FOURTH REPUBLIC 10^H NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (2023–2027) THIRD SESSION No. 9



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 3 July, 2025

- 1. National Anthem
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ADMITTANCE INTO CHAMBER

Admittance into the Chamber:

Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere:

"That the House, pursuant to Order Six, Rule 4 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, do admit into the Chamber, Delegates to the 8th Conference Network of the African Parliamentarian on Defense and Security Committees (REPAM – CDS) Abuja for the purpose of observing the House Proceedings".

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Directorate of Employment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1908) (Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Eze) – First Reading

- 2. Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1928) (Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Eze) First Reading
- 3. Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2433) (Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu) First Reading
- **4.** Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Omuo- Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2424) (Hon. Bamisile Olufemi Richard) First Reading
- **5.** Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2423) (Hon. Dalhatu Shehu) First Reading
- **6.** Matrimonial Causes Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2425) (Hon. Festus Akingbaso) First Reading
- 7. Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2426) (Hon. Festus Akingbaso) First Reading
- **