FOURTH REPUBLIC 9TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (2019–2023) FOURTH SESSION No. 112



Wednesday 25 January 2023

- 1. Prayers
- 2. National Pledge
- 3. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
- 4. Oaths
- 5. Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (if any)
- 6. Messages from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (if any)
- 7. Messages from Other Parliament(s) (if any)
- 8. Other Announcements (if any)
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PRESENTATION OF BILL

Endangered Species Conservation and Protection Bill, 2023 (HB.2175) (Hon. Johnson Johnny Egwakhide Oghuma and Hon. Samuel Ifeanyi Onuigbo) – First Reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of Federal University of Gusau, Zamfara State; and for Related Matters (HB. 2150) (*Senate*) *Second Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nursing and Midwifery (Registration, Etc.) Act, Cap.N143, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.2131) (Hon. Ganniyu Abiodun Johnson) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Fire Service Act, Cap. F Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1616) (*Hon. Unyim Idem*) *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

4. Passage of Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bills, 2023:

Hon. Ahmed Idris Wase Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba Doguwa Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu Hon. Peter Ohio Zojeh Akpatason Hon. Hon. Gwani Gideon Lucas Hon. Toby Okechukwu Hon. John Dyegh Hon, Haruna Mshelia Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata Hon. Shiddi Usman Danjuma Hon. Tajudeen Abbas Hon. Ali Wudil Muhammad Hon. Jega Muhammed Umar Hon. Bello Asuku Joseph Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo Hon, Gimba Zainab Hon. Luke Onofiok Akpan Hon. Mohammed Shehu Koko Hon. Komsol Alphonsus Longgap Hon. Balarabe Abdullahi Salame Hon. Sani N. Zangon Daura Hon. Muda Lawal Umar Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu Hon. O. Ogunlola Omowumi Hon. A. Babajimi Benson Hon. Adeogun Adejoro Hon. Fakeye J. Olufemi Hon. Ibrahim Khadija Bukar Abba Hon. Laori Kwamoti Bitrus Hon. Usman Ahmed Liman Hon. Ahmed Shehu Hon. Elezieanya I. Onyechere Hon. Onuh Onyeche Blessing Hon. Igbakpa Ben Rollands Hon. Afe Oberuakpefe Anthony Hon. Peter Owolabi Hon. Chukwuegbo Ofor Gregory Hon, Ali Abdullahi Ibrahim Hon. Mohammed Umaru Bago Hon. Onanuga Adewunmi Oriyomi Hon. Bio Omar Mohammed Hon. Olatubosun Olajide Boladale Hon. Akande-Sadipe Tolulope Hon. Chinda Kingsley Hon. Miriam Onuah Odinaka Hon. Auwal Jatau Mohammed Hon. Agbedi Fredrick Y.

Hon. Tahir M. Mohammed Onyejeocha Nkeiruka Hon. A. A. Abdel-Majid Hon. Dukku Aishatu Jibril Hon. Galadima Zakariyau M. Hon. Mwadkwon Simon Davou Hon, Nkem-Abonta Uzoma Hon. Asadu Patrick Oziokoja Hon. Soli Sada Hon. Alhassan Rurum Kabiru Hon. Abubakar Yerima Idris Hon. Beni Lar Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim Ayokunle Hon. Dahiru Abubakar Sarki Hon, Suleiman Aminu Hon. Ofumelu Vincent Ekene Hon. Asuquo Daniel Effiong Hon. Ogun Sergious Oseasochie Hon. Lawal Kolawole Wasiu Hon, Usman Sokodabo Hassan Hon. Oluga Taiwo Olukemi Hon. Boma Goodhead Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu

The House:

Notes that Section 9 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) provides that an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution can be passed only when it is supported by 2/3 majority of Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and approved by the 24 State Houses of Assembly;

Recalls that 68 (Sixty-Eight) Bills seeking to alter provisions of the Constitution were presented at the floor of the House of Representatives and the Senate on Wednesday, 23 February, 2022 for passage;

Also recalls that the House of Representatives and the Senate approved 44 (Forty-Four) of the Bills without differences and were transmitted to the State Houses of Assembly for their resolutions on the 27 March, 2022;

Acknowledges that twenty-seven Houses of Assembly - Abia, Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Borno, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kogi, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun Rivers and Yobe have forwarded their resolutions on the Bills (attached are details of Status of Resolutions of State Houses of Assembly on the Constitution (Fifth) Alteration Bills);

Convinced that the under listed 35 Constitution Alteration Bills have satisfied the provisions of Section 9 (2) of the Constitution, for passage into law, having been approved by not less than 24 State Houses of Assembly;

- (a) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 3–(Change of Names of Afikpo North and Afikpo South Local Government Areas (Ebonyi State);
- (b) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 4—Change of Name of Kunchi Local Government Area (Kano State):

- (c) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 5—Change of Names of Egbado North and Egbado South Local Government Areas (Ogun State);
- (d) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 7–Correction of the name of Atigbo Local Government Area (Oyo State);
- (e) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 8–Correction of Name of Obia/Akpor Local Government Area (Rivers State);
- (f) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 9–Financial autonomy of State legislatures and State Judiciary;
- (g) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 10–Enforcement of Legislative Summon;
- (h) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 11–Inauguration of Members-Elect;
- (i) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 21–Deletion of reference in the Constitution to the provisions of the Criminal Code, Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Act, Criminal Procedure Code or Evidence Act;
- (*j*) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 22–Provision for Intervening Events in the Computation of Time for the Determination of Pre-Election Petitions, Election Petitions and Appeals therefrom;
- (k) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 24–Expansion of the Interpretation of Judicial Office;
- (1) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 25–Appointment of Secretary of the National Judicial Council;
- (m) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 29–Devolution of Powers (Airports);
- (n) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 30–Devolution of Powers (Fingerprints, identification and criminal records);
- (o) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 31–Devolution of Powers (Correctional Services);
- (p) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 32–Devolution of Powers (Railways);
- (q) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 33–Devolution of Powers (National Grid System);
- (r) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 39–Power to enforce compliance of remittance of Accruals into the Federation Account and Review of Revenue Allocation Formula;
- (s) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No.40–Independence of Certain bodies;
- (t) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No.41–Removal of Transitional Law-making Powers of the Executive:
- (u) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 43–Domestication of Treaties;
- (v) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 44–Timeline for the Presentation of Appropriation Bills;
- (w) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 45–Timeframe for the Submission of the Names of Ministerial or Commissioner Nominees;
- (x) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No.48–Power to summon the President and Governors;
- (y) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 49–Authorization of Expenditure;
- (z) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 50–Replacement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation with the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government;
- (aa) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 51–Creation of the Office of Accountant-General of the Federal Government;
- (bb) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 53–Separation of the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation and of the State from the office of the Minister or Commissioner for Justice;
- (cc) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 54–State of the Nation and State of the State Address;
- (dd) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 55–Composition of Members of the Council of State;
- (ee) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 57–Restriction on Formation of Political Parties;
- (ff) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 62–Correction in the Definition of the Boundary of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja;
- (gg) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 63–Fundamental Human Rights;
- (hh) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 65–Food Security;
- (ii) Constitution (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 66–Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps.

Resolves to:

- (i) direct the Clerk to the National Assembly to transmit the 35 Bills that have so far met the requirement of the provisions of Section 9(2) of the Constitution to Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for assent in line with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act; and
- (ii) urge the following State Houses of Assembly Gombe, Jigawa, Kebbi, Kwara, Oyo, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, and Zamfara; that are yet to forward their resolution on the Bills to do so in fulfillment of their Constitutionally imposed legislative obligation to the Constitution amendment process.
- 5. Discharge of Committees on Referrals on Bills, Pursuant to Order Eighteen, Rule 3(g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:

 Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

The House:

Notes that the following Bills were respectively read a Second time and referred to Committees for legislative actions:

S/N Title Committee

- 1. Federal Medical Centre, Saminaka, Kaduna State Health Institutions (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1776)
- 2. Nigeria Food Safety and Hygiene Surveillance Healthcare Services Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.813)
- 3. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB.1904)
- 4. National Rice Production, Processing and Agricultural Colleges and Institutions Research Institute, Igbemo, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1905)

Aware that the Committees are yet to present reports on the Bills, contrary to the provisions of Order Eighteen, 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 above-mentioned Committees from the Bills referred to them and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

6. Re-committal of Bill:

Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

The House:

Recalls that the Federal Medical Centre, Owutu Edda, Ebonyi State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 was passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President for assent;

Observes that some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action emerged after critical analysis of the Bill, hence, re-committal of the Bill to address the issues;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on the Bill as passed and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration.

