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Wednesday, 30th October, 2024

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2. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1855) (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali Halims*) – *First Reading*.
3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (FCT House of Assembly) Bill, 2024 (HB.1783) (*Hon. Sesoo Ikpagher*) – *First Reading*.
4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Multiplayer Policing) Bill, 2024 (HB.1807) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.
5. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Compensation in the Land Use Act) Bill, 2024 (HB.1808) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.

6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Six Special Seats for Special Interest Group) Bill, 2024 (HB.1811) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.
 7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Expand Criminal Categories) Bill, 2024 (HB.1814) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.
 8. Compulsory Genotype Screening Bill, 2024 (HB.1812) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.
 9. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Isiokpo, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1708) (*Hon. Blessing Chigeru Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
 10. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1722) (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere*) – *First Reading*.
 11. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1723) (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere*) – *First Reading*.
 12. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1724) (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere*) – *First Reading*.
 13. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1731) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*.
 14. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1732) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*.
 15. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1733) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*.
 16. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1734) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*.
 17. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1725) (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere*) – *First Reading*.
 18. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1729) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*.
 19. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1730) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*.
 20. Federal Medical Centres, Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1855) (*Hon. Hart Cyril Godwin*) – *First Reading*.
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BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Prevent, Prohibit and Redress Sexual Harassment of Students in Tertiary Educational Institutions and for Related Matters (HB.1598) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Third Reading*.
2. 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. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Third Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Health Sciences, Gaya, Kano State and Related Matters (HB. 31) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Third Reading*.
4. 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) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Third Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2024 to make Provisions for Establishment of Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Opialu–Ojapo, Benue State to contribute to the Development of Nigeria through Training of Qualitative Manpower in Agriculture by adequate exposure to Sound Theoretical Background, Practical Farm and field Demonstration and for Related Matters (SB.212) (*Senate*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to carve out Nasarawa Eggon Federal Constituency from Akwanga/Nasarawa Eggon/Wamba Federal Constituency and for Related Matters (HB.1316) (*Hon. Jeremiah Umaru*) – *Second Reading*.
7. A Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Saki, Oyo State for the Provision of Tertiary Healthcare Services, Medical Education and for Related Matters (HB.1356) (*Hon. Karim Tajudeen Abisodun*) – *Second Reading*.
8. 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, Akure, Ondo State and for Related Matters (HB. 1375) (*Hon. Adesida Abiodun*) – *Second Reading*.
9. 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 Federal College of Agriculture, Mbatie, Buruku, Benue State and for Related Matters (HB.572) (*Hon. Sekav Dzua Iyortyom*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

10. **Rescission of the Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1520)** **Hon. Francis Waive**

The House:

Notes that a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba was considered, subsequently read the third time and passed;

Aware of the existence of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, and therefore introducing an establishment Bill may not be idle in the circumstance but rather an amendment of the existing Act on Federal Universities of Agriculture Act;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on the passage of the Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba (Establishment) Bill (HB.1520) and recommit the Bill to the Committee of the whole for reconsideration.

11. **Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly:** **Hon. Francis E. Waive:**

The House:

- (i) *National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1816); and*
- (ii) *Federal university, Wukari (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB 1382).*

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 de-novo, 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.

Also notes that the aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bills were read for the first time as HBs.1816 and 1382;

Resolves to:

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

12. Need to Address Flooding and Gully Erosion Devastating Communities in Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo/Bunza Federal Constituency:

Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed:

The House:

Notes the growing impact of climate change, which has adversely affected and impacted environments across the globe, resulting in environmental and socio-economic challenges;

Also notes that flooding and gully erosion are exacerbated by increased rainfall, poor environmental practices, inadequate or inefficient drainage systems due to lack of preparedness by relevant government agencies to respond to climate change projections, and poor waste disposal practices;

Concerned that communities within Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo/Bunza Federal Constituency—including Bunza Marafa, Nassarawa 1&2, Diggi, Kola Tarasa Badariya, Nassarawa, Zauru, Ambursa, Kalgo, Raha, Bunza, Dan Galadima, Maidahini, and Sabon Birni—have been severely impacted by recurring floods and expanding gully erosion annually, leading to the loss of valuable farmlands that are crucial for agriculture and local economy;

Also concerned that the Floods and erosion have caused displacement of families and trauma in affected communities, leading to socio-economic disruption;

Aware that the Communities are currently grappling with economic challenges due to the loss of essential services, lack of government intervention, infrastructure destruction, and impeded transportation of goods, exacerbating the crisis.

Also aware that these communities are predominantly agrarian experiencing ongoing losses due to inability to transport produce, coupled with the growing encroachment of gully erosion on their farmlands, which threaten future livelihoods;

Cognizant of the need to address the gully erosion to alleviate residents' suffering, reclaim productive land, boost economic activities, and restore the residents confidence in government and environmental protection.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ecological Fund Office and other related agencies to conduct an impact assessment of the affected communities and provide necessary funding for a robust remediation plan to mitigate the effects of flood and gully erosion;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately provide relief materials to the affected communities in Birnin Kebbi, Kalgo, and Bunza Federal Constituency;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment, Works, and Water Resources to make adequate provisions for the construction of proper drainage systems in Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo/Bunza Federal Constituency, Kebbi State and the implementation of erosion control measures in the 2025 budget estimates.

13. Need to Acquire Adjoining Pieces of Land to Expand Federal Medical Centres Jabi, Ebute Meta and the National Hospital Abuja:

Hon. Amos Gwamna Magiji:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Medical Centre Ebute–Metta began as a railway hospital in 1964 and later became a FMC in 2004 and still located in the Nigerian Railway Corporation Compound in Ebute–Metta, Lagos;

Also notes that the hospital, Federal Medical Centre, Ebute–Meta, shares premises with an event center and printing press, which attract customers daily, disrupting hospital administration and causing inconvenience to patients, therefore, necessitating urgent evacuation and acquisition of new premises for expansion;

Further notes that Federal Medical Centre, Jabi, Abuja, is congested and challenged with meeting the growing demand of healthcare services for the teeming population of the Federal Capital Territory and its environs;

Aware that a professional institute shares the same fence with the Federal Medical Centre, Jabi and was allocated large hectares of land for the building of its permanent site; however, the Institute has not developed the land;

Cognizant of the overriding Public interest therefore, relocating the Institute’s Land to the FMC, Jabi for expansion will result in better and more efficient healthcare service delivery;

Informed that the National Hospital, Abuja is in critical need of land to build its accident and emergency unit hence the need to acquire the vacant land outside the National Hospital gate;

Also cognizant that these proposed land acquisitions and hospital expansion are critical for the effective delivery of healthcare services to Nigerian citizens, and for overriding public interest;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Railway Corporation, Federal Capital Territory Administration to approve these plots of land to the hospitals for the deserved expansion and initiate compensation procedure to the affected occupants; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Land Transport, Federal Capital Territory, Legislative Compliance and Health Institutions to ensure compliance.

14. Need to Address the Secretive Employment in the Federal Civil Service:

Hon. Kolawole Davidson Akinlayo:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian government has acknowledged the need to address the secretive employment practices in the Civil Service;

Observes that appointment in the Federal Civil Service of Nigeria are faced with challenges of corruption, tribalism and ethnocentrism as the major reasons for non-transparency in employment process in the Civil Service;

Aware that the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) report reveals that the Nation's unemployment rate rises to 5.3% in first quarter of 2024, compared to 5% in the previous quarter, which is not good for the development of the economy;

Also aware that secret employment practices undermines transparency, accountability and meritocracy as well as perpetuating corruption, nepotism and favouritism, denying qualified candidates’ opportunities;

Disturbed that the lack of transparency in the Civil Service breeds inequality, injustice and low morale among Civil Servants;

Also disturbed that adverts of vacancies are made public after selections of preferred candidates from friends and families have been done, therefore making the advert to just fulfil all righteousness and deceit to the general public;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to develop and implement comprehensive recruitment policies in Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) by:
 - (a) directing Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to make their adverts vacancies public and ensure equal access and time frame to all employment information;
 - (b) create an online recruitment portal that will streamline applications, minimize human interference and ensure fairness, as well as publishing names of successful candidates, their qualifications and selection criteria in major dailies of newspapers;
 - (c) set up a recruitment monitoring tax force team which includes the Civil Society Organizations Representatives, to scrutinize, monitor and audit every employment processes in all MDAs; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Labour, Employment and Productivity, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

15. Call for Relocation of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Local Government Offices to Neutral Locations:

Hon. Sunday Nnamchi:

The House

Notes that Section 157 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) guarantees the Independent National Election Commission (INEC) unhindered autonomy and independence to conduct national elections;

Also notes that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has a critical role in conducting free, fair, and credible elections;

Further notes that majority of the INEC's Local Government Offices are currently situated within local government headquarters or otherwise;

Aware that this is potentially hampering and compromising the independence of INEC in the conduct of national elections;

Observes that this proximity exposes INEC to manipulation and control by Council Chairmen, particularly in areas dominated by a single political party;

Concerned that this impedes INEC's impartiality as enshrined in Section 6 of the Electoral, Act 2022;

Cognizant of the need to maintain public trust and confidence in the electoral process;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge INEC to relocate its local government offices to secure neutral locations and make adequate provision in the 2025 budget estimates to accommodate the project;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to liaise with Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and other relevant stakeholders to ensure compliance and report within four (4) for further legislative action.

16. Funding of Exploration for Data in the Solid Minerals Space to Unlock Mineral Deposits and enhance Foreign Exchange Earnings:

Hon. Ojo Sunday Mankanjuola

Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is going through a difficult economic phase with dwindling foreign exchange inflows of negative effect on naira strength, as it was described in recent times as one of the worst performing in Africa alongside Ethiopia;

Also notes that Nigeria has been a mono economy with high dependence on Oil and Gas, now with the Energy Transition and the departure from the use of fossil fuels, the country may begin to experience a decline in revenues from this sector;

Further notes that Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited (NNPCL) estimated \$ 400 million on frontier exploration annually in Nigeria and in 2021, NNPC spent N 20 Billion in seven months on Frontier exploration alone;

Aware that Nigeria is blessed with abundant resources and that during the colonial era and pre independence period, Nigeria's main income was solid minerals. The KPMG Nigeria Mining Sector Brief of June 2024, listed the potential of a number of minerals as follows;

- (i) Coal, has a reserve estimate of about 2.73 billion metric tons and proven reserves of 639 million tons;
- (ii) Bitumen, has an estimated 42.47 billion tons;
- (iii) Barite, has an estimated 23 million metric tons;
- (iv) Lead – Zinc, have been observed along a belt of approximately 30 – 50 Km wide stretching for about 560km km in length from Eboyin state, through Benue, Bauchi, Adamawa, Taraba, Nasarawa and Plateau States;
- (v) Limestone, estimated reserve of 10.6 billion tons across 14 states;
- (vi) Iron Ore, has an estimated reserve of about 3 billion tons;
- (vii) Gold, has estimate reserves of about 21.37 metric tons valued at \$ 1 Billion dollars as at 2nd quarter of 2023;

Conscious that these deposits if explored to a bankable data level will bring enormous foreign exchange inflow that will contribute significantly to our nations GDP.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to:
 - (a) appropriate the sum of \$500 million or its equivalent for exploration as a special intervention in the solid minerals sector in the fourth coming 2025 budget estimate;
 - (b) explore bilateral agreements on a Government-to-Government level to get the required expertise at affordable rates for the exploration service and support technology transfer;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, Finance and Solid Minerals to ensure compliance and report within four (4) legislative weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 17.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Sea Fisheries Act Cap. S4 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to among other things bring the Penalties therein in Conformity with Modern Day Realities and for Related Matters (HB.179) – *Committee of the Whole: 23/11/2023.*

18. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for the Integration of Private Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Infrastructure into the National Security Network in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.177) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 23/11/2023.*
19. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Waterways Act, Cap. N47, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Inland Waterways Act, Establish the Nigeria Inland Waterways Authority to Provide for the Management, Regulation and Development of the Nigeria Inland Waterways and to promote Private Sector participation in the Development of the Nigerian Inland Waterways in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.790) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 20/12/2023.*
20. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act Cap. N11 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 and for Related Matters. (HB.1816) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 30/10/2024.*
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 Medical Centre Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Atan–Ota, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 349) and approve 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 University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Act, Cap. U15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.962) and approve recommendations therein” (*Laid: 16/7/2024.*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday 30 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday 30 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	FCT Judiciary	Wednesday 30 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 344 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Road Safety Commission	Wednesday 30 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Public Procurement	Wednesday 30 th October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 (New Building) Assembly Complex