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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 22 May, 2025

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2347) (Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka) First Reading.
- 2. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2348) (Hon. *Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka*) *First Reading*.
- **3.** Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2349) (*Hon. Awaji Inombek Abiante*) *First Reading*.
- **4.** National Estate Housing Management Commission Bill, 2025 (HB.2350) (Hon. Mallam Bukar Gana) First Reading.
- **5.** Chartered Institute of Human Resource Management (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2351) (*Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyampa*) *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Justice:

Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on the Need to Address the Withholding of Bar Results and Backlog of Students awaiting Call to Bar (HR. 105/03/2025) Referred: 27/3/2025.

ORDERS OF THE DAY BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Identity Management Commission Act, 2007 and provide for Establishment of National Identity Database and the National Identity Management Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1281) (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) *Third Reading*.
- **2.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Technical Aid Corps Act Cap. N 135, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.2174) (*Hon. Adewale Hammed*) *Second Reading*.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University Teaching Hospital, Gusau and for Related Matters (HB.2081) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu*) *Second Reading*.
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to make Agricultural Science a Core and Compulsory Subject in all Public and Private Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2222) (Hon. Alex Egbona) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to ensure at least 15 percent of Women Representation in the Enlistment, Recruitment and Appointment of Service Personnel, require the Armed Forces to Provide and Maintain a Gender Responsive Compliance Program in the Enlistment, Recruitment, Training, Provision of Accommodation, Operational Engagements, Provision of Logistics, Marital Status, Posting and Discipline of Service Personnel and ensure Establishment of a Unit to Monitor and Maintain Records of Gender Responsive Compliance Program and Disaggregated Data Collation and for Related Matters (HB.1719) (Hon. Kafilat Ogbara) Second Reading
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Act, No. 2, 2020 to ensure at least 15 percent Women Representation in the Recruitment of Police Officers, Require the Nigeria Police force to Provide and maintain Gender Responsive Compliance Programme in the Recruitment, Training Marital Status, Posting and Discipline of Police Officers and ensure the Establishment of a Unit to Monitor and Maintain Records of Gender Responsive Compliance Program and for Related Matters (HB.1717) (Hon. Kafilat Ogbara) Second Reading.
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act, Cap. N146, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide at least 15 percent Women Representation in the Recruitment of the Corps, Require the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps to Provide and maintain Gender Responsive Compliance Programme in the Recruitment, Training, Marital Status, Posting and Discipline of the Corps and Establishment of a Unit to Monitor and Maintain Records of Gender Responsive Compliance Program and for Related Matters (HB.1718) (Hon. Kafilat Ogbara) Second Reading.
- **8.** A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Army University, Biu, Act, 2020 and Enact the Federal University, Biu, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB. 1964) (*Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu*) Second Reading.
- **9.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission and for Related Matters (HB.1838) (*Hon. Moshood Olarewaju Oshun*) *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

10. Investigation of Electricity Debts Owed by Security Agencies, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) with Reference to Incidents between Military Personnel and Power Distribution Companies:

Hon. Kama Nkemkanma:

The House:

Notes that Security Agencies, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal Government have accumulated substantial debts to Electricity Distribution Companies (Discos) across Nigeria;

Also notes that the Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC) reported a total outstanding debt of 144 billion naira, with Ministries, Departments and Agencies and the military owing 42 billion, naira:

Further notes that the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) is owed 47.1 billion naira by eighty—six (86) MDAs, including significant amounts by prominent institutions such as the Presidential Villa, the Office of the National Security Adviser, and the Ministry of the Federal Capital Territory;

Aware that the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission's 2023 report indicates that Discos recorded a bill collection efficiency of 73.65%, receiving 1.07 trillion naira from customers out of a total invoice of 1.4 trillion naira leaving a shortfall of over 300 billion naira;

Concerned that the continuous indebtedness of Security Agencies and MDAs to DISCOs adversely affects the operations of these Companies, leading to inadequate maintenance and expansion of infrastructure, which in turn hampers the overall electricity supply to the populace;

Also concerned about the recent Lagos incidents where military personnel have reportedly attacked facilities and staff of DISCOs over power–related disputes;

Disturbed that on 14 March 2025, soldiers invaded EKEDC's Injection Substation in Badagry at 1:00 am, attacking and abducting staff over a power outage, earlier, on 6 March 2025, personnel from the Nigerian Air Force Base in Ikeja stormed the headquarters of Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC), attacking staff and journalists after the company disconnected power to the base over unpaid electricity bills amounting to 4.34 billion naira;

Cognizant of the need to ensure that Security Agencies, Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government are financially responsible to pay up its utility to prevent future indebtedness;

Resolves to:

- (i) set up an Ad-hoc Committee to:
 - (a) investigate the cause of accumulated electricity debts owed by Security Agencies, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to DISCOs;
 - (b) assess the impact of indebtedness on the operations of DISCOs and the implications on electricity supply in the country and examine the payment processes between DISCOs and government entities;
- (ii) investigate the recent incidents involving the Ikeja military personnel and DISCOs, including the invasions of Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC) and Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) facilities, and recommend measures and strategies for the timely settlement of outstanding debts to prevent future occurrences, and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Urgent Need to Establish a Mobile Police (MOPOL) Camp and Civilian JTF at Guga Ward, Bakori Local Government Area, Katsina State: Hon, Abdullahi Balarabe Dabai:

The House:

Notes the increasing cases of insecurity in Guga and Kandarawa Wards, Bakori Local Government Area of Katsina State, characterized by banditry, kidnappings, armed attacks, and general lawlessness;

Also notes that Guga and kandarawa Wards, due to their vast and porous landscape, have become vulnerable to criminal elements exploiting the lack of a robust security presence;

Aware that communities in and around Guga and Kandarawa Wards were attacked, in Unguwar Labo seventeen (17) persons were abducted, two (2) killed, and five (5) injured, while in Unguwar Galadima cattle and sheep were rustled; at Rinji village 2 persons were abducted and cattle rustled:

Disturbed that Danbawa village has been taken over by bandits, in Unguwar Mai-Kalangu and Gidan Sarkin Noma nineteen (19) people were abducted while Sabon Layin Kakumi and Yar Dabaro, all in Guga Ward, suffered relentless attacks leading to loss of lives, destruction of farmlands, internal displacement, and general socio-economic instability;

Worried that lack of a Mobile Police Camp in Guga Ward has hindered response to distress calls and increased violence, necessitating the establishment of a dedicated camp;

Also 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 purpose of government;

Cognizant of the need to establish a dedicated MOPOL Camp in Guga Ward to serve as a deterrent and intervention in the fight against insecurity, restoring peace and confidence of residents;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General of Police to establish a Mobile Police (MOPOL) Camp in Guga Ward, Bakori Local Government Area of Katsina State and provide necessary funding and logistics support for the successful operation of the camp;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other humanitarian bodies to assess the humanitarian situation and provide relieve materials to the displaced persons in the affected communities; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to interface with the Nigeria Police Force and relevant authorities to fast-track the establishment and deployment of Police personnel to the proposed MOPOL Camp.

12. Need to Investigate and Review the Nigerian Power Sector: Hon. Hussaini Mohammed Jallo:

The House:

Notes that the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) was established in 1972, to generate and distribute electricity in the country, as at 2000, it has the generating capacity of 6, 200 Megawatt from four thermal and two hydro plants which resulted in an unstable power supply, thus exposing consumers to frequent power cuts and outages;

Also notes that in 2013, the Federal Government launched the privatization program to unbundle the Power Sector as the Power Sector was taken over by Private Generating Companies (Gencos) and Distribution Companies (Discos), but this did not provide the needed solution;

Further notes that NEPA's failure to live up to its mandate necessitated the Electric Power Sector Reform (EPSR) Act, 2005 that gave birth to the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory

Commission (NERC), with powers to regulate the sector, thus, NEPA was renamed Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN);

Aware that with about 3 GigaWatt availability, Nigerian Power Production falls far short of demand, which is the primary constraint on the nation's economic growth;

Also aware that with the population of over 200 million, Nigeria needs a generation capacity of at least 60,000 Megawatt and an availability capacity of at least 40,000 Megawatt in the immediate with a solid arrangement and available capacities before 2035;

Worried that Nigeria faces severe electricity power shortages, ranking as the world's worst country with the longest annual outage duration in Africa, with about 90 million (466) of the total population not connected to the national grid, which corresponds to 54% of the total population, eletricity power supply is only available between 4-15 hours per week, affecting domestic households and industrial producers in the country;

Concerned that Nigerian citizens, industrialists, foreigners, and manufacturers with significant capital investments are moving to Ghana and other African nations to produce goods there and sell them in Nigeria, thereby turning the country into a dumping ground;

Informed that previous administrations spent over 30 billion on electricity, yet Nigeria only generated 5,000 megawatts of electricity as against the capacity needed by consumers;

Cognizant that Nigeria must prioritize quality and stable electricity supply for safety and betterment of the nation as proactive action against poor and unstable power supply is crucial.

Resolves to:

- urge the Federal Ministry of Power to interface with the management of PHCN and other relevant private sectors to improve the power generation, transmission, and distribution in the Country;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Power to:
 - (a) visit the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and other relevant agencies under the Ministry of Power, with a view to ensuring absolute compliance with all the provisions of the existing Acts;
 - (b) investigate the current state of electricity generation, transmission, and distribution, examine the over 30 billion, Naira spent on power, and assess the current generation and distribution capacities.
- (iii) proffer solution to expand the country's energy sources beyond hydro and gas plants to include coal, solar, wind and other renewable sources of energy and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative actions.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Police Force Pension Board charged with the Responsibility of Administering the Pension Scheme for the Personnel of the Force and exempt the Force from the Application of the Contributory Pension Scheme under the Pension Reform Act, 2014 and for Related Matters (HB. 979) (Leader) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) Committee of the Whole: 8/2/2024
- A Bill for an Act to Establish Auctioneers Registration Council of Nigeria for the Purpose of Regulating and Monitoring the Business and Practice of Auctioneers and Auctioneering in Nigeria, and for Related Matters (HB.1508) (Leader) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) – Committee of the Whole:

15. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Youth Development Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 119) (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) – *Committee of the Whole:* 19/3/2025.

16. Committee on Basic Education and Services:

Hon. Mark B. Useni:

"That House do consider the Report of the Basic Education and Service on a Bill for an Act to Establish Gifted and Talented Centres in the Six Geo-Political Zones in Nigeria and in Tran-Ekulu, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HBs. 931 & 1086) and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:12/3/2025*).

17. Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:

Hon. Adamu Tanko:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Teachers' Institute Act, Cap. N79 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 for the Institute to Constitute the Membership of the Council and provide Nigeria Certificate in Education, Undergraduate, Post Graduate and Research Programmes in Teachers Education and for Related Matters (HB879) and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 6/2/2025).

18. Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:

Hon. Adamu Tanko:

"That the House do consider 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 the Federal College of Education, (Technical) Uzebba–Iuleha, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB 1852) and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 15/5/2025).

19. Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:

Hon. Adamu Tanko:

"That the House do consider 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) and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:7/3/2025*).

20. Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:

Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Organic Agriculture and Food Safety Research Ulonna North, Isuikwuato, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB. 1380) and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 11/3/2025).

21. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Patrick Umoh.

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institution on a Bill for an Act to Amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Board, Etc.) Act, Cap. U15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.1445) and approve recommendations therein" (*Laid* 6/2/2025).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday 22 May 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Thursday 22 May 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex

3. Culture and Creative Economy (with Hon. Minister of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Creative Economy and Heads of Agencies)

Thursday 22 May 2025

3.00 p.m.

Committee Room 301 (New Building) Assembly Complex