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Wednesday, 1st November, 2023

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.796) (*Hon. Isa Dogonyaro*) – *First Reading.*
2. National Agricultural Raw Materials Processing Centre, Garki Jigawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.797) (*Hon. Isa Dogonyaro*) – *First Reading.*
3. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.798) (*Hon. Isa Dogonyaro*) – *First Reading.*
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5. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.800) (*Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau*) – *First Reading.*
6. Federal University of Health Science Teaching Hospital, Azare (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.801) (*Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau*) – *First Reading.*
7. National Health Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.802) (*Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola*) – *First Reading.*

8. National Health Insurance Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 803) (*Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola*) – *First Reading*.
 9. National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.804) (*Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola*) – *First Reading*.
 10. National Security Adviser (Appointment of Staff, etc.) Bill, 2023 (HB. 805) (*Hon. Satomi Alhaji Ahmed*) – *First Reading*.
 11. National Primary Health Care Development Agency Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 806) (*Hon. Wale Hammed*) – *First Reading*.
 12. Mining Intelligence and Security Enhancement Bill, 2023 (HB. 807) (*Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo*) – *First Reading*.
 13. Nigerian Mining Development Bank (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.808) (*Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo*) – *First Reading*.
 14. Nigeria Police Training College Umuoji, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.809) (*Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo*) – *First Reading*.
 15. Sustainable Mining Infrastructure Development Bill, 2023 (HB.810) (*Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo*) – *First Reading*.
 16. Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.811) (*Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu*) – *First Reading*.
 17. National Football Academy, Enugu (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.812) (*Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu*) – *First Reading*.
 18. Minerals and Mining Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.813) (*Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu*) – *First Reading*.
 19. National Ear Care Centre, Ago-Iwoye (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.814) (*Hon. Joseph Folorunsho Adegbesan*) – *First Reading*.
 20. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.815) (*Hon. Irom Michael Etaba*) – *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Abuse of Tax Incentives, tax Breaks and Tax Waivers:

Hon. Makki Abubakar Yalleman:

“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Abuse of Tax Incentives, tax Breaks and Tax Waivers by Public Institutions and Companies benefitting from Tax Incentives” (*Referred: 13/7/2023*)

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 the certain words and for Related Matters (HB. 27) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and six Others*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Enact the Nigerian Content (Non–Oil and Gas Sector) Development to Establish the Nigerian Content (Non–Oil and Gas Sector) Development Council and to provide for Programme and structure for the use of Nigerian Expertise made in Nigeria goods and services, Economic Diversification and for Related Matters (HB. 59) (*Hon. Ogundu Kingsley Chinda and Eight Others*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Aho-Nike, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB.530) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

4. **Need to Proffer a Lasting Solution to the Devastating Gully Erosion/Total Road Collapse in Isiekenesi, Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, Akokwa, Villages and Communities in Ideato North/South Federal Constituency of Imo State:**
Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere:

The House:

Notes that Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security, safety, and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the primary purpose of government;

Also notes that the National Assembly is saddled with the task of making laws for the Peace, Order, and good governance of the Federation or any part thereof as enshrined in Section 4(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Observes that the erosion and road collapse in Communities in Imo State, particularly in Dimagu, Okohia, Umuaghobe, Isiekenesi, Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, and Akokwa, have impacted on socio-economic lives and left residents internally displaced;

Also observes that the Dimagu erosion after St. Barnabas Church and Umuojisi is a death trap for motorists, while the erosion sites in Okohia (Umufeke) and Umuaghobe (Uhuala) are encroaching into residential houses within the area, such as Isiekenesi, Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, and Akokwa;

Worried that the collapse of the alternative road bypass for motorists and pedestrians increases the force of the erosion directly towards the popular Umuchima markets of Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, and Akokwa leading to uncontrollable flooding of the market;

Also worried that Ideato has become an erosion disaster zone, which has claimed about eight lives and destroyed over eight homes, the disaster has eaten deep into Akokwa, Arondizuogu Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator and destroyed the bridge through which farmers access their farmlands;

