FOURTH REPUBLIC 9TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (2019–2023) FOURTH SESSION No. 81



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday 24 November, 2022

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committees on Federal Capital Territory Administration and Federal Capital Territory Area Council and Ancillary Matters:

Hon. Abdullahi Idris Garba:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Federal Capital Territory Administration and Federal Capital Territory Area Council and Ancillary Matters on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 607,952,023,580.00 (Six Hundred and Seven Billion, Nine Hundred and Fifty Two Million, Twenty Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty naira) only, of which the sum of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 76,569,904,857.00 (Seventy Six Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Million, Nine Hundred and Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven naira) only, is for Personnel Costs; and the sum of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 127,603,382,310.00 (one Hundred and Twenty Seven Billion, Six Hundred and Three Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Ten naira) only, is for Overhead Costs; while the Balance of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 403,778,736,413.00 (Four Hundred and Three Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirteen naira) only, is for Capital Projects; for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial year commencing from 1 January, 2002 and ending on 31 December, 2022. (Referred: 23/11/2022).

2. Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:

Hon. Zakariya'u M. Galadima:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 51st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region Conference, held in Abuja from 8–13 November, 2021".

3. Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:

Hon. Zakariya'u M. Galadima:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 80th Executive Committee Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region, held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 12–18 July, 2021.

4. Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:

Hon. Zakariya'u M. Galadima:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 82nd Executive Committee Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region, held at the Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana from 3–10 March, 2022".

5. Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:

Hon. Zakariya'u M. Galadima:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 52nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region Conference, held in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 1-9 June, 2022".

ORDERS OF THE DAY BILLS

- **1.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun–Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.649) *Third Reading*.
- A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Institute of Economists of Nigeria empowered with the Responsibility to Determine and Regulate the Standards of Knowledge, Skills and Qualification of Persons seeking to become Professional Economists in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1148) *Third Reading*.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical) Ogoja, Cross Rivers State; and for Related Matters (HB.2047) *Second Reading*.
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security; and for Related Matters (HB 2083) (Hon. Gogo Bright Tumtuno) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of National Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Studies, Lagos State; and for Related Matters (HB.2012) (*Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye*) *Second Reading*.
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Amend Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Act, 2013 to Prohibit Cross Dressing; and for Related Matters (HB.1938) (Hon. Muda Lawal Umar) Second Reading.
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State as a Training Institute for the Development of Medical and Health Sciences and make comprehensive Provisions for the Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 2101) (Hon. Olufemi Fakeye) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

- 8. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly, Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:

 Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:
 - (i) National Agency for Technology Management Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2067)
 - (ii) Projects Development Agency (PRODA) Enugu (Establishment) Bill, 2022(HB. 2036)

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that the aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HBs. 2067 & 2036 and were read the first time, respectfully;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

9. Re-Committal of Bills:

- (i) National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Bill, 2019 (HB.45);
- (ii) University of Aerospace and Aeronautics, Oka-Akoko (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1483).

Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

The House:

Notes that the above-listed Bills were passed by the National Assembly and Transmitted to the President for Assent;

Also notes that the Bills were returned from the President with observations which, if addressed, the Bills may be re-presented to the President for assent;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration.

10. Need to Investigate the Death of Mr. Paul Egbon, an Outpatient of Federal Medical Centre, Jabi, Abuja:

Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun

Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere:

The House:

Notes that Section 4(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the National Assembly to make laws for the order and good government of the federation or any part thereof;

Also notes that Section 88 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the National Assembly to conduct investigations into the activities of any authority executing or administering laws made by the National Assembly;

Informed that on 15 October 2022, Mr Paul Egbon an Outpatient of Federal Medical Centre, Jabi, Abuja died of cardiac arrest after he was sent home from the Medical Centre;

Worried that the Medical Centre sent the patient home without proper medical examination and treatment due to the fact that he was adjudged to have come late to the hospital to complain of severe chest pain;

Also worried that the doctor who attended to the deceased prescribed pain-killer medication and recommended him for an Electrocardiogram (ECG) test and subsequently asked him to go home and come back the next day because it was late;

Disturbed that the decision of the labouratory staff to send him home without conducting the recommended ECG test and prescribing pain-killer medication was an act of gross incompetence and dereliction of duty which led to his sudden death;

Resolves to:

- (i) Observe a minute's silence in honour of the dead, Mr Paul Egbon;
- (ii) mandate Committee on Health Institutions to investigate the basis for the decision to send Mr Paul Egbon home instead of conducting the ECG test and administering proper treatment the day he came for treatment and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Restore Electricity Supply to the Communities of Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency in Cross Rivers State:

Hon. Daniel Asuquo

The House:

Notes that regular electricity power supply is crucial for national productivity and economic development and eventually develops Nigeria from a Third World country to First World;

