



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 29 March 2023

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission:

Hon. Akinfolarin Mayowa Samuel:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Road Safety Commission Training Institutions as Capacity Building Institutions for training in Road Traffic Administration and Safety Management, provide Professional Training for Members of the Corps; and for Related Matters (HBs 1619, 1620, 1621 and 1622)” (*Referred: 16/12/2021*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for An Act to Amend the Federal High Court Act, Cap. F12, Laws of the Federal 2004 to Provide for the increase in the Number of Judges from 100 to 150 and to make Provisions for the Regulation of the Award of Prejudgment in Relation to Claims Bothering on Commercial Transactions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 2186) (*Senate*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include Federal College of Education Technical, Agaie, Niger State; and for Related Matters (HB. 2080) (*Hon. Abdullahi Mamudu*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Standards Organisation of Nigeria Act, Cap. S9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Standards organization of Nigeria Bill, 2022 for the purpose of Providing additional functions for the Organisation, increasing penalty for violation; and for Related Matters (HB. 2169) (*Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

4. **Re-committal of Bills:**
Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata

The House:

Recalls that the following Bills were passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President for assent;

- (i) Federal College of Horticulture, Okigwe (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1456); and
- (ii) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022) (HB. 1955).

Observes that some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative actions had emerged hence, re-committal of the Bills to address the issues;

Resolves to:

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

5. **Need to Name the National Assembly Library Building in Honor and Commemoration of Femi Gbajabiamila Speaker of the 9th National Assembly**

Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi:

The House:

Notes that Research is crucial to legislative business because it provides essential information for lawmakers to make decisions and understand the complexities of issues addressed and evaluate potential impacts of legislation;

Also notes that one of the critical components of the legislative process is the Legislative Library which plays a central role in quality legislation as it provides access to sources of information such as books, journals, reports and database that are essential for legislators to work effectively and efficiently as seen in renowned Libraries such as the Library of the US Congress, British Parliament and others;

Aware that the Speaker of the 9th Assembly, Rt. Hon Femi Gbajabiamila whose vision is to place the National Assembly on the world map, created the Committee on Legislative Library Research and Documentation, a first in History, with the mandate to establish a world-class Legislative Library, Museum and Archive to deepen legislative knowledge as well as preserve legislative history for posterity;

Also aware that the Speaker saw the urgent need for the National Assembly, as the Apex Legislative body in Nigeria, to have a functional legislative library for optimum performance of the federal legislators, necessitated the expedient construction and completion of the NASS Library which remains one of his cardinal goals for the 9th Assembly and has remains resolute in actualizing the vision within the life span of the 9th Assembly;

Further aware that the 9th National Assembly under the leadership of the Speaker has frantically and tirelessly made efforts to put in place the necessary structure for the smooth running and operations of the National Assembly library through the establishment of the NASS Library Trust Fund Bill that has been signed into law by the President;

Cognizant that there is no better way to immortalize the doggedness of such a visionary leader other than to name the library after the Speaker, Rt. Hon Femi Gbajabiamila;

Also cognizant that such an outstanding achievement and legacy should not go unrecognized in our legislative history;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Clerk to the National Assembly to name the National Assembly Library building after Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila as it's the practice in developed climes.

6. Need to Investigate the Assault on Residents of Gboko and Guests of Old Barn Hotel, Gboko by Men of the 401 Special Forces Brigade of the Nigerian Army:

Hon. Mark Gbillah:

The House:

Notes the primary duties of the Nigerian Army as enshrined in Section 217 subsection (2) (a)-(d) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) is to defend Nigeria from external aggression; maintain its territorial integrity, suppress insurrection and aid civil authorities to restore order subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly;

Also notes that the operational use of the Armed Forces in Nigeria is for the purpose of maintaining and securing public safety and public order in accordance with Section 8 (3) of the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Concerned about the worsening spate of military and police brutality, extra-judicial killings by security operatives on civilians and unarmed Nigerians;

Worried about the unfortunate incidence of Saturday 18 March 2023 at Old Barn Hotel, Gboko in Benue State, where at about 2:30 am, men of the 401 Division of the Nigerian Army viciously assaulted and brutalized several persons and guests;

Also concerned that these military men, numbering over 20 stormed the hotel in Nigerian Army trucks and dressed in military uniforms but without any identifiers such as nametags, any form of personal identity or ranks;

Disturbed that the military men ordered all persons within view to move, gather in groups and squat on the ground without explanation such cruel and inhuman treatment;

Also worried that in the course of obeying the Army Officers' commands, one of the soldiers accosted the Honourable and slapped him;

Also disturbed that despite introducing himself as a serving member of the House of Representatives, the soldier rather poured more invectives on the Honourable and ordered his subordinates to slap him and in an attempt to defend himself from the unprovoked assault, about 20 soldiers pounced on him and others with guns and brutally assaulted them, this resulted in serious injuries on his head, face, shoulders, chest, back, both arms, and legs;

Further disturbed that this same team of soldiers were allegedly responsible for the extrajudicial killings of at least two (2) persons in Gboko in two (2) separate instances on the same day;

More disturbed that since the attack, several media outlets particularly, *Leadership Sunday, The Sunday Sun, Daily Trust and Vanguard Newspapers* of Sunday, 19th March 2023 were awash with defamatory reports and images falsely linking the assault on Hon. Sokpo to Electoral violence;

Desirous of the need to re-enforce its statutory role of ensuring the security and welfare of the people as the primary purpose of government.

Resolves to:

- (i) *condemn* the assault on Old Barn Hotel, Gboko and its guests by men of the Nigerian Army on 18 March, 2023;
 - (ii) *urge* the Chiefs of Defense and Army Staff to commence a comprehensive investigation of the incident (ensuring evidence is obtained from civilian witnesses) with the view to identifying the soldiers that were responsible for this mayhem.
 - (iii) invite the Chiefs of Defense and Army Staff to appear before the House to:
 - (a) explain the circumstances behind the unprovoked attack and why these military officers did not carry proper identification or inform the civilians about their mission
 - (b) explain the military's rules of engagement during election monitoring and other engagements with the civilian population, especially considering the extrajudicial killing of two young men in Gboko by the same 401 Special Forces Brigade on 18th March 2023 for alleged ballot snatching;
 - (c) brief House about actions currently taken by military authorities to investigate the unprovoked assault on residents of Gboko, including Hon. Kpam Jimin Sokpo and the shooting to death of two persons in Gboko on 18 March 2023.
 - (iv) mandate the Committee on Army to ensure compliance and report to the House within two (2) weeks.
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboho, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 733) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 21/3/2023.*
8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Illeh, Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB.1389) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 22/3/2023.*
9. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Cap. A. 18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Arbitration and Mediation Act, 2023 to Provide a Unified Legal Framework for the fair and efficient Settlement of Commercial disputes through Arbitration and Mediation, make applicable the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Awards (the New York Convention) to any award made in Nigeria or in any contracting State arising out of International Commercial Arbitration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1455) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 22/3/2023.*
10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory College of Nursing and Midwifery; and for Related Matters (HB.214) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 23/3/2023.*
11. **Report of the Conference Committee:**
Hon. Adeogun Adejoro:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Centre for the Coordination and Control of the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 22/3/2023*).
12. **Committee on Public Accounts**
Hon. Oluwole Oke:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on a Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of an Independent Office of the Auditor General for Area Councils in the

Federal Capital Territory and provide for the Audit of Area Councils Public Accounts; and for Related Matters (HB.1782) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 21/3/2023*)

13. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Pashcal Obi:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Eastern Obolo, Akwa Ibom; and for Related Matters (HB.1426) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid:15/12/2023*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee (s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday 29 March 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Hearing)	<i>(Investigative)</i> Wednesday 29 March 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex