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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 6th March, 2024

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Hunters and Forest Security Service (NHFSS) to Prevent and Combat Forest Crimes and enhance Security within Nigerian Forests and for Related Matters (HB.90) *Third Reading*.
- **2.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap E Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance effective Collaboration with relevant Law Enforcement Agencies and for Related Matters (HB. 315) *Third Reading*.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Mentoring and life Coaching of Nigeria (CIMLCN) to be charged with the responsibility for Registration, Discipline of its Members to Systematize the Practice of Mentoring and Coaching and for Related Matters (HB. 753) *Third Reading*.

- 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, Cap No.5 Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to clearly define the scope of Powers of the Chairman of the Commission; to Revoke Order or Notice under the Act; to avoid Arbitrariness and Ensure Effective Collaboration between the Commission and Other Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 316) *Third reading*.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and advice to Students, researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109) *Third Reading*.
- **6.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 585) *Third Reading*.
- **7.** A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Technology Otun Ekiti to Provide full-time Courses in Agricultural Technology, Applied Science Management and other Fields of Studies and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB.875) *Third Reading*.
- **8.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (SB.174) (Senate) Second Reading.
- 9. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission to Address Revenue Leakages emanating from Non payment and Under payment of Taxes, Irregularities in the Assessment, Reporting and Remittances of Taxes, to Prevent and Combat Tax Related Crimes, to plug all leakages in the Tax Administration System, to ensure the Protection of Tax Payers Rights and for Related Matters (HB.624) (Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and eight others) Second Reading.
- **10.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Flag and Coats of Arms Act, Cap. F30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Regulate, Display and use of National Flags and for Related Matters (HB.991) (Hon. Sada Soli) Second Reading.
- 11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centre Act, to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Sisinbaki Wamba, Nasarawa State and for Related Matters (HB. 709) (Hon. Jeremiah Umaru) Second Reading.
- **12.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Itigidi, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB.642) (*Hon. Alex Egbona*) *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

13. Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly:

Hon. Francis E. Waive:

- (i) Federal Medical Centre, Sabongida-Ora, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 478);
- (ii) National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education Bill, 2023 (HB. 503);
- (iii) National Examination Council (NECO) (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 421);
- (iv) Federal Institute of Fisheries Research, Ogidigben, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 822);
- (v) Haliru Dantoro University of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Borgu, Niger State (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB. 1044);
- (vi) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 1045); and
- (vii) Dieticians Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1114).

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 17 of the Standing Orders, the House may, upon being re-gazetted or circulated, reconsider in the Committee of the Whole, without commencing denovo, the Bill(s)–

- (a) whose report was presented by the Committee before consideration;
- (b) passed by the House and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negative;
- (c) passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negative; or;
- (d) passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding therefore was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the preceding Assembly.

Aware that the Bills were read for the first time as HBs.478, 503, 421, 822, 1040, 1044, 1045 and 1114 respectively;

Resolves to:

Re-commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

14. Need to Provide Living Wage for Workers in Nigeria:

Hon. O. K. Chinda	Hon. Julius Ihonvbere	Hon. Onanuga A. Oriyomi
Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki	Hon. Ali Isa J C	Hon. Fred Agbedi
Hon. Boma Goodhead	Hon. Seyi Sowunmi	Hon. Abdulssamad Dasuki
Hon. Nnolim Nnaji	Hon. Soli Sada	Hon. Iduma Igariwey
Hon. Victor Nwokolo	Hon. Babajimi Benson	Hon. Bamidele Salam
Hon. Solomon Bob	Hon. Miriam Onuoha	Hon. George Ozodinobi
Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori	Hon. Zakaria Nyampa	Hon. Unyime Idem
Hon. Mark Essiet	Hon. Kelechi Nwogu	Hon. Tunji Akinosi
Hon. Felix Nwaeke	Hon Victor Obuzor	Hon. Cyril Hart
Hon. Chris Nkwonta	Hon. A. Balarabe Dabai	Hon. Abass Adigun
Hon. Kabiru Adamu	Hon. Blessing C. Amadi	Hon. Ibe Okwara Osanwa
Hon. Ginger Onwusibe	Hon. Midala Balami	Hon. Salman Idris.
Hon. Alhassan Rurum Kabiru	Hon. Peter Akpatason	Hon. Okojie Odianosen
Hon. Emerengwa Boniface:	-	-

The House:

Notes the rising rate of inflation in the country has made it difficult for average Nigerian to afford basic needs such as food, water, housing, education, healthcare, transportation, and clothing;

Also notes that the rising inflationary rate in the country has also had a negative effect on the cost of living, with the cost of food, accommodation, education, and transportation skyrocketing;

Aware that Nigeria is a signatory to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Article 23 of the Declaration states that "every individual who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration to ensure such a person and his or her family exist in dignity.";

Also aware that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have a 2030 achievement deadline, and eight out of the 17 SDGs of the United Nations require the payment of a living wage to be achieved;

Recalls that when the fuel subsidy was removed in May 2023, the federal government offered palliatives to cushion its effects. However, the ameliorative effect of this measure has been overtaken by the continued rise in the cost of goods and services;

Further aware that the minimum wage (in Nigeria) was increased by the president recently, but the purchasing power is low owing to the continued rise in the cost of living in the country and the fall of the Naira;

Again aware that Trade Economics in 2018 reported the living wage for an individual Nigerian and a Nigerian family to be N43,200 per month and N137,600 per month, respectively. This is a pre-subsidy removal report;

Further notes that presently, no labourer can live in Nigeria with a wage of less than one hundred thousand Naira (N100,000.00);

Concerned that according to the World Bank report, low purchasing power in the country occasioned by a high inflationary rate, has led to an increase in poverty across the country;

Also recalls that the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives had on September 29, 2023, at the State Banquet in Abuja, opined that it is only a living wage that can ameliorate the insecurity and corruption pervading the country;

Worried that unless very immediate and pragmatic steps are taken to improve the income of Nigerians, more Nigerians will go down the economic line, with the poor population increasing. This, in effect, would lead to desperation and a loss of faith in the government;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to explore ways to pay living wages to Nigerian workers at rates that align with economic realities; and
- (ii) transmit the resolution to the Senate for Concurrence.

15. Need to Investigate Funding Structure of Beneficiaries of the National Budget and Causal Factors of the Demand for Exemption from Envelope System by some Institutions of Government: Hon. Nasir Gboyega Isiaka Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka:

The House:

Notes the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) on budgeting (Money Bills), which made the executive and legislature the main actors in the budget process in Nigeria;

Also notes that Sections 4, 59, 80–81 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) specifically detailed the powers and responsibilities of the two arms of government on how monies accruing to the country may be expended over a period of time;

Aware that the National Assembly, under Sections 80 and 81 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) is responsible for oversighting the executive branch of government by ensuring budget provisions are complied with;

Observes that the recent clinical examination reveals that there is no law conferring entitlement or excluded some beneficiaries from the National Budget;

Cognizance of the clamour by some government institutions to be exempted from the envelope system in the budgetary allocations;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandates the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development to:
 - (a) investigate beneficiaries of the National Budget to determine their respective funding structure in accordance with the relevant Laws and Authorizations;
 - (b) review the need for exemption of some government institutions from the envelope regime on the national budgetary system;
 - (c) review budget ceiling and develop a resource framework; and
 - (d) document all findings and submit to the House, for further legislative action(s).

16. Need to Complete the Construction of Uwa Junction/Urua Edet Obo/Nto Edino Road in Essien Udim and Obot Akara Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State: Hon, Patrick Umoh:

The House:

Notes that the Uwa Junction/Urua Edet Obo/Nto Edino Road is a major road in Akwa Ibom State that run through two local governments of Essien Udim and Obot Akara, connects over 40 communities with several schools and businesses, and leads to Abia State of Nigeria;

Also notes that whereas contract for the construction of the road was awarded sometime in the year 2021 by the Federal Government through the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the construction of the road has been abandoned owing to poor funding;

Further notes that the abandonment of the construction of the 18kilometres road has affected several communities; upended the livelihood of the people, stalled transportation of goods and services, and derailed smooth access to education by school children; thereby bringing upon the people of the community untold hardship;

Aware that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) has proposed a paltry sum of (N50, 000, 000) Fifty Million Naira in the 2024 budget for the construction of the road, which sum is adjudged insufficient given the length, breadth and the kilometres of the road, construction of bridges and installation of streetlights;

Conscious that if the sum proposed for the construction of the road is not reviewed, the people of the community will continue to be exposed to serious hardship, and the road will remain a death trap;

Worried that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) is embarking on other projects within the two local governments of Essien Udim and Obot Akara without first completing the road, which has more impact on the people and traverse many communities;

Concerned that embarking on other projects by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) without first completing the road will lead to abandonment of many projects;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Niger Delta and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to upwardly review the sum budgeted for the construction of the Uwa Junction/ Urua Edet Obo/Nto Edino Road in Essien Udim and Obot Akara Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom for completion of the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

17. Call to Decongest Nigerian Correctional Services: Hon. Chinedu Ogah:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Correctional Service, a federal entity under the Ministry of Interior, is a part of the Criminal Justice System under Exclusive list;

Also notes that the Nigerian prisons, outline, were mandated to reform, rehabilitate, and ensure effective reintegration of offenders into society in line with universally accepted standards;

Worried that Over 70,000 inmates in the country face inadequate facilities despite government efforts, and some have not been charged with criminal cases, while some are unable to pay the fines imposed by the courts despite having their cases determined;

Disturbed that by the Nigerian criminal justice system is plagued by flaws, with cases often lingering without resolution for years, thus overcrowding the correctional centers in various geopolitical zones.

Also disturbed that a data system reveals that federal offenders comprise less than 10% of correctional system inmates, leaving over 90% to state offenses;

Alarmed that overcrowding of the Correctional facilities has led to a huge revenue drain for successive governments, leading to prison dilapidation, criminalization, and inability to separate awaiting trial inmates from convicted ones.

Cognizant that implementing the criminal justice system and the adoption of non-custodial measures would effectively reduce the overcrowding of national prisons.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal and State Governments to:
 - (a) provide comprehensive reforms of the country's correctional system, including modernizing custodial centers, building new facilities, and redesigning the bail system;
 - (b) proposes legislation to allocate time for the speedy dispensation of justice and reduce the number of inmates awaiting trial;
 - (c) examine the role of the Federal and State Governments in the correction of inmates;
 - (d) propose sustainable, efficient solutions to address the congestion in 244 jails nationwide and the effective implementation of non-custodial measures;
 - (e) devise and promote effective reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration of inmates;
 - (f) to utilize its prerogative of mercy to grant amnesty to deserving inmates.
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Justice to prevent delays in justice dispensation and enhancing the process of meeting bail conditions;
- (iii) further urge the security agencies to avoid arbitrary arrests; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Justice to ensure compliance.

18. Need to Curb Indiscriminate Sale of Drugs and Lack of Adherence to Prescription Policy in Nigeria:

Hon. Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa:

The House:

Notes the lack of a prescription policy on drug and indiscriminate drug sales by druggists, pharmacists, patent medicine dealers, and street vendors, staffed by unqualified personnel which ultimately leads to antibiotic resistance and drug abuse;

Also notes that according to the National Bureau of Statistics Nigeria, there is a frightening surge in the issue of drug abuse and misuse in Nigeria with drugs use prevalence statistics at 14,4% of productive age in Nigeria (15–65 years of age), which almost three times the global Drug use Prevalence (5.5%);

Concerned that a large percentage of drug abuse in Nigeria are prescription drugs obtained without proper prescription;

Also worried that most of the drugs sold by illiterate and semi-literate drug hawkers are counterfeit, substandard or expired, and therefore do not meet the quality, safety and efficacy requirement of regulated medicines;

Also aware that various empirical studies showed that Drug abuse is a significant facilitator of extremism terrorism, violent crimes, and high school dropout, negatively affecting community health, security, and stability, according to consumer studies;

Cognizant that if urgent actions are not taken to declare a state of emergency and allocate resources to the identification of drug abuse response and treatment, a national catastrophe of unimaginable dimension is in the offing;

Resolves to

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to develop prescription policy that must be enforced.
- (ii) also urge the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria as matter of urgency to close all illegal outlets of pharmaceutical products including open drug markets and ensure that only prescribed drugs are administered to patients by qualified health practitioners and sanction erring pharmaceutical outlets;
- (iii) further urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to collaborate with the Standards Organization (SON), National Orientation Agency to continuously sensitize public awareness about drug abuse;
- (*iv*) mandate the Committees on Narcotics Drugs, Healthcare Services, National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

19. Connecting Ringim/Taura Local Government Areas to the National Grid: Hon. Sa'ad Wada Taura:

The House:

Notes the important role of electricity power supply in promoting socio-economic development within the Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency;

Concerned that the absence of electricity supply in Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency for more than a decade has caused serious repercussions on economic activities, education, and healthcare, adversely affecting the daily lives and economic pursuits of the constituents;

Aware of the recently completed Gagarawa 2x60MVA, 132/33KV Substation, situated only 0.01 kilometers away from Taura Local Government Area, encompassing the following communities: Ajaura, Gujungu, Majia, Kwalam, Kiri, Chukwaikwaiwa, Maje, Saban Garin Yaya and Chukuto Wards in Taura Local Government Area, while Yandutse, Ringim, Sintilmawa, Dabi, Kyarama, Karshi, Kafin Babushe, Chai-Chai and Sankara Wards in Ringim Local Government Area, and other communities;

Worried that the prolonged deprivation of electricity supply has resulted in a gloomy effect over economic activities of the entire area, particularly affecting small businesses, schools, and hospitals;

Also worried that the prolonged deprivation of electricity supply crisis has negatively impacted the economic activities of the area, particularly affecting small businesses, schools, and hospitals, hence the need to connect Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency to the National Grid;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Power to:
 - (a) engage with the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) and other relevant agencies to expedite the immediate connection of Ringim and Taura Local Governments to the national grid through the recently completed Gagarawa 2x60MVA, 132/33KV Substation; and
 - (b) collaborate with TCN and other concerned parties to ensure the reconnection of Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency to the National Grid and report back within four (4) for further legislative action.

20. Non-compliance with Corporate Social Responsibility obligations towards Oil-producing communities by ExxonMobil Company Limited in Akwa Ibom State. Hon. Udak Alphonsus Odudoh:

The House:

Notes that Global advocacy calls for multinational companies to prioritize poverty alleviation and community development through Corporate Social Responsibility, particularly in South Countries;

Also notes that Corporate Social Responsibility is a deliberate efforts of business organization to act in a manner that promote the interest of its employees, suppliers, consumers, government, host Communities, ecosystem and society at large;

Aware that ExxonMobil has been operating in Akwa Ibom State having started her offshore oil exploration in Eastern Obolo territorial waters as Mobile Producing Limited, and owned the largest offshore platforms with a total of 728, 000 barrels per day gotten from her Six (6) platforms compressing Ekpe platform with 98,000 barrels per day, Inim platform with 82,000 barrels per day, Oso platform with 120, 000 barrels per day, Idoho platform with 78, 000 barrels per day, Edop platform with 300,000 barrels per day, and, Asabo platform with 50, 000 barrels per day respectively;

Also aware that ExxonMobil's operations in Akwa Ibom State has contributed to environmental degradation, causing oil spills, sea pollution, ecosystem disruption, air pollution, farm destruction, aquatic animal deaths, and trade truncation;

Cognizance that before the enactment of Petroleum Industry Act 2022, Community Development trust fund was created thereby excluding Multinational Companies operating in Nigeria from directly engaging in host Communities Development through payment of certain percentage into the trust account, but ExxonMobil has failed to carry out its Corporate Social Responsibility to host Communities in Akwa Ibom State in the past one and a half decade;

Worried that despite ExxonMobil's intervention programmes on Community development in Akwa Ibom State, their social activities do not commensurate with the level of environmental devastation and degradation orchestrated by its operations, as most host Communities are currently facing abject poverty and absence of infrastructural projects;

Also worried that Research shows that ExxonMobil's efforts only facilitate exploration, with access roads connecting oil and gas fields to host communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to investigate ExxonMobil Company's Limited level of compliance with Corporate Social Responsibility in Akwa Ibom State from 2010 to 2021; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Corporate Social Responsibility and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

21. Need to Regulate Cryptocurrency Trading Platforms in Nigeria: Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya:

The House:

Notes that Section 13 of the Investment and Securities Act, 2007 confers regulatory powers on the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to regulate and supervise the issuance, offering, and trading of digital assets within Nigeria's capital market;

Also notes that Cryptocurrency is a digital payment platform that doesn't rely on banks to verify transactions, it is a peer-to-peer system that can enable anyone anywhere to send and receive payments through digital currencies:

Further notes that the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria recently raised concerns about the escalating volume of transactions passing through unregulated cryptocurrency trading platforms, and the subsequent challenges in identifying the origins and beneficiaries of the funds;

Concerned that allowing the cryptocurrency market to run unregulated poses great risks to the country as recent research shows that criminal activities such as money laundering, terrorism financing, consumer protection vulnerabilities and other forms of cybercrimes are easily facilitated through cryptocurrency;

Aware that countries like the United States of America, China, Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan, e.t.c have taken proactive steps in establishing regulatory frameworks to oversee cryptocurrency transactions, thus safeguarding their financial systems;

Cognizant that regulatory ambiguity hampers the growth of legitimate cryptocurrency businesses and inhibits innovations in a sector with vast economic potentials;

Also cognizant of the urgent need to institute a comprehensive regulation to govern the use and exchange of cryptocurrencies within Nigeria, ensure financial stability, safeguard investor interests and mitigate illicit financial activities;

Further cognizant of the need for collaboration between the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Nigerian Police, the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) and other relevant Government agencies to combat illicit financial activities facilitated through cryptocurrencies;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Nigerian Police, the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) to expedite the formulation and implementation of robust regulatory frameworks for cryptocurrency transactions in line with global best practices and standards; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Capital Market and Institutions, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 22. A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measure and Teaching of Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civic Education) for Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 501) Committee of the Whole: 29/2/2024.
- 23. A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measures and Teachings of Sexual Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civil Education) for all Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 502) Committee of the Whole: 29/2/2024.

24. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by A. E. Adole &Co against Julius Berger Nigeria Plc Ijora-Lagos: Hon. Mike Etaba:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by A. E. Adole & Co against Julius Berger Nigeria Plc Ijora-Lagos A Case of Conspiracy to Vendetta, Criminal Defamation and Conduct likely to cause Breach of Peace (*Laid:13/2/2024*).

- (i) urge the management of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc to reinstate the Petitioner, Mr. Umoh Edet Okon back to the service of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc;
- (ii) pay him all the arrears of his benefits and entitlements;

- (iii) or in the alternative, pay him off with all his entitlement and benefits if his services are no longer required in the company;
- (*iv*) caution the management of Julius Berger Plc to always abide by the extant employment laws and regulations as regard to the management of the staff of the company.

25. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Dr. Hilary Ibe against the Veterinary Council of Nigeria:

Hon. Mike Etaba:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Dr. Hilary Ibe against the Veterinary Council of Nigeria for reinstatement and payment of full benefits and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:8/2/2024*).

- (i) urge the Registrar, Veterinary Council of Nigeria to reinstate and officially retire the Petitioner, Dr. Hillary Ibe as and when he was due for retirement in 2022
- (ii) pay him all the arrears of his salaries, benefits and entitlements from 2009 to 2022 when he was officially supposed to retire from the service.
- (iii) also pay him other compensation for collateral damage he went though/suffered as a result of the Council actions over him.
- (*iv*) that the Petitioner should provide all the necessary documents needed by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria to process his entitlements and benefits.

26. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Dr. Moemeke George Onyekanjinke against Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority:

Hon. Mike Etaba:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Dr. Moemeke George Onyekanjinke against the Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority on a Complaint of Unfair Treatment and Handling of Service conditions, an appeal for Investigation and consideration of his petition brought before the 9th Assembly but was not concluded before the end of the 9th Assembly and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:8/2/2024*).

- (i) urge the management of Benin Owena River Basin Development Authority to restore the salary of petitioner, Dr. George Moemeke Onyekanijike bac to IPPIS;
- (ii) pay him the arrears of his salaries and benefits from April, 2023 to date, to enable him settle his loan and pay his medical Bill;
- (iii) assist the petitioner in ensuring that his insurance company replaces his car;
- (iv) also urge the petitioner to desist from embarking any official project of the Authority without the approval of the management;
- (v) retire and pay him all his retirement benefits, due for retirement.

27. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Joseph Andrew A. Against Nigeria National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL):

Hon. Mike Etaba:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Joseph Andrew A. Against the Nigeria National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL): An Appeal for reinstatement back to Service and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:8/2/2024*).

- (i) urge the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of NNPC Ltd to reinstate the Petitioner, Mr. Joseph Andrew A. back to the Service of the NNPC Ltd.
- (ii) pay him off all the arrears of the salaries and benefits from January 2000 to date;

- (iii) pay him off with all his entitlements and benefits if his services are no longer required by the NNPC Ltd;
- (*iv*) that the Petitioner should make his records of service available to the management of NNPC Ltd to enable them process his entitlements and benefits and also being to the House evidence of such payment.

28. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by M.C Chambers against Multi-Choice Nigeria Limited, the National Broadcasting Commission and the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission:

Hon. Mike Etaba:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by M.C Chambers against Multi-Choice Nigeria Limited, the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) and the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) over the persistent and unjustified increase in the Tariffs; a request to stop same and implement the Pay -As –You View -Scheme and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:8/2/2024*).

- (i) fast-track the amendment of the NBC Act in order to give them more power to have total control of changes to consumers by all broadcasting industries in Nigeria.
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Broadcasting Commission (NBC) to introduce more broadcasting industries to operate in Nigeria in order to allow free competition among the industries and subscribers.
- (iii) that the Multi-Choice Nigeria Limited should obey the Court Order of the Federal High Court in Suit No. FHC/CS/894/2018 and desist from charging or receiving any price or tariff from its customers that is otherwise different from the existing price in the industry pending the resolution of the matters by the House.
- (iv) that the issue of the current charges in the country such as inflations, fluctuation in the Nigeria currency, removal of fuel subsidy which lead to the increase in tariff on the side of Multi-Choice Nigeria Limited should be jointly resolved among the consumers, subscribers, NBC, FCCPC and the Multi-Choice and acceptable price which may not liquidate the Multi-Choice be fixed for the subscribers of the broadcasting industries in Nigeria.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Treaties Protocols and Agreements (with Ministry of Aviation)	Wednesday 6 March 2024	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 348 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Cooperation and Integration in African	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 141 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex
5.	Interior	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Legislative Library Research and Documentation	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Multi-Purpose Hall, NASS library Trust Fund

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7.	Science Research Institute	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 (New Building) Assembly Complex
8.	Petroleum Resources Training Fund	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 (New Building) Assembly Complex
9.	Corporate Social Responsibility, NDDC and Host Communities	Wednesday 6 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Hall (New Building) Assembly Complex
10.	Communications	Wednesday 6 March 2024	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building) Assembly Complex