FOURTH REPUBLIC 9TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (2019–2023) FOURTH SESSION No.7



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday 23 June, 2022

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Specialist Hospital and Infectious Diseases Centre, Kwoi, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2008) (Hon. Amos Magaji Gwamna) First Reading.
- **2.** Police Procurement Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2013) (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka*) *First Reading*.
- 3. National Planning Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2014) (Hon. Obinna Chidoka) First Reading.
- **4.** National Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Kiyawa, Jigawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2017) (Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi Dutse) First Reading.
- 5. Oaths Bill, 2022 (HB. 2018) (Hon. Ifeanyi Chudy Momah and Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo) First Reading.
- **6.** Evidence Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2019) (Hon. Ifeanyi Chudy Momah and Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo) First Reading.
- 7. Notaries Public Bill, 2022 (HB. 2020) (Hon. Ifeanyi Chudy Momah and Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo) First Reading.
- **8.** Federal College of Medical and Health Sciences, Soba, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2021) (Hon. Ibrahim Hamza) First Reading.

9. Federal Medical Centre, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB.2022) (Hon. Yakubu Shehu Abdullahi) – First Reading.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Ad-hoc Committee on Skyrocketing Prices of Commodities, Goods and Services Across the Nation: Hon. Peter Akpatason:

"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad–hoc* Committee on Skyrocketing Prices of Commodities, Goods and Services across the nation (*HR*. 82/09/2021) (*Referred*: 29/9/2021).

2. Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission:

Hon. Mayowa Akinfolarin Samuel:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on the Need to Enforce the Use of Pedestrian Bridges on Highways in Nigeria (HR. 43/07/2021) (*Referred: 14/7/2021*).

3. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by U. C. Oparaugo:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by U. C. Oparaugo against Rev. FR. Emmanuel Edeh, the Founder, Madonna University, Rev. FR. Francis Nwachukwu, Rev. Fr. Isaac Ngina, Mr. Ogbonna Okey and Others on the alleged inhuman treatment meted out to his son, Ifeanyi Stanley George Okoye" (*Referred:* 22/2/2022).

4. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Andul Legal Consultant:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Andul Legal Consultant against the Nigeria Police Force, SARS Division, Anambra State on the sudden disappearance of her husband (Mr. Emmanuel Ogbogu) in Awbuzu SARS" (*Referred: 11/11/2020*).

5. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Olubamiji Adeosun:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Olubamiji Adeosun and Co. (Legal Practitioners) against the Federal Ministry of Power on installation/erection of High Tension Power line on the Oyero family land situated at Obada-Oko/Isewo village road Obada-Oko via Abeokuta Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State" (*Referred: 23/2/2021*).

6. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by I. Ejedegba &Co on behalf of Mr. Sunday Magba of Nigeria Police Force: Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by I. Ejedegba & Co on behalf of Mr. Sunday Magba of the Nigeria Police Force (F/No.364586) against the Nigeria Police Force on his wrongful dismissal from service: and Appeal for Reinstatement" (*Referred:* 14/7/2021).

7. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Emiko & Associates on behalf of Mr. Isaac Duvwer:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Emiko & Associate on Behalf of Mr. Isaac Duvwer against the Nigeria Police Force on refusal to pay the Judgment Debt in Suit No. FHC/ASB/CS/23/09" (*Referred:* 8/7/2021).

8. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Accurate Solicitors' Legal Practitioners:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Accurate Solicitors' Legal Practitioners against Sigma Pensions Limited and National Pension Commission for

cheating, intimidation, diversion of funds and unconscionable refusal to pay the death benefit of Late Mr. Abdullahi Hassan to his next of Kin, Mrs Aisha Abdullahi Hassan" (*Referred: 30/11/2021*).

9. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Ex-Sgt Briska Joshua:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ex-Sgt Briska Joshua against the Nigerian Police Force on his wrongful Dismissal from service" (*Referred:* 8/12/2020).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Special) Afon, Kwara State; and for Related Matters (HB.1992) (Senate) Second Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Offa, Kwara State by upgrading the Federal Polytechnic, Offa, Kwara State from a Diploma Awarding Institution to a Full Fledge Degree awarding University; and for Related Matters (HB. 1848) (Senate) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Electoral Offences Commission and the Electoral Offences Tribunal to Provide for the Legal Framework for Investigation and Prosecution of Electoral Offences for the general Improvement of the Electoral Process in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HBs.1589, 695, 1372 and 1472) (Leader, Hon. Aishatu J. Dukku, Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok, and Hon. O. K. Chinda) Second Reading.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for the Prevention of Fire Hazards and Safeguard of Persons and Property from Fire Disaster; and for Related Matters (HB.452) (Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo) Second Reading.
- **5.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri; and for Related Matters (HBs. 1867 and 1868) (Hon. Ikenna Elezieanya and Hon. Henry Nwawuba) Second Reading.
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Establish Entrepreneurship Development Bank of Nigeria to charge it with the Responsibility among other things, to provide Medium and Long Term Finance for Indigenous Small Businesses and to Provide for Establishment of Nigerian Entrepreneurship Development, Encourage Aspiring Entrepreneurs and Small Scale Enterprises in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HBs.188 and 1386) (Hon. Olalekan Rasheed Afolabi and Hon. Benjamin O. Kalu) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

