FOURTH REPUBLIC 10^H NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION NO. 44



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 31st October, 2023

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- **1.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.766) (Hon. Adewunni Oriyomi Onanuga) First Reading.
- **2.** Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.767) (*Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali*) *First Reading*.
- 3. Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.768) (Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji) First Reading.
- **4.** Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.769) (*Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji*) *First Reading*.
- 5. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.770) (*Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji*) *First Reading*.
- **6.** Federal University of Medicine and Health Science, Bida, Niger State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.771) (*Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi*) *First Reading*.
- 7. Federal Technical and Vocational Training Centre, Kubau, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.772) (Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi) First Reading.

- **8.** Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.773) (Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi) First Reading.
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- **10.** National Vocational Centre, Oboroke, Kogi State (HB.775) (Hon. Abdulmaleek Abdulraheem Danga) First Reading.
- **11.** Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.776) (*Hon. Abdulmaleek Abdulraheem Danga*) *First Reading*.
- **12.** Higher National Diploma Discrimination (Prohibition) Bill, 2023 (HB.777) (*Hon. Mark Udo Esset*) *First Reading*.
- **13.** National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.778) (*Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi*) *First Reading*.
- **14.** Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.779) (*Hon. Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan*) *First Reading*.
- **15.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.780) (*Hon. Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan*) *First Reading*.
- **16.** National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Training Centre, (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.781) (*Hon. Sadiq Ango Abdullahi*) *First Reading*.
- **17.** Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ikosun, Ekiti State (HB.782) (*Hon. Kolawole Akinlayo*) *First Reading*.
- **18.** Federal Institute of Information Communication Technology, Idanre, Ondo State (HB.783) (*Hon. Akingbaso Festus Olanrewaju*) *First Reading*.
- **19.** Chartered Institute of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators (HB.784) (*Hon. Pascal Agbodike*) *First Reading*.
- **20.** Nigerian Correctional Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.785) (*Hon. Pascal Agbodike*) *First Reading*.
- **21.** Nigeria Palliatives Monitoring Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.786) (*Hon. Pascal Agbodike*) *First Reading*.
- **22.** Nigerian Civil Defence Corps Academy, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.787) (*Hon. Pascal Agbodike*) *First Reading*.
- 23. National Metallurgical Training Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.788) (Hon. Pascal Agbodike) First Reading.
- **24.** Labour Institutions (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.789) (Hon. Ademorin Kuye) First Reading.
- **25.** National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 790) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) *First Reading*.
- **26.** National Anti-Doping Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.791) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) *First Reading*.
- **27.** Federal University of Forensic Sciences (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.792) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) *First Reading*.
- **28.** Trade Dispute (Essential Services) Bill, 2023 (HB.793) (Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi) First Reading.
- **29.** National Social Welfare (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.794) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu*) *First Reading*.
- **30.** Nigerian Food Security Bill, 2023 (HB. 795) (Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu) First Reading.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Ad-hoc Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management: Hon. Julius Ihonvere:

"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the request for Approval of Additional Financing of the National Social Safety Net Programme (Scale-Up) by the National Assembly" (*Referred: 13/7/2023*).

2. Ad-hoc Committee on the Gruesome Murder of Nigerians by Soldiers Hon. Abdulraheem Sanni Egidi:

"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad–hoc* Committee on the Gruesome Murder of Nigerians by Soldiers in Enugu" (*Referred: 19/7/2023*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, Cap. 123, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide Conditions for Appointment and Assumption of Office in Acting capacity, to provide the meaning of certain words and for Related Matters (HB. 27) (Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and six Others) Second Reading.
- A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture Agila, Benue State that shall provide Full-Time Courses in Agriculture Teaching, Instruction and Training in Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Applied Sciences, Management and Humanities; and carry out Research, Innovation, Development and Adaptation of Teaching Techniques, and for Related Matters (HB. 11) (Hon. Philip Agbese) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

3. Devastating Flood and Erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu Communities in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency of Anambra State: Hon. George I. Ozodinobi:

The House:

