



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER Thursday, 20 March, 2025

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:**
Hon. Adamu Tanko:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Ijesha, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB.355)” (*Referred:11/6/2024*).
2. **Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:**
Hon. Adamu Tanko:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Oyin Akoko, Ondo State and for Related Matters (HB. 1600)” (*Referred:8/10/2024*).

3. Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:**Hon. Adamu Tanko:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on 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, Suleja, Niger State and for Related Matters (HB.1803)” (*Referred:11/12/2024*).

4. Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:**Hon. Adamu Tanko:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of the Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Faskari, Kastina State and for Related Matters (HB. 1418)” (*Referred:9/7/2024*).

5. Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:**Hon. Adamu Tanko:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal College of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical) Ogute–Okpella, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB.912)” (*Referred: 20/11/2024*).

6. Committee on Population:**Hon. Odimayo Okunjimi John:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Population on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Identity Management Commission Act, 2007 and to provide for the Establishment of a National Identity Database and the National Identity Management Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1281) (*Referred: 11/7/2024*).

7. Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation on the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON):**Hon. Sada Soli:**

“That the House do receive the Report on the Ad –hoc Committee on the Investigation of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and the FCT Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board over the shoddy treatment of Nigerian Pilgrims during the 2024 Hajj Exercise” (HR.23/07/2024) (*Referred:11/7/2024*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make the Recommendation of the National Judicial Council mandatory for the Removal from Office of Heads of Nigeria Courts and for Related Matters (HB.2203) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen and Hon. Marcus Onobun*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Colleges of Education Act No. 43, 2023, to Establish Federal College of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 2118) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen and Hon. Makki Abubakar Yalleman*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396) (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Esie/ Iludun, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB.723) (*Hon. Adesola Samuel Adedayo*) – *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap. L1 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the Maternity Leave period of Working Women to six Months and for Related Matters (HB. 2105) (*Hon. Chike John Okafor*) – *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Sports Development Fund for the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Provide a dedicated fund for the Financing support for Sporting Activities in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2184) (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke*) – *Second Reading*.
 7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Obubra, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB.815) (*Hon. Irom Michael Etaba*) – *Second Reading*.
 8. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria, to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysts in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.336) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *Second Reading*.
 9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. 010 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to provide for the Establishment of National Orthopaedic Hospital, Shinkafi, Zamfara State and for Related Matters (*Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi*) – *Second Reading*.
 10. A Bill for an Act to Establish Industrial Arbitration Tribunal for the Resolution of Industrial Disputes in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1572) (*Hon. Akiolu Kayode Moshood*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

11. **Need to provide Electricity Supply to Agoi Ibami Community in Yakurr Local Government Area Cross Rivers State:**
Hon. Alex Egbona:

The House:

Notes that the Agoi Ibami Community in the Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State has long been without access to electricity, and this has hindered the socio-economic development in the area:

Aware that the people of the Community are predominantly farmers who have contributed significantly to food production and agricultural activities in Cross River State and beyond;

Also aware that recently gold and other mineral deposits in large quantities were discovered in the community, which is another opportunity for economic growth, industrial development, and job creation if only it can be harnessed effectively with adequate electricity supply;

Concerned that the absence of electricity supply has continued to limit the potential for agro-processing, local businesses, and investment in mining, and this has adversely affected activities while slowing down the livelihood of residents and their economic progress;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power to take immediate steps to provide electricity supply to the Agoi Ibami community;
- (ii) call on the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) to include the Agoi Ibami Community in its electrification projects to enhance rural development;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Power and Rural Electrification to ensure compliance.

**12. Illegal Felling and Exportation of Forest Woods in Nigeria:
Hon. Henry Odianosen Okojie:**

The House:

Notes the increasing cases of illegal felling and exportation of forest wood in Nigeria, leading to significant deforestation and degradation of our forests;

Concerned that illegal felling and exportation of forest wood result in widespread environmental damage, loss of biodiversity, increasing climate change impacts, and triggering adverse effects on rural communities and the economy;

Aware that illegal wood trade is a violation of national laws, including the Nigerian Forestry Law, and constitutes a criminal offense that needs to be addressed urgently;

Acknowledged the need to strengthen the enforcement of existing laws and regulations by providing adequate resources to relevant agencies responsible for monitoring and enforcing forestry regulations and international trade;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment through its National Parks Service to establish a specialized anti-illegal logging task force, comprising representatives from relevant government agencies, to coordinate efforts aimed at curbing illegal felling and exportation of forest wood;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Environment and Customs Excise to conduct an in-depth investigation into the root causes of illegal felling and exportation of forest wood in Nigeria and recommend appropriate legislative and policy actions to address the issue and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative actions.

**13. Need to Regulate Arbitrary Rent Increase and Protect Tenants from Exploitation:
Hon. Basse Akiba:**

The House:

Notes that Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) prioritizes the welfare of the people as the primary responsibility of government;

Also notes that housing has been universally accepted as the second most important basic need for human survival and an essential component to the advancement of the quality of life of the citizenry, and according to the United Nations Habitat Agenda, the provision of adequate housing that is safe, secure, accessible, affordable and sanitary is a fundamental human right;

Aware that housing is crucial for national development and is an important source of national capital formation, employment generation, and income production;

Concerned that the challenging economic climate is exerting a detrimental effect significantly felt by individuals, households, and businesses alike, especially people residing in rental accommodations who are now grappling with escalating rents;

Also concerned that there is usually a sudden hike in the rent in an area after infrastructure such as roads, markets, and other amenities are constructed, particularly in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), where the rent in areas where roads are newly constructed surged from 800,000 to as high as N2.5 million per annum, thereby placing an unbearable financial burden on tenants;

Worried that the wanton exploitation by property owners undermines the government's intention to improve citizen's welfare through public infrastructure and drives the teeming Nigerian youths into hardship, forcing some to resort to crime to meet the inflated demands;

Cognizant of the urgent need to balance the rights of property owners with the welfare of tenants to ensure fairness, stability, and sustainability in the housing sector;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Housing to collaborate with State Governments to enforce rent control measures, ensuring that public infrastructure projects do not lead to exploitative rent hikes, and ensure that rent increase are capped at not more than 20% of the existing rent, irrespective of infrastructure improvements or other factors;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to increase investment in affordable housing initiatives, ensuring access to low-cost housing for citizens and reducing pressure on the rental market;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat to ensure compliance.

14. Need for Federal Government to Procure and Lease Mechanized Agricultural Machineries to Farmers at Subsidized Rate in all the Local Government Areas Across the Federation:

Hon. Aderemi A. Oseni:

The House:

Notes that the uncontrollably high cost of food and related items has left the average Nigerian income struggling to keep up, thereby increasing the cost of living in the country;

Aware that the primary responsibility of the government is to ensure food security and control food and related product prices to minimize their impact.

Observed that the continuous increase in the prices of food is largely triggered by factors like insecurity, high cost of agricultural inputs, and low production, aligned to the fact that most farmers in Nigeria engage only in subsistence farming systems, which can only produce meager outputs;

Cognizant of the need for the Federal Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, to aggressively encourage small farmers to engage in modern mechanized farming to increase agricultural production and ensure food security by providing modern farming machines, introducing modern farming skills with the aid of technology to boost food production in Nigeria;

Also aware of the need for the federal government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and Millennium Development Goals Office, with the Development Partners in collaboration with the Thirty-Six States, FCT, and the 774 Local Government Areas to set up farm settlements in each of the local government areas, equip them with modern farming machinery and other agricultural inputs for leasing to farmers, some of which will be sold to farmers at subsidised rate, to boost production and ensure food security;

Also notes that these measures, when implemented, will revolutionize the agricultural value chain and food production sector, make it more attractive, encourage more people to go into farming, and attract investment to the sector;

Further aware that timely and effective implementation of this program will be a very smart and easy way of getting our teeming youths to embrace agriculture, which will in turn bring in fresh energy, vibes, and innovation into the sector for the prosperity of our dear nation.

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to invite the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Millennium Development Goals office to work out a modality to Procure and Lease Mechanized Agricultural Machineries to Farmers at subsidized rate in all the Local Government Areas Across the Federation;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

15. Need to Enforce the Right of Every Child to Basic Education as Provided under the Universal Basic Education Scheme:

Hon Obi Aguocha:

The House:

Notes that in partial fulfillment of its duty to provide education for citizens of Nigeria, the State had enacted the Child's Rights Act, 2003, and the Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act, 2004;

Also notes both laws guarantee the right of every Nigerian Child to Compulsory Basic Education from Primary to Junior Secondary School at the expense of the State.

Aware that with respect to the funding of the Universal Basic Education Scheme, the Federal Government is required to contribute 2% of its Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Universal Basic Education Fund (UBEF) annually while State Governments are entitled to access the Universal basic Education Fund through the provision of counterpart funding.

Also aware that to ensure compliance with the law, parents and guardians who refuse to allow their children and wards to be educated by the State are liable to be prosecuted.

Concerned that in spite of the clear provisions of both legislations, the Country continue to witness increase in the number of out of school children, insufficient funding, uneven distribution of resources, poor teacher quality, socio-cultural barriers such as child labour, early marriage, gender bias against girl education;

Also concerned that millions of children of school age are found on the streets either begging for alms or hawking goods, thus increasing the number of out-of-school children which will eventually lead to serious crisis in the nearest future;

Disturbed that according to UNICEF, as of September 2024, Nigeria has 18.3 million out of school, one of the highest figures in the world;

Also disturbed that the crisis has continued to escalate the insurgency in the Northeast region, which has led to the closure of schools on account of the abduction of school children, displacement of parents and children, and destruction of schools by the Boko Haram sect and other terrorist Organizations in the country;

Cognizant of the need for the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) to provide a supervisory role on the scheme and ensure an impressive enrollment of Children for basic education in the Country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Universal Basic Education Commission to ensure that every Nigerian child has access to Free and Compulsory Education as contained in Article 17 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, Section 15 of the Child's Rights Act, and Section 2 of the Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act, 2004;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to invite the Management of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) to provide report on the implementation of the scheme; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

16. Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission:

Hon. Abiodun Derin Adesida.

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 to Empower the Federal Road Safety Commission with the Responsibility for Road Traffic Administration and Safety Management, Preventing and Minimizing Road Traffic Crashes on Public Roads, the Supervision of Users of such Public Roads, the Regulation of Traffic thereon and clearing of obstruction on any part of the Public Roads and for Educating Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of Public Roads and Matters Related to Safety on the Public Roads and for Related Matters (HBs. 1604 & 1401) and approve recommendations therein” (*Laid: 17/12/2024*).

17. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Patrick Umoh:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment Kano, Kano State to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular Cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868) and approve recommendations therein” (*Laid: 11/12/2024*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday 20 March 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday 20 March 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex