform with the variables of today's global economy;
- (*iii*) mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Urgent Need to Address Soot Pollution in the Niger Delta: Hon. Bamidele Salam:

The House:

Notes that soot is one of the deadliest forms of air pollution as it contains dangerous chemical substances that cause cancer, heart attacks, skin diseases, bronchitis, aggravated asthma, strokes, other respiratory and reproductive issues all of which can lead to premature death;

Also notes that since 2016, there have been several reports of soot pollution in the Niger Delta with a 30% increase in morbidity and mortality rates in Rivers State;

Further notes that in 2018, the Governor of Rivers State, Nyesom Wike commissioned an investigation on soot pollution in Rivers State, and it was established that the pollution was largely caused by illegal bunkering and gas flaring;

Concerned that the situation has been aggravated by Aiteo Exploration and Production Company Limited, which spilled oil and gas continuously into the Santa Barbara River for over a month between November and December 2021;

Also concerned that a review of hospital records across the 23 Local Government Areas in Rivers State revealed that 22,077 persons who received treatment for soot-related conditions between 2014 and 2018 suffered respiratory ailments;

Disturbed that as of December 2020, Port Harcourt was reported as the most polluted city in the world, with an air index of 207, which is far above the standard and moderate levels of 0-100, thus making the city the most unhealthy for residents;

Also Disturbed that the results of a lung function test carried out on 5 non-smoking people in the Niger Delta with no pre-existing medical condition and between the ages of 22 and 33 years old showed that none of the participants had normal lung function activities;

Aware that Section 20 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the air and land, forest and wildlife of the country;

Also aware that Article 24 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Right, to which Nigeria is a signatory, guarantees the right of citizens to a sustainably satisfactory environment favorable to their development;

Further Aware that the Federal Government has ratified the Paris Climate Change Agreement, and is a signatory to the Global Gas Flaring Partnership (GGFR) principles for global flare-out by 2030;

Cognizant that in 2016, the Federal Government launched the Nigerian Gas Flare Commercialization Programme (NGFCP) with the goal of eliminating gas flaring by the year 2020;

Worried that the Federal Government is far behind in its national flare-out target, which has aggravated the soot pollution in the Niger Delta;

Also worried that soot pollution put the lives of the exposed people at risk with children being the most vulnerable;

Resolves to:

- (*i*) Urge the Federal Government to seek a permanent solution to soot pollution in the Niger Delta by enforcing relevant laws and proper regulation of gas flaring;
- (*ii*) mandate the Committees on Gas, Niger Delta Development Commission, and Healthcare Services to investigate soot pollution in the Niger Delta and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Need to Strengthen the Intelligence Gathering Capacity of Security Agencies in Nigeria: Hon. Dennis Idahosa:

The House:

Notes the recent rising sequence of insecurity across the country in the forms of kidnappings, terrorism and cattle rustling and farmers/herders conflicts etc;

Also notes that the situation can be attributed to the dearth of timely and adequate intelligence gathering which has rendered security activities in the country ineffective, thus, encouraging attacks by insurgents, bandits and kidnappers due to the absence of intelligence that would have prompted pre-emptive or proactive actions by the security forces;

Aware that the lack of professional handling of sensitive intelligence (information) has led to colossal loss of lives and properties across the country, particularly in the North-East and North-West;

Observes that frosty relationships among the security forces and the citizens are another challenge to security operations, hence the near-collapse of the gathering of intelligence;

Conscious of the need to improve the professional standards of Nigeria Security Agencies in the aggressive gathering of intelligence and restructure the general intelligence architecture;

Also conscious of the significant role of intelligence in security operations to surmount the ongoing war against insurgency in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the operational and co-operational lapses by Nigeria Intelligence Agencies which has led to the dearth of adequate intelligence and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Ensure Proper Healthcare Waste Management in Nigeria: Hon. Gboluga Dele Ikengboju:

The House:

Notes that Healthcare Waste (HCW) constitutes a distinct category of waste as it contains potentially harmful waste materials and as such are of critical concern globally, especially in developing countries;

Also notes that the inappropriate handling and disposal of healthcare waste poses huge health risks to health workers who may be directly exposed and to people near health facilities, particularly children and scavengers who may become exposed to infectious wastes and its attendant risk of diseases;

Further Aware that a recent study posits that the current practices adopted for the management of healthcare wastes generated at many healthcare facilities such as Teaching Hospitals and Primary Health Centers are low, unsustainable and inappropriate for the protection of human health and the environment;

Observes that studies at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki involved the interview of 52 health workers, including doctors and nurses on the status of the waste management practice in the health facility, revealing that the average amount of HCW was 0.62 kg/person/day at the outpatient units and 0.81 kg/bed/day in the inpatient wards and the proportion of respondents who had received specific training in the management of HCW was 11.5% (6/52), and those who understood the importance of HCW management in providing safety to the public was 46% (24/52), and the level of healthcare waste management practice was found to be;

Further Observes that the above statistics reveal the very low-level training of Medical Staff on HCW management resulting in the low practice of HCW management and the understanding of its impact on the health of the public;

Worried that there are no sustainable national and institutional framework and monitoring plans and strategies for existing laws, policies and work plans especially at Primary Healthcare facilities in the country;

Cognizant that one of the most important responsibilities of government is to protect the lives of citizens and ensure a sustainable environment for future generations;

Regrets that if no urgent action is taken to curb the menace and hazardous effect of poor management of medical waste in Nigeria, it may lead to the continued spread of diseases such as Hepatitis and all types of fever, with a serious negative impact on the health profile of most Nigerians;

Resolves to:

- (*i*) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Health Institutions and Environment to interface with the Chief Medical Directors of University Teaching Hospitals, Medical Directors of Federal Medical Centres, and other Health Facilities in Nigeria which produce Healthcare Waste and other relevant stakeholders to-
 - (a) determine possible government and institutional interventions that will promote proper Healthcare Waste Management in Nigeria;
 - (b) develop and propose a permanent and sustainable solution to the current challenges of Healthcare Waste Management and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action; and
 - (c) issue further directives as deemed expedient in the circumstance to ensure compliance with the resolutions.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

12. 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 Repeal the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap, F8. Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal College of Education Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 1455) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 22/2/2022*).

13. 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 Polytechnic, Tombia for the Training of Graduands in Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics; and for Related Matters (HB. 1333) and approve the recommendations there" (*Laid: 22/2/2022*).

14. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by B. A. Anyanwu on behalf of Concerned Ex-Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Workers Forum:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by B. A. Anyanwu on behalf of Concerned Ex-Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Workers Forum against the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting company for Injustices and Deprivation of Pensions Benefits and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 17/3/2022).

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- Urge the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company to pay the 373 Concerned Ex-Mint *(i)* Workers Forum their pension benefits from 1991 -1995 respectively up to when they were disengaged in accordance with the Federal Government Pensions Scheme of service as was obtained then:
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company to pay him his outstanding salary arrears while treating the 373 workers' gratuity and pension matters

15. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by P.T.E Titus Onwumiri:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by P.T.E Titus Onwumiri against the Nigerian Army on the Non-payment of Salary since March 2001- to date and Unlawful Discharge from Service and approve the recommendations therein" (Laid:21/9/2021).

- *(i)* Urge the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) to remobilize PTE Titus Onwumiri to his duty post;
- *(ii)* pay him all the arrears of salaries and entitlements due to him.

16. **Committee on Public Petitions: Report on the Petition by Nasiru Hassan:**

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Nasiru Hassan against the Nigeria Police Force, an Appeal for a Review of his improper dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force and approve the recommendations therein" (Laid: 22/3/2022).

- Urge the Inspector-General, Nigeria Police Force to convert Nasiru Hassan's dismissal to compulsory *(i)* retirement considering the fact that the police could neither provide the service records nor the Orderly Room Trial Report on Nasiru Hassan to ascertain the reason for his dismissal;
- (ii) pay him all his benefits and entitlements to enable him to start elsewhere.

17. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Star Attorneys on Behalf of Messrs Akogboin Laguayam and Barine Meesua against the Presidential Amnesty Programme:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Star Attorneys on Behalf of Messrs Akogboin Laguayam and Barine Meesua against the Presidential Amnesty Programme for Non-payment of N65, 000 monthly salaries and allowances for the past 70 Months and approve the recommendations therein" (Laid: 17/3/2022).

- Urge the Chairman of the Presidential Amnesty Programme to conduct a verification exercise for *(i)* Messrs Akogboin Laguayam and Barine Meesua to participate as well as present themselves with relevant documents to validate their claims;
- pay Mr Akogboin Laguayam and Barine Meesua their monthly stipends to the total months lost from (ii) the time Presidential Amnesty Programme stopped their payment until when (and if) the programme was stopped.

18. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Dr Patrick Ogbonnaya: Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Dr Patrick Ogbonnaya against the Federal Medical Centre, Nguru, Yobe State on his wrongful termination of appointment by the Federal Medical Centre and approve the recommendations therein" (Laid: 22/3/2022).

- *(i)* Urge the Medical Director, Federal Medical Centre, Nguru, Yobe State to reinstate Dr Patrick Ogbonnaya to his area of specialization in the hospital;
- *(ii)* confirm him as a permanent staff of the Federal Medical Centre, Nguru, Yobe State and promote him to be at par with his colleagues in the office;

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(iii) pay all his entitlements and benefits with effect from the day he was disengaged as staff of the Federal Medical Centre, Nguru, Yobe State.

19. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Ex. PC Ojo Aiyeetan:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ex PC Ojo Aiyeetan against the Nigeria Police Force on his unlawful dismissal from service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 22/3/2022*).

- (*i*) Urge the Inspector-General, Nigeria police Force to reinstate and retire Ex PC Ojo Aiyeetan from the service of Nigeria Police Force;
- (*ii*) pay all his entitlements and retirement benefits to the point of his retirement age to enable him to start elsewhere.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee(s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday 30 March 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday 30 March 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	The leadership of the House and Committees on Aviation, National Security and Intelligence, Police Affairs, Army, Air Force, Defence and land transport (with Minister of Aviation, Minister of Transport, National Security Adviser, Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Army Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services, Inspector-General of Police, Director-General, Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority, Managing Director, Nigeria Airspace Management Agency and Managing Director, Nigeria Railway Corporation)	Wednesday 30 March 2022	4.00 p.m.	Speakers Conference Room 414 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Interior (Public Hearing)	Wednesday 30 March 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 (New Building)