Aware that Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency of Cross River State, at the onset of the Federal Government's privatization programme, contributed enormous assets to the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) which makes Cross River State a shareholder of the PHEDC;

Worried that despite being a major shareholder of the PHEDC, Akamkpa and Biase Local Government Areas, Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company has not supplied power to the State for about five years thus grounding economic activities, hampered development of the constituency leading to a high rate of crime which may threaten peaceful conduct of the 2023 general elections;

Disturbed that residents of the Constituency had in the past struggled to pay the outrageous estimated billing levied on them;

Also worried that despite the failure of the PHEDC to metre its customers as stipulated in its agreement with the Federal Government of Nigeria, the company went ahead to disconnect the entire Federal Constituency from the national grid, thus plunging the entire area into darkness and economic stagnation and sharply lowering the quality of life;

Concerned that Akamkpa Local Government Area is a major contributor to the internally generated revenue of Cross River State and its present power situation has all but grounded economic activities in the area which has hurt the finances of Cross River State that had not been healthy;

Cognizant of the urgent need to restore power to Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency to improve the economic fortunes of the constituency (nay Cross River State), reduce crime in the area and nip in the bud a potential threat to the peaceful conduct of the 2023 general elections in the constituency;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power and Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission cause Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company to restore power supply to Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure compliance.

12. Need to Investigate the Execution of the MOU between Galaxy Backbone and the Chinese Government for Fibre Infrastructure Across the Country: Hon. Mzondu Benjamin Bem:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria's Galaxy Backbone Limited, an agency under the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China's Huawei Technology Limited in 2018 to provide Fiber Infrastructure under the National Information Communications Technology Infrastructure Backbone, (NICTIB) 1 and 2 Projects;

Also notes that following the Memorandum of Understanding, Huawei Technology Limited is expected to design, manufacture and deploy the kit that controls Data movement across all Ministries, Departments and Agencies in the country;

Aware that as part of the agreement, the relevant Committee of the House and the National Assembly at large approved about \$475million credit facility for the various Phases of the Project(s) to be made available by China's EXIM Bank;

Also aware that Phase 1 of the Project which spans 13 States across the South East, South-South, North-Central and South-West Zones of the country has been completed and commissioned;

Concerned that all through the execution and completion of Phase 1 of the Project funded by part of the credit facility, Galaxy Backbone and to a large extent, the Ministry of Communications have frustrated efforts to oversight progress of the Project;

Also concerned that Galaxy Backbone Limited had made claims that the completion of Phase 1 of the Project is expected to reap revenue to the tune of billions of naira for the Government;

Worried that whereas there has been no oversight to ascertain the level of the job done and verify claims of revenue generated by the Agency, there is a current bid to access an additional \$328 million (\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{billion}}}}})} credit facility to develop the NICTIB Phase II which covers 19 Northern States;

Cognizant of the need to ensure judicious use of the nation's commonwealth while ensuring the government's ICT policy is implemented according to every aspect of statutory provisions guiding the execution of the project.

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on ICT to investigate the status of implementation of Phase 1 of the project including a forensic audit on relevant transactions for the purpose of executing the National Information Communications Technology Infrastructure Backbone (NICTIB) projects 1 and 2;
- (ii) urge the Galaxy Backbone Limited and Ministry of Finance to immediately halt all certificates of completion and payments, respectively, in lieu of the project, pending the completion of the investigation by the Committee;

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pension Reform Act, 2014 to Exclude/Exempt the National Assembly Service from the Contributory Pension Scheme and Establish the National Assembly Service Pension Board; and for Related Matters (HB. 2025) *Committee of the Whole: 23/11/2022*.
- 14. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Development Studies and Administration of Nigeria charged with Responsibility to Advance the Study, Training and Determining the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 966) *Committee of the Whole:* 26/7/2022.
- 15. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, (Technical) Keana, Nassarawa State to Provide full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College to Carry Out the Administration and Disciplining of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 439) *Committee of the Whole:* 22/11/2022.

16. Committee on Reformatory Institutions:

Hon. Edwin Anayo:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Reformatory Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Correctional Service Trust Fund; and for Related Matters (HB. 1722)" (*Laid: 22/11/2022*).

17. Committee on Power:

Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Power on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Chartered Institute of Power Engineers of Nigeria to Regulate, Control and Determine the Standards of Knowledge to be attained by people seeking to become Chartered Power Engineers; and for Related Matters (HB. 1086) (*Laid:30/6/2022*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee (s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday 24 November 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Thursday 24 November 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Federal Character (with)	Thursday 24 November 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Ad-hoc Committee Federal Government Abandoned Solar Powered Grid Project	Thursday 24 November 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 1.54 (New Building) Assembly Complex