7. Need to Construct Yahe-Wanokom-Wanikade-Wanihem-Benue Border Road and Mbube East 1 and 2 Cross River State:

Hon. Jude Ogbeche Ngaji:

The House:

Notes that Cross River State has an enviable history of tourist attraction in Nigeria, yet poor rural roads have resulted in exorbitant vehicle operating costs and unquantifiable travel times;

Also notes that ten years after the Cross River State Government and the African Development Bank (AFDB) jointly awarded the Yahe-Wanokom-Wanikade-Benue border road for construction under the Cross River Rural Access and Mobility Project (CR-RAMP), the project was abandoned, while the supposed beneficiaries continue to suffer loss of livelihood and properties as well as increasing poverty due to the deplorable state of the road;

Concerned that due to its deplorable state, commuting on the road which cuts across North and South Ukelle in Yala Local Government Area of Cross River State is a hellish experience with outrageous fares for the commuters;

Worried that the dilapidated state of the road has caused untold hardship to the people of the surrounding communities as access to markets outside the state, including neighbouring Benue and Ebonyi states, especially in the rainy season, has become impossible because many parts of the road have been cut off by gully erosion;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to commence reconstruction of the Road Network from Yahe-Wanokom-Wanikade-Wanihem-Benue Border Road and Mbube East I & II to the Boundaries of Obudu in Cross River State:
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.

8. Need for Gaming Operators to Integrate National Identity Number (NIN) for Verification and Identification of Customers:

Hon. Ibrahim A. Isiaka:

The House:

Notes that the global gaming market is undoubtedly a huge one estimated to generate between \$400 to \$500 billion yearly and with the consistency of the current trends, by 2022, it is set to be worth around \$565 billion with increasing amounts of revenues coming from online gaming in its many forms;

Disturbed that when such large amounts of money are exchanged and transacted quickly through relatively anonymous interactions, there is a significant risk that criminals will be tempted to use the situation for money laundering;

Mindful that with age-restricted businesses like casinos and online gaming platforms, the critical barrier to entry for customers is age and identity verification, therefore there is an increased need for such verifications in virtual situations in order to secure both the customers and the operators;

Cognizant that one of the basic purposes of the National identity Number is for identification, as it not only serves to identify the individual holder but also curbs duplication of identities;

Convinced that it is imperative for regulators to place a premium on data security of gamers and gaming operators and one readily available way to achieve this is to integrate the National identity Numbers (NIN) into the data collection of both new and existing customers;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Lottery Regulatory Commission to ensure that all Gaming operators in Nigeria integrate the National Identity (NIN) in their data collection;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Governmental Affairs to ensure compliance.

9. Need to Investigate the Total Consolidation Accrual and Utilization of Ecological Fund: Hon. Femi Bamisile:

The House:

Notes the existence of the Ecological Fund as Intervention Fund set up by the Federal Government of Nigeria to address multifarious ecological challenges across the country;

Also notes that the Federal Government, the thirty-six (36) States of the federation, the 774 Local Government Areas and the Federal Capital Territory receive funds through the Federal Allocation Committee (FAC) as shares from the Ecological Fund;

Aware that apart from the annual statutory Appropriations four Agencies of the Federal Government draw Funds from the 1% Share of the Federal Government allocated to Ecology and Derivation Fund according to their respective enabling laws and the Agencies are; the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) by virtue of Section 13(2) (b) of its Act, draws 20%, National Agency for the Great Green Wall (NAGGW) by virtue of Section 12 (2) (b) of its Act, draws 15%. While the North-East Development Commission (NEDC) by virtue of Section 14(12) (b) of its Act, draws 10% and the National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA) by virtue of Section 18 (2) (a) of its Act, draws 10%;

Worried that efforts at making beneficiaries of the Ecological Fund accountable for their accrued shared funds in the last few years have been ignored;

Cognizance of Sections 88 and 89 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which empowers the National Assembly to conduct investigation and power as to matters of evidence;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Ecological Fund to Investigate the total consolidated mandatory accruals into the Ecological Fund from 2010 to March 2022;
- (ii) evaluate the disbursement of the Ecological Fund in line with the provision of the 1999 Constitution from 2010 to March 2022;
- (iii) investigate the utilization of the Ecological Fund by benefiting Governments Departments and Agencies (MDAs) from 2010 to March 2022 and establish infractions (if any);
- (iv) conduct Public Hearings with all major stakeholders on the effective and efficient utilization of the Ecological Fund and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Need to Address the Deteriorating Working Conditions of Judicial Officers: Hon. Onofiok Akpan Luke:

The House:

Notes the various news reports of the letter written by the Honourable Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria to the Honourable Chief Justice of Nigeria complaining about the poor welfare conditions and the operational challenges facing the apex court;

Also notes that the letter specifically complained about lack of accommodation for newly appointed Justices of the Supreme Court, epileptic power supply to the courts and the justices' residence, lack of internet services, lack of training and workshops, non-provision of legal assistants to the justices, poor healthcare delivery and unavailability of drugs at the court's clinic, and other operational challenges, which have negatively impacted on the performance of judicial functions thus, delaying justice delivery with its attendant effect on the maintenance of law and order in the country;

Further notes that the issues raised are as a result of the persistent underfunding of the judiciary despite its increasing workforce and growing responsibilities, as well as inflationary conditions in Nigeria;

Aware that the remuneration of judicial officers was last reviewed in 2008 by the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) when the official exchange rate was N117.74 to \$1 whereas the naira has considerably depreciated;

Also aware that given the critical role of the Judiciary in deciding disputes between persons, judicial officers are under huge legal and moral responsibility to meet these demands in the face of their meagre remuneration and poor working and living conditions;

Worried that there is acute shortage of infrastructure in the judiciary as judicial officers still record proceedings in long hand and sittings are conducted in dilapidated or unconducive court houses across the country;

Observes that some judicial officers do not have legal assistants whereas they deserve at least two legal assistants just as executive members and lawmakers have different aides;

Cognizant that the Judiciary is faced with enormous and expanding responsibilities of providing judicial services to an increasing population of 200 million people, building new courts and refurbishing the existing ones across the Federation, engagement of new judicial officers and staff, which are all for better access to effective and efficient justice delivery to the people;

Disturbed that the Judiciary is the least funded of the Three Arms of Government and its budgetary allocation has not increased much in the past 12 years;

Concerned that the poor funding of the Judiciary leaves it vulnerable to comprise and abuse, and may provide avenues for corruption, thus exposing the country to grave perils;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) to upwardly review the remuneration of judicial officers in line with present economic realities;
- (ii) Also urge the Federal Government to increase the budgetary allocation of the Judiciary for the upcoming fiscal year and provide Special Intervention Funds for the development of the Judiciary; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Judiciary to ensure compliance and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Construct a Divisional Police Headquarters at Itigidi, Abi Local Government Area of Cross River State:

Hon. Alex Egbona:

The House:

Notes that Abi Local Government Area of Cross River State, with its headquarters at Itigidi, was created on 23 September 1991 from the former Ugep Local Government Area;

Also notes that Abi Local Government Area has ten (10) Council Wards and is bounded in the North and West by Ikwo and Afikpo Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State, to the South by Biase Local Government Area and to the North-East by Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State respectively;

Aware that when the Local Government Area was created, a Divisional Police Headquarter was established at Itigidi and Police Officers were deployed to maintain law and order in the area;

Also aware that the Divisional Police Headquarters has not been fully operational for 31 years due to lack of office accommodation and amenities for its smooth operations;

Recalls that between 2007 and 2010, the Local Government provided a sizable portion of land within the Council premises to the Police authority for building a Divisional Police Headquarters;

Concerned that despite the willingness of the Local Government to support the Nigeria Police Force operation in the area, there has been no commensurate response from the Police;

Worried that in the last ten years, the area has witnessed several violent attacks and kidnappings carried out by bandits and other criminals resulting in the loss of lives and properties worth billions of naira;

Cognizant that the construction of a Divisional Police Headquarters in Itigidi and provision of an enabling working environment for the personnel would curb the incessant attacks and address other security concerns in the area:

Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Nigeria Police Force to ensure the immediate construction of a Divisional Police Headquarters at Itigidi in Abi Local Government Area of Cross River State;

(ii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and Appropriations to include the construction of a Divisional Police Headquarters at Itigidi in Abi Local Government Area of Cross River State in the 2023 budget proposal.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars to Ensure Professionalism in the System; and for Related Matters (HB.304) *Committee of the Whole:* 7/4/2022.
- A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nursing and Midwifery Act, Cap. N143, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to review the Composition of the Council, Qualification and Tenure of Office of the Members of the Council, Review Penalty Provisions and Composition of the Tribunal; and for Related Matters (HB. 1813) (Senate) Committee of the Whole: 8/3/2022.

COMMITTEE MEETING

S/N	Committee(s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 23 June 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Petroleum Resource (Downstream and Upstream) and Gas (Investigative Hearing on Increasing Price of Diesel and Cooking Gas with GMD NNPC Ltd.	Thursday, 23 June 2022	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 034 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex
3.	Ad-hoc Committee on the state of Refineries in the Country to Investigate the Actual Cost of Rehabilitating the Refineries (Investigative Hearing with NNPC and Stakeholders)	Thursday, 23 June 2022	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 019 (New Building) Assembly Complex