



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 24th October, 2024

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024. (HB.1490) (Welfare of Nigerians working in Private Organizations (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi*) – *First Reading*.)
2. Private Intelligence and Investigation Council (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1721) (*Hon. Ahmed Satomi*) – *First Reading*
3. Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Acquisition, Zaki – Biam, Benue State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2024 (HB.1824) (*Hon. Solomon Wombo*) – *First Reading*
4. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1825) (*Hon. Solomon Wombo*) – *First Reading*
5. Federal University of Education, Katsina – Ala, Benue State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2024 (HB.1826) (*Hon. Solomon Wombo*) – *First Reading*
6. Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1754) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Public Assets:

Hon. Ademorin Kuye:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Assets on the Investigation of the Sales of Two (2) Bell Helicopters 206 L4 BZB and BZC M206 L4 by the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria, Kaduna State” pursuant to Order Twenty, Rule 109 (2) (a & b) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives”

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 to Provide for additional conditions for assessing of Funds for Capital Projects by beneficiary Institutions and for Related Matters (HB. 02) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen and Hon. Babajimi Benson*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Description of Islamic Law in the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB.1502) (*Hon. Aliyu Bappa Missau*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Adikpo, Benue State to provide Full and Part – Time Courses of Instruction in different fields of Study and for Related Matters (HB.1372) (*Hon. Terseer Ugbor*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Education, Okeoyi, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB.833) (*Hon. Aluko Ahmed Yinka*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federal of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Oluonna, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB.849) (*Hon. Lukman Alani Mudashiru*) – *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of National Institute of Rubber Research and Technology, Ilushin, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 737) (*Hon. Adegbesan Joseph*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

7. **Need to Investigate the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) over Allegations of Lopsided Employments and Extra-Budgetary Expenditures:**
Hon. Ali Isa JC:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) are key Government Agencies responsible for critical aspects of the nation’s economy in tax administration, corporate regulation, and the protection of depositors’ funds;

Aware that the allegations of staff recruitment processes in these Agencies are marred by irregularities of favoritism and non-compliance with the Federal Character principles pursuant to Section 14(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Also aware that the allegations extended to extra-budgetary expenditures by the Agencies with funds meant for statutory operations being used for non-statutory items in gross violation of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007;

Concerned that if the allegations of lopsided employments and extra-budgetary expenditures are true, the principles of fairness, equality and transparency are violated, erode public trust in critical institutions, reduce operational efficiency, and will foster a sense of marginalization and hopelessness among sections of the Nigerian populace;

Worried that the alleged malpractices could undermine the capacity of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) to effectively carry out their mandates, resulting in inefficiencies that may affect tax collection, corporate regulation, and the stability of Nigeria's financial system;

Resolves to:

set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the employment processes in the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) with a view to determining compliance with the Federal Character principles of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative actions.

8. Call on the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission to Place Public Tertiary Institutions on the Service-Based Tariff (SBT) of Band "C" or Lower
Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

The House:

Notes that Tertiary Education is an invaluable tool for socio-economic development;

Also notes that Public Institutions in Nigeria offer education at minimal charges, most students cannot afford the fees and attempts by the institutions to increase school fees have always been met with resistance from the students;

Concerned that due to inadequate funding by the Federal Government, public institutions are unable to operate optimally, thus the recent hike in electricity tariffs and the consequent power cut for defaulting institutions has thrown them into total darkness, putting important equipment at risk and security of students and staff in jeopardy;

Also concerned that the attendant riots by students due to inability to use important learning equipment resulted in the closure of the affected institutions;

Worried that grounding of academic activities in Nigeria could lead to increased frustration among students and potentially have severe socio-economic consequences.