Notes that consistent heavy rainfall in 2023, especially in August and September, has left most parts of the country with flooding, especially in the Eastern part of the country, and particularly in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency of Anambra State;

Concerned that the floods caused by the rains have left the areas with devastating gully erosions, damaged roads, collapsed houses, and residents fleeing their ancestral homes to take refuge in neighbouring villages;

Also concerned that during the heavy rains, farmlands were washed away and businesses destroyed, thus causing untold hardship for the people, who are predominantly peasant farmers and depend on the proceeds from their farms for their livelihood;

Worried that despite Anambra State Government interventions and public appeals on Devastating Flood and Erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu geographical space, particularly in Isimigbo, Amorji, Nkitaku, Umubiala and Umuowelle villages in Agulu; Otigbodomgbo road and Akpa village in Ukpo, and Amafum/Ajanze, Ezi Obeagha Ezira, Umuchime/Awato and Egbengwu in Nimo, the Federal Government has not taken concrete action to ameliorate the situation;

Also worried that failure to urgently address flooding and erosion in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency could lead to grievous consequences for the people and the country at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Poverty Alleviation and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide necessary assistance to victims of the devastating flooding and erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu Communities in Anambra State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to embark on erosion control and land reclamation in aforementioned communities as a matter of urgent importance;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to repair and reconstruct federal roads in that axis, now rendered unmotorable by floods and gully erosion, and assist the affected communities in rebuilding their collapsed houses;
- (*iv*) equally, urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to ameliorate the losses of farmers in these communities with cash crop seedlings and cash grants to mitigate their losses and remain in farming;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.

4. Need to End the Eight-Year Total Blackout in Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas of Kaduna State:

Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi:

The House:

Notes that in 2015, a heavy rainstorm destroyed critical national electricity infrastructure in Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas of Kaduna State, leading to unattended damaged infrastructures and theft of installations:

Concerned that 21 wards and over 200 towns and villages in Ikara and Kubau local government areas have continued to face power outages since 2015, relying on petrol generators and dirty biomass fuels, causing health and environmental issues;

Also concerned that businesses and hospitals in affected communities have been severely damaged, leading to increased unemployment and a worsening security situation for small and medium-scale entrepreneurs;

Cognizant that early this year, Arla Foods, a Danish multinational, invested over 10 million euros and inaugurated its state-of-the-art dairy farm in one of the affected villages named Damau of Kubau Local Government Area in Kaduna State and targets 4 million kilograms of milk production annually, boosting Nigeria's local dairy development;

Worried that due to the absence of electricity supply, the enabling environment for businesses to thrive, Arla Dairy Farms may face challenges scaling operations and creating the intended 50,000 jobs, while other potential investors may be dissuaded;

Convinced that once the power supply is restored, it will be a win-win situation for the government and communities as significant revenues will be generated, economic activities will pick up, and there will be an improved quality of life;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power and the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) to inspect, repair, upgrade, and restore power supply to Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas;
- (ii) also urge the security outfits, such as the police and Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, to set up a robust security apparatus that will safeguard the critical electricity infrastructure put in place; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Power and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

5. Demand for Justice on the Murder of Miss Chalya Grace Silas. Hon, Beni Lar:

The House:

Notes that on October 18, 2023, Miss Chalya Grace Silas, a National Youth Service Corps member deployed to Kaduna State, was brutally murdered while jogging in Barnawa, Kaduna South Local Government Area;

Also notes that the late Miss Chalya Grace Silas hailed from Tabat, in Langtang North Federal constituency, Plateau state and a Rehabilitation Sciences graduate from the University of Jos, tragically died at the hands of her assailants while undertaking the mandatory one-year, National Youth Service Corps Service in Kaduna State;

Informed that the tragic incident is one of numerous murders of innocent girls and women nationwide, with perpetrators often unaccounted for or not brought to justice;

Worried that the safety and security of the girl child is no longer guaranteed, given the continued liberty and freedom enjoyed by these heinous assailants, who still roam the streets preying on their next victim;

Acknowledges that prompt justice in this case would deter potential perpetrators, thereby ensuring a safer environment for Nigerian children and residents;

Aware that Delaying justice in this case would be equivalent to denying justice to the victims' families and loved ones, as well as the entire nation;

Also cognizant that if nothing is done to stop the continuous attacks, rape, and murder of young girls and women, it would render the country unsafe to live;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Kaduna state Commissioner of Police to speedily identify and bring the assailants to book:
- (ii) urge the Inspector General of Police to ensure the speedy delivery of Justice in this case;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Police to investigate the murderer of Miss Chalya Grace Silas;
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Youth Development to review the safety of Corps members as they fulfil their one-year compulsory National Youth Service Corps assignments, reach out to the family and collaborate with the police as they investigate the killers of the Corps Member.
- 6. Need to Conclude Investigation on the Rising Value of Unclaimed Dividends, Unremitted Withholding Tax and the Effect on the Nation's Economy:

 Hon. Solomon T. Bob:

The House:

Notes that the value of unclaimed dividends and unremitted withholding tax has increased in recent years, hurting the nation's economy;

Also notes that the 9th Assembly in line with its mandate and constitutional responsibility, mandated its committee on Capital Market and Institutions to investigate the allegations;

Aware that an interim report of the Committee was laid and the findings and Recommendations of the Committee were adopted by the House;

Worried that the Interim Committee Report/Finding disclosed a provisional figure of N413, 515, 546, 752. 47(four hundred and thirty billion, five hundred and fifty million, five hundred and forty-six thousand, seven hundred and fifty-two naira, and forty-seven kobo) as unclaimed dividends, unremitted withholding tax and penalty, and interest that was under reconciliation with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Registrars when the interim report was considered;

Concerned that if the issue of unclaimed dividends is not finally put to rest, it will have significant adverse implications for the nation's economy, erode investors' confidence in the market, and create a volatile environment in the regulation of the capital market;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Capital Markets and Institutions to investigate the matter and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

7. Need to Investigate Activities of the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE) in the Privatisation and Commercialization of Public Enterprises from 2019–2023:

Hon. Hassan Shehu Hussain:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government of Nigeria commenced the Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises in 2000;

Also notes that during the period under review; about 80 Public Enterprises were privatised through various modes of Privatisation including core investors, concessions, assets sales, initial Public Offers (IPO) etc.;

Aware that BPE Privatized in 2019, 29% of residues of the Federal Government's shares in Geregu Power Plant to the core investors to upgrade it to a combined cycle for a total sum of N13,134,375,000 (Thirteen Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Naira);

Also aware that BPE without the investors fulfilling their obligations to upgrade the plant to a combined cycle sold an additional 20% of the balance of shares meant for I.P.O to the Nigerian Public on the Nigerian Stock Exchange to the same investor in 2021;

Worried that the Geregu Power Plant may never be upgraded to a combined cycle by the investors since BPE has removed the Public Enterprises from Post Privatization Monitoring;

Also worried that the balance of \$\frac{\text{\text{\text{N}}}78}{25}\$ billion between Afam Power and Afam Three Fast Power remains outstanding though, the parties signed the Share Sale Purchase Agreement in 2020 and only 25% of the purchase consideration was paid and a 100% handover to investors on the condition that the balance will be paid upon commissioning of the Afam Three Fast Power which was equally done by former Vice President, Professor Yomi Osinbanjo before leaving office;

Concerned that the Federal Ministry of Justice recently blocked the signing of the Zungeru Power Plant Concession Agreement, which would have generated \$350million US Dollars in concession fees on the ground that there was no express approval by the Federal Executive Council (FEC);

Also concerned that the Current Director-General of BPE has been ordered to be remanded in Kuje prison for 30 days due to his refusal to implement a Supreme decision in Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON) transactions.

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate the activities of BPE from 2019 to May 2023 and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Tuesday, 31 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Banking Regulations	Tuesday, 31 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Federal Character (with Nigeria Export-Import Bank, National Commission for Colleges of Education, Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service and Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission)	Tuesday, 31 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 274 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Agricultural Production and Services (Inaugural Meeting)	Tuesday, 31 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 (New Building) Assembly Complex