Cognizant that the erosion of roads in Ideato, particularly Ntueke Umueshi and Arondizuogu, is causing severe economic threats to the agricultural sector of the area and the entire country, hence the need for urgent government intervention.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to consider the Ideato North/South Federal Constituency as an erosion disaster-threatened area, and to assist in reconstructing infrastructure and involving it in rural road development projects;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, Federal Ministry of Environment, and Ecological Fund Office to intervene and ensure the repair and reconstruction of damaged infrastructures in Ideato North/South Federal Constituency;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, the National Emergency Management Agency, the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and IDPs, and the Ecological Fund Office to resettle those displaced from their houses, offices, and business premises; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Works, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Environment and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) further legislative action.

5. Need to Investigate the Expenditure on the Postponed 2023 Population and Housing Census by the National Population Commission and Conduct of the National Population/Housing Census:
Hon. Dominic Okafor **Hon. Patrick Umoh:**

The House:

Notes that the Census provides accurate population data crucial for development planning, policy formulation, resource allocation, and government program implementation, especially at a time when the Federal Government in conjunction with State Governments are working on giving palliatives to vulnerable citizens and also planning other social services;

Also notes that the National Population Commission in Nigeria conducts periodic censuses, surveys, and other methods to enumerate the country's population, providing data for national planning and economic development;

Further notes that the national census was last conducted in Nigeria in 2006 and the 2023 census, which was scheduled for May 2023, was postponed by the National Population Commission;

Worried that the data collected in the 2006 Population Census is far from reality in 2023 and cannot validly form a solid base for the formation of national economic policies that will aid the federal government in administering viable national planning;

Aware that the National Population Commission has admitted to having spent Two Hundred Billion Naira (₦200, 000, 000, 000) as part of the Eight Hundred Billion Naira (₦800, 000, 000, 000) budgeted for the planning mid-execution of the 2023 population and housing census, which was postponed;

Also aware that the financial investment in 2023 population census planning would have improved economic planning and distribution of palliatives in the country;

Also worried about the National Population Commission remarks, that if the population and housing census fails to take place within 12 months, the information gathered across the country would become stale, a waste of resources and the country would have to increase costs of gathering fresh information;

Aware that the National Population Commission, led by the Chairman, Alhaji Nasir Isa Kwarra, expressed readiness to conduct a population and housing census during a visit to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on July 6, 2023.;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, to declare a date for the Population and Housing Census exercise and conduct the 2023 population and housing census to facilitate accurate economic planning;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to upon fixing a date for the census, constitute Census Tribunals in designated centres in accordance with Section 28 of the National Population Commission, Act, 2004;
- (iii) further urge the National Population Commission not to relent in its preparation for the 2023 Population and Housing Census; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee to Population to investigate the money expended on the postponed 2023 population and housing census by the National Population Commission and liaise with the National Population Commission to ensure a successful population and housing census when proclaimed.

6. Introduction of Policies and Programmes to stem the tide of Unsustainable Brain Drain from Nigeria:
Hon. Ojuawo Rufus Adeniyi:

The House:

Notes the current spate of Nigerian professionals and graduates emigrating from Nigeria in droves in search of greener pastures;

Also notes the inalienable right of every Nigerian citizen to choose where to live and work or earn a living as guaranteed by Section 34, sub-section (1)(c) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Cognizant of the importance of retaining the best brains of highly trained personnel as an indispensable substratum for the growth and development of the Nigerian economy;

Also cognizant of the direct relationship between human resource deficit and infrastructural cum developmental deficit and the need to expand, rather than decrease, the human resource availability ratio;

Concerned that health, academic and tech sectors are most affected and the continued emigration from Nigeria of her well-trained, experienced and resourceful manpower will negatively impact the nation's drive towards self-sustainability and emancipation from the clutches of poverty, disease and endemic crime;

Concerned that a survey conducted by the Medical Organization revealed that about 75% of Nigerian doctors are considering work opportunities outside the country and according to data from the General Medical Council United Kingdom, between December 2021 and May 2022, a total of 727 Nigerian-trained medical doctors relocated to the United Kingdom, also a 2017 report by Quartz Africa indicated that the United States had more than 1,000 Nigerian professional academics working in its universities, which equals the number of doctorate holders employed in Nigerian universities;

Disturbed at the quantum of resources expended in the education, training and development of these professionals and graduates, who after the acquisition of the relevant training and cognate experience emigrate without commensurate contribution to the growth and development of the Nigerian economy.

Worried that if the current tide of emigration were to remain unchecked, the requisite trained and developed manpower resources would not be available for the growth and development of Nigeria, thereby compromising the future development of the country;

Aware that the country's human resources, with emigration, are grossly inadequate to cater for the needs of the private and public sector and, as such rather than deplete this resource it is, as a matter of urgency, imperative that the availability or deficit gap is reduced to its barest minimum;

Also aware that the introduction of sustainable policies and programmes that will motivate Nigerian Professionals to remain in, and/or return to, Nigeria has become an urgent necessity and the surest path out of this vicious circle of train, developing and loose.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to engage relevant stakeholders to formulate appropriate policies and programmes to motivate Nigerian graduates to remain and work in Nigeria after acquiring training and development, and encourage those in the diaspora to return home;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to formulate necessary policies and programmes that will demotivate Nigerian professionals and graduates from emigrating; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on National and Planning Economic Development to ensure compliance.

7. Need to Mitigate the Impact of Continuous Flooding and Erosion in Kaduna South Federal Constituency:

Hon. Abdulkarim Hussani Ahmed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria experiences heavy rains annually, causing overflow of rivers and dams, leading to flooding, erosion, ecological disasters, destruction of properties, human and livestock loss, and socioeconomic setbacks

Informed that the Kaduna South Federal Constituency experiences six months of annual rainfall, leading to River Kaduna overflow, flooding, and erosion, with the worst floods occurring in 2012, 2021, and 2022;

Concerned that the Flooding and erosion in Kaduna South Local Government Area have caused huge socioeconomic damage, destroying properties worth billions of Naira including roads, buildings, schools, mosques and churches;

Also concerned that erosion and floods have destroyed most areas in Kaduna South Local Government Area, especially in Kinkinau by the riverside, Barnawa Tudunnufawa, Down Quarters, Tudun-Wada, Bashama Road up to River Kaduna including the Burial Ground, e.t.c;

Worried that the poor drainage networks, inadequate waterways and the Kaduna River cannot accommodate the huge volumes of water discharged into it, thereby leading to flooding, erosion, and displacement, destroying industrial and economic progress, damaging the environment and reducing food production;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to assess and address the severe ecological issues in Kaduna South Federal Constituency.;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to include the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected roads in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (iii) further urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to provide relief materials to victims of the ecological problems in the affected areas; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Environment and, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.

8. Need to Investigate the Activities of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), Staff Welfare, Management, Contract awards, Status of Properties and Quality of Train Plying Abuja – Kaduna and Other Parts of the Country From 2012 to 2023:

Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo

Hon. Sadiq Ango Abdullahi

Hon. Adepoju Anthony Adeanjo

Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyampa:

Hon. Sa'a Wada Taura

Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi

Hon. Kabiru Amodu Mai Palace

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Railway Corporation is grappling with staff welfare deficit challenges;

Also notes the infraction of awarding railway contracts without due process since 2013 and the undue favour granted to foreign companies at the expense of local contractors;

Aware that the Nigerian Railway Corporation's staff welfare is being improved through government plans and the implementation of presidential approval for an upward review of special allowances for Nigerian Railway Corporation Staff;

Also aware that the Kaduna–Abuja and other routes are facing issues with inadequate equipment, resulting in poor maintenance of trains and rolling stocks;

Worried that the railway staff welfare deficit is causing untold hardship and loss of job interest, thus, leading to dissatisfaction with service and disaffection towards passengers;

Also worried that the Nigerian Railway has neglected the long-term efforts of the Federal Government to ease the transportation of goods and services like cement from the south to the north by railway;

Cognizant of the need to investigate the staff welfare, contract infractions, railway quality, and property status to address acute challenges in the railway sector and prevent unscrupulous individuals from draining the railway sector;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Transport to ascertain the status of properties and the quality of Nigerian trains plying through the Kaduna–Abuja route and other parts of the country to meet international best standard practices; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to investigate the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) to address the staff welfare deficit and ascertain if the Nigerian Railway Corporation complies with Section 173(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999(as amended) on Pensions Rights of the retired Staff of the Nigerian Railway Corporation.

9. Revitalization of Oji–River Federal Pilot Tannery:

Hon. Chijoke Stanislaus Okereke:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Pilot Tannery at Oji-River in Enugu State, which was established in 1967 under the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) for processing of hides and skin for leather products, has been abandoned for over a decade with a backlog of unpaid gratuities;

Also notes that recent reports have shown that the leather value chain is extensive, and leather products marketing is currently employing over 750,000 people, with about 500,000 workers in the finished leather goods sector, which has a potential to generate over USD 1 Billion by 2025;

Convinced that the revitalization of the Oji-River Federal Pilot Tannery holds great promise for job creation, economic diversification, reduction of high unemployment rate among Nigerian youth, skills development, sustainable livelihoods and reduction of social vices;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology to conduct a comprehensive assessment and thorough evaluation of the abandoned Federal Pilot Tannery at Oji-River in Enugu State, and make funding provisions for its revitalization and upgrade to international standards in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Science and Technology to liaise with relevant stakeholders to ensure the revitalization of the Oji-River Federal Pilot Tannery and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Need to Investigate the non-implementation of the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN) by the Nigeria Shippers Council:

Hon. Ahmad Sani Muhammad:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian ports handle nearly 60% of Gulf of Guinea cargo, making them the primary destination in West and Central Africa;

Also notes that the cases of undocumented cargo in seaports pose security and efficiency challenges, perpetuating fraud and insecurity arising from the concealment of cargo manifests, leading to a lack of reliable data that leads to revenue loss for the nation;

Aware that the Union of African Shippers Councils (UASC) introduced the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN) in 1998 as a measure to enhance the safety and security of supply chain facilities, track the origin and destination of cargo, and provide reliable data on imports and exports;

Also aware that the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN) technology centralizes tamper-proof information, improves monitoring, and prevents illegal activities like smuggling and counterfeiting, aligning with World Trade Organization (WTO) and World Customs Organization (WCO) recommendations on trade facilitation and security;

Concerned that the measure has not been fully implemented in Nigeria due to alleged irregularities despite the presence of the Nigeria Shippers Council as the implementing authority, aiming for transparency and efficiency;

Worried that non-implementation has led to increased cargo-related security challenges, such as smuggling and illicit trade, resulting in significant financial losses costing the country billions of Naira due to the lack of accurate data and revenue leakage;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Shipping Services and Related Matters to investigate the circumstances surrounding the non-implementation of the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN), identify any obstacles or challenges faced by the Nigeria Shippers Council in carrying out its role effectively, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions <i>(Investigative Hearing)</i>	Wednesday, 1 November, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Information and Communication Technology <i>(Inaugural Meeting)</i>	Wednesday, 1 November, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Steel Development <i>(Inaugural Meeting)</i>	Wednesday, 1 November, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 301 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Agricultural Production and Services <i>(with Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation (NAIC))</i>	Wednesday, 1 November, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	National Security and Intelligence	Wednesday, 1 November, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building) Assembly Complex