7. Extra-Judicial Killings and Kidnapping Activities in Jos and its Environs: Hon. Muhammad Adam Alkali:

The House:

Notes the reported cases of extra-judicial killings of innocent Nigerians by security operatives, on the 21 September, 2022, 16 Year Usman Bala was shot dead, while two others were injured by a Police Officer attached to the Division C of the Nigeria Police Force Jos, Plateau State;

Also notes that on 4 December 2022, security operatives allegedly shot and killed one Magaji Ahmad, a Keke NAPEP rider of Dutse Uku Area of Jos for exceeding the approved operations hours imposed by the State Government;

Aware of a report by the Vanguard Newspapers of December 11, 2022, where the corpse of one Ruth Musa Pastor was found around a car wash in Farin Gada area, Jos North Local Government Area, Plateau State, similarly, on 7 September 2022, a 14 years Maryam Danliti Usman was found dead in Babale Community of Jos-North Local Government Area with her private parts cut off;

Worried that if stringent security measures are not taken to safeguard the lives of the citizens in compliance with Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) particularly Section 14 (2)(b) which states that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government; it might constitute a threat to national security;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence as a mark of respect to the deceased persons killed in Jos, Plateau State;
- (ii) urge the Chief of Defence Staff, the Director General of State Security Service and the Inspector General of Police to direct "Operation Save Heaven" to initiate a coordinated Joint Security Operation with other Security Agencies to flush out criminals within the system to save the lives of innocent Nigerians and avoid reoccurrences;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Interior, Defence and National Security to investigate the cases of extra-judicial killings in Jos and environs and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- **8.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017; and for Related Matters (HB.2149) (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila and Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno) Committee of the Whole: 19/1/2023.
- 9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education Numan, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1799) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) *Committee of the Whole: 23/3/2022*.
- **10.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Gum Arabic Research Institute, Maiduguri, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB.2168) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno*) *Committee of the Whole: 19/1/2023*.
- 11. A Bill for an Ac to Establish National Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science; and for Related Matters (HB. 16) *Committee of the Whole: 3/3/2022*.

- A Bill for an Act to Amend the Court of Appeal Act, 2013 to, among other things, increase the number of Justices of the Court from ninety to one hundred and ten, provide for the integration of Virtual Court Proceedings; and for Related Matters (HBs. 299 and 2115) *Committee of the Whole:22/12/2022*.
- 13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora, Oyo; and for Related Matters (HB. 347) *Committee of the Whole: 18/1/2023*.
- **14.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ufuma, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB.1373) *Committee of the Whole: 18/1/2023*.
- A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Capital Territory Signage and Advertisement Agency as the Regulatory Body for Outdoor Structures used for Signage and Advertisement to Protect the Environment from Potential adverse impacts that may arise from Signage and Outdoor Advertisement and Visual Blights; and for Related Matters (HB. 1232) *Committee of the Whole:* 20/9/2022.

16. Committee on Healthcare Services:

Hon. Tanko Sununu:

"That the House do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on 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) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Adjourned consideration: 19/1/2023).

17. Committee on Human Rights:

Hon. John Dyegh:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Human Rights on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act, No. 4 of 2015 to include the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and Social Development in its Governing Board, review the mode of appointing the Director General of the Agency, to strengthen the Act by reviewing the offences and penalty Provisions; and for Related Matters (HB. 2102) and approve the Recommendations therein" – (Laid: 19/1/2023).

18. Committee on Commerce:

Hon. Femi Fakeye:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011 to among other things streamline the Membership of the Governing Board to strengthen the Council to discharge effective Regulatory responsibilities on Financial Reporting and Corporate Governance in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1817) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 23/1/2023).

19. Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso.

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Koko Ama Community, Port Harcourt, Rivers State against the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Company (NLNG) on the criminal neglect and pauperization of Koko Ama Ancient Kingdom and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 10/3/2021).

- (i) that Koko Ama Community is and deserved to be accorded recognition by the Respondent as a "host community";
- (ii) that all the rights, privileges and incidences of being so recognized be accorded the petitioner by the Respondent without further ado.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| S/N | Committee (s) Rules and Business | | | Date | Time | Venue |
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| 1. | | | | Wednesday 25 January 2023 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Public <i>Hearing)</i> | Petitions | (Investigative | Wednesday 25 January 2023 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex |