



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday 23 March 2023

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3. Federal High Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 2186) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
4. National Emergency Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 2187) (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun*) – *First Reading*.
5. Pension Reform Act (Amendment) (HB. 2188) (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun*) – *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
 - (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap. N30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to confer additional Responsibility of the power to grant

and revoke licenses for the cultivation of Cannabis (or any of its three species namely Cannabis Sativa, Cannabis Indicia and Cannabis Ruderalis) Plant for Medicinal purposes; and for Related Matters (HBs. 1190 & 1918) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba*);

- (b) A Bill for an Act to Decriminalize the Growth and Use of Cannabis, to Establish a System for the Registration and licensing of Cannabis Growers, Users, Control to legalize the Growth, Sale and use of Cannabis and set out a Legal Framework for the Registration and Licensing of Cannabis Growers and Producers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1118) (*Hon. Princess Miriam Onuoha*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Customs and Excise Management Act, Cap. C45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and other Customs and Excise Legislation and Enact the Nigeria Customs Service Act, 2022 to Provide for the Reform of the Administration and Management of Customs and Excise in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1729) – *Third Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Population Commission Act, Cap. 67 laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.2142) (*Hon. Kolade V. Akinjo*) – *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.2172) (*Hon. Alex Egbona*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend Nursing and Midwifery (Registration etc.) Cap. N143, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Restructure the Composition of the Council, Qualification and Tenure of Office of the Members of the Council, Review Penalty Provisions, the Composition of the Tribunal, include Bachelor of Nursing Science and Community Midwives in the Registrable Qualifications of the Council, Give the Council Timeline Within Which to Complete Indexing of Students, Register Prospective Members and Issue them License and Communicate the Decision of the Council to Institutions that apply for approval; and for Related Matters (HB.1997) (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka*) – *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap. N30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to confer additional Responsibility of the power to grant and revoke licenses for the cultivation of Cannabis (or any of its three species namely Cannabis Sativa, Cannabis Indicia and Cannabis Ruderalis) Plant for Medicinal purposes and to decriminalize the growth and use of Cannabis, to Establish a system for the Registration and licensing of Cannabis growers, users, control to legalize the growth, sale and use of Cannabis and set out a Legal framework for the Registration and Licensing of Cannabis growers and producers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HBs. 1190, 1918 & 1118) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba and Hon. Princess Miriam Onuoha*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

7. **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) *Physically Challenged (Empowerment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 02)*
- (ii) *Students Loan (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2019 (HB. 06)*
- (iii) *Nigeria Health Infrastructure Development Bank (Establishment Etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 908)*

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.

**8. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bill from the Preceding Assembly, Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:
Hon. Ababakar Hassan Fulata:**

FCT College of Nursing and Midwifery Bill, 2019, (HB.214)

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, 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 was 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 Bill was 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 Bill was re-gazetted as HB.214 and read the first time;

Resolves to:

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

**9. Call on the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to Direct all Commercial Banks to Overhaul their Online Banking Service Platforms to Ease Electronic Banking Operations:
Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:**

The House:

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 (like the Central Bank of Nigeria);

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria is established under Section 1 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to issue legal tender currencies in Nigeria;

Also aware that Section 2 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act saddles the Central Bank of Nigeria with the duty of promoting a sound financial system in Nigeria;

Acknowledges that in the wake of the recent naira redesign and cash withdrawal limit policy of the Central Bank of Nigeria, there has been an increase in the use of online and electronic banking services to carry out monetary transactions across the country;

Also acknowledges that the use of online or internet banking services by Nigerians in the past three months or thereabout has been characterized by varying degrees of hitches ranging from unsuccessful electronic bank transfers, point of sale (POS) service failure and a host of others;

Disturbed that the ineffectiveness or difficulty in using internet banking services across the online banking platforms of most Commercial Banks in Nigeria has brought untold hardship, suffering and difficulties on Nigerians in the past three months;

Worried that if nothing is done by the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Commercial Banks to address these difficulties or ineffectiveness, Nigerians will continue to suffer untold hardships and loss of monies to unsuccessful electronic bank transactions;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to direct all Commercial Banks in the country to immediately overhaul their existing online/electronic banking platforms for efficiency and ease of conducting electronic banking operations;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

10. A Bill for An Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Agribusiness Management of Nigeria to Promote the Practice and Professionalism of Agribusiness in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 314) – *(Committee of the Whole: 7/12/2023).*