Aware that Section 14 (2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary responsibility of the government, while Section 18 (1) of the Constitution mandates the Federal Government to ensure equal and adequate educational opportunities at all levels;

Disturbed that if immediate measures are not taken to restore power supply and make electricity affordable in public institutions, the institutions will be forced to increase fees to meet up with current electricity costs and other bills, which would likely stir up violent resistance that may spell grave danger to the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to:
- (a) direct the Federal Ministry of Power, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, all the electricity Distribution Companies and such other government agencies, companies or stations across the country

that are directly or indirectly involved in the management of electricity in Nigeria to immediately stop further billing or disconnection of electricity supply to public tertiary institutions in Nigeria using the current tariff;

- (b) direct the relevant agencies to immediately reverse Service-Based Tariff of public tertiary institutions to either Band “C” or Band “D”;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on University Education, Polytechnics and Technical College and Federal Colleges of Education, Power, and Legislative Compliance to liaise with the relevant bodies to come up with a workable, affordable and sustainable electricity tariff regime for Public Tertiary Institutions and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Rehabilitation of Zaria- Funtua –Gusau–Kauran Namoda Railway line:

Hon. Dalhatu Shehu

Hon. Dabai Abdullahi Balarabe

Hon. Aminu Sani

Hon. Abdullahi Sadiq Ango

Hon. Zubairu Bashiru Usman

Hon Ahmadu Kabiru

Hon. Abubakar Mohammed Ahmed **Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu:**

The House:

Notes that the Zaria–Funtua–Gusau–Kauran Namoda Railway line is one of the oldest railway lines in Nigeria, established in 1926 by the British Colonial Administration;

Also notes that the railway line serves as a link to Kaduna, Katsina and Zamfara States respectively;

Aware that Railway networks are globally recognized as safe and reliable transportation methods, facilitating the easy conveyance of goods, cargo, and raw materials;

Also aware that efficient rail transport connects remote areas with urban centres, facilitates trade, generates economic growth, and creates jobs for the population;

Concerned that despite the huge population and the economic activities in Kaduna and its environs, the Zaria–Funtua–Gusau–Kauran Namoda rail line is currently not functional.

Also concerned about the inefficient management of the Nigerian Railway Corporation's infrastructure, as well as the high number of about 2,187 road accidents in Third Quarter of 2023, as reported by the Federal Road Safety Corps;

Cognizant that Rehabilitating the Zaria–Funtua–Gusau–Kauran Namoda rail line would reduce fatalities, boost commercial activities, and reduce transportation costs for commuters, travelers, traders, farmers, and artisans;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Finance to make adequate budgetary provisions for the rehabilitation of the Zaria–Funtua –Gusau – Kauran Namoda rail lines in the 2025 budget estimates;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to invite the Management Board of the Nigerian Railway Corporation to address the deplorable state of railway infrastructure and inadequate management processes in the Zaria–Funtua–Gusau–Kauran Namoda Rail line; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Land Transport and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

10. Need to Establish Climate Change Desk in all Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs):

Hon. Kama Nkemkanma:

The House:

Notes that Climate Change poses a threat to the environment, economy, and the well-being of the people of Nigeria. Thus, there is need for sustaining collective efforts and fostering cross-sector collaboration to

effectively address the complex challenges posed by climate change in Nigeria. One of such efforts in Nigeria is the enactment of the Climate Change Act, (CCA) 2021;

Aware Section 22 (1) of the Climate Change Act obligates Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to establish climate change desks to ensure integration of climate change activities into the core mandate of MDAs;

Also aware that Climate change is causing rise in temperatures, deforestation, desertification, loss of life, property, displacement, food and water insecurity, and economic development threats, thus requires collaborative efforts.

Also notes the Climate Change Act provides that the Ministries responsible for Finance and Budget and National planning shall ensure that all budget proposals submitted by MDA's are properly vetted and costed for climate change considerations, and that adequate allocation is provided under appropriate sub-heads in the annual budget, the implication is that, any MDA that fails to allocate proper funding for climate change consideration within its budget will not have its budget passed. MDAs are also obligated to adhere to the annual carbon emission reduction targets, in line with the Action Plan and carbon budget made under this Act. However, two years after there is no action plan;

Aware that the lack of a carbon budget limits Green House Gas (GHG) target enforcement, implementing Climate Change Desks in Municipal Development Authorities (MDAs) will improve coordination and accountability in addressing climate change issues;

Cognizant that implementing climate change considerations in MDAs' operations and long-term plans is crucial for aligning policies with national and international goals. Coordinating stakeholders is vital for realizing obligations under the Climate Change Act and countries like Kenya, Rwanda, and Ghana have climate desks for coordinated approach;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Head of Service to implement the establishment of Climate Change Desk in all Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies;
- (ii) also urge all the Ministers to implement the obligations of their Ministries under the Climate Change Act 2021;
- (iii) further urge the National Council on climate Change Secretariat to implement setting the carbon budget and action plan direct the Federal Ministry of Finance to require MDAs to include ClimateChange considerations in their 2025 budgets; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to ensure compliance and report within four (4) for further legislative action.

11. Need to Construct Police Secondary School in Odanbon in Surulere/Ogo Oluwa Federal Constituency of Oyo State:

Hon. Ojo Sunday Makanjuola:

The House:

Notes that by virtue of Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the welfare of citizens shall be the basic responsibility of the Government;

Also notes that Police Secondary School in Odanbon, Surulere Local Government was sited in 2014 by the late Inspector General of Police, Chief Sunday Adewusi, with about forty acres of land allocated by the community for the construction of the said secondary school;

Aware that the site had been fenced off with no construction around the site about a decade ago;

Worried that the area in question was a habitat for wildlife, ultimately posing a security threat to community residents;

Convinced that constructing a Police Secondary School in the community would be beneficial socially, educationally, and economically to the community;

Also convinced that the establishment of the Police Secondary School will definitely enhance the educational development of students across the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Police Affairs to ensure the inclusion of the construction of a Police Secondary School in the 2025 budget estimates;
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**12. Need to Investigate delay in completion of Baro Sea Port in Niger State:
Hon. Tijani Kayode Ismail:**

The House:

Notes that the Baro Inland Port in Niger State was constructed by a Chinese firm, CGCC Global Project Limited, at the cost of over \$16 million and equipped with a quarry length of 150-meter, 7,000-square-meter cargo stacking yard, 3,600-square-meter transit, and the capacity to hold 5,000 twenty-foot equivalent units at once;

Also notes that the Baro Port, a multi-billion naira project, can benefit the North-Central States and the entire country by creating jobs, lowering freight costs, reducing traffic accidents, and increasing government revenue;

Further notes that the non-availability of accessible roads to the port is discouraging potential investors in the port as the Baro Port project was designed to enhance intermodal transportation connectivity in Nigeria similarly it is intended to reduce the pressure of big trucks on the Federal roads, poised to create huge business possibilities for Nigerians and assist with decongesting similar ports;

Worried that the multi-billion naira project, inaugurated by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2019, is nearly abandoned and yet to commence operation five years after its inauguration;

Aware that in the last thirteen years the contract for the 53-kilometre Agai-Katcha-Baro road, which is considered the key route to the port, was awarded, but no fund was released to execute the project;

Also worried that the \$16 million port project, which was commissioned five years ago, has been abandoned and largely surrounded by weeds.

Cognizant that the completion of Niger State's Baro Port is essential for the country's economic development, job creation, freight cost savings of over 100 billion Naira, decongestion of Lagos port, and reduce the hardship of wasting hours to clear goods;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Transport to recall the contractors, CGCC Global Project Nig. Limited, to site and ensure the completion of the port within a specified timeframe;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to supervise the project to ensure the port is completed in line with best practices;
- (iii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the contract and determine why the contract was abandoned by the contractors and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**13. Need to Safeguard and Secure Transmission Lines, Protect Critical Power Infrastructure from Incessant Vandalization Towards ensuring Uninterrupted Power Supply:
Hon. Sani Umar Bala:**

The House:

Notes that recently, the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) announced that two towers along its 330OKV Shiroro-Kaduna transmission lines 1 and 2 were vandalized, thereby damaging the transmission lines, resulting in blackouts in some parts of Kano and Kaduna states;

Also notes that the Transmission Company of Nigeria has reported five transmission line destruction incidents since February due to vandalism, expressing regret for the situation;

Aware that in February 2024, several transmission line incidents occurred, including the:

- (a) destruction of Tower 70 along the Gwagwalada-Katampe transmission line on 26 February, 2024;
- (b) vandalisation of towers 377 and 378 along the Gombe-Damaturu 330kV transmission line;
- (c) attack on towers 145 to 149 and 201 to 218 along the Owerri-Ahoda 132kV transmission line;
- (d) vandaiization of Tower number 388 along the Jos-Bauchi 132kV single circuit transmission line and collapsed due to vandalism.

Aware that the vandalism of transmission lines has led to frequent power outages in major regions and states, negatively impacting socio-economic activities, business operations, and overall quality of life, thus imposing financial burden on the government;

Worried that the consistent power outage in these regions impacts negatively on critical infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, and security installations, exacerbating insecurity, reducing productivity, and limiting economic growth;

Also worried that Nigeria's transmission infrastructure is at risk of vandalism, causing frequent blackouts and threatening reliable electricity supply, potentially derailing plans to expand the national grid, attract foreign investments, and achieve energy sustainability;

Cognizant of the need for a coordinated and comprehensive security strategy involving the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps, to secure these transmission lines, protect critical energy infrastructure, and ensure uninterrupted power supply in affected areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to consider the deployment of technology-driven surveillance systems, such as drones and CCTV cameras, to monitor transmission lines in vulnerable areas;
- (ii) also urge the Transmission Company of Nigeria to sensitize local communities along the affected routes the importance of safeguarding public infrastructure and to encourage community participation in protecting transmission lines from furvandalization.
- (iii) further urge the Ministry of Power and the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) to expedite the repair and restoration of the damaged transmission lines along the Shiroro-Kaduna axis to mitigate the ongoing power outages;
- (iv) again urge the National Security Adviser (NSA), in collaboration with the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), the Nigerian Army, and other relevant security agencies, to immediately develop and implement a strategic security plan for safeguarding critical transmission lines across the country;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Power, National Security and Intelligence to interface with the Ministry of Power, Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), and security agencies to ensure swift compliance and execution of protective measures for the transmission lines;

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. A Bill for an Act to Upgrade the College of Health Sciences and Technology, Tsafe, Zamfara State to Federal University of Health Sciences and Technology, Tsafe, Zamfara State to Provide Full-Time Courses in Health Sciences and Technology and Other Fields of Study and produce high quality Medical Professionals with broad knowledge, skills and value, strengthen institutional capacity for Disease Control and Surveillance as well as bridging the gap in Medical Research and make provision for the General Administration of the University and for Related Matters (SB. 161) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the whole: 16/10/2024.*

15. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Examinations Council (NECO) (Establishment) Act, Cap. N37, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Examination Council (NECO) (Establishment) Act, 2024 to Provide for National Common Entrance Examination (NCEE), the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) and the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (Internal) (SSCE) (I) Compulsory for Every Nigerian Child, and to Design the Scope of the Powers and Functions of the Governing Board of the Council and for Related Matters (HB. 421) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*)– *Committee of the Whole: 14/5/2024.*

16. A Bill for an Act to Reconstitute the Metallurgical Training Institute, Onitsha by Establishing the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Onitsha 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.966) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 20/12/2023.*

17. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Content in Programmes, Contracts, Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (NOPCESTI) and It’s Council for Planning and Execution of Projects, Promotion of Nigerian Content in Programmes, Contracts, Science, Engineering, Technology, Innovation and Monitoring, Evaluating and Oversight and for Related Matters (HB.1167) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 21/5/2024.*

18. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars to Ensure Professionalism in the System; and for Related Matters (HB.1460) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*)– *Committee of the Whole:18/7/2024.*

19. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Usung Atiat, Ukanafun Lga, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.971) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*)– *Committee of the Whole:18/7/2024.*

20. **Committee on Health Institutions:**
Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Health Sciences, Gaya, Kano State and Related Matters (HB. 31) and approve recommendations therein” (*Laid: 11/7/2024.*)

21. **Committee on Health Institutions:**
Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on 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) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 17/7/2024.*)

22. **Committee on Health Institutions:**
Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ikole-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.1037) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid:23/10/2024.*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday 24 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday 24 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)	Thursday 24 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Character (<i>with Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Federal College of Education Pankshin and Federal Cooperative College, Kaduna</i>)	Thursday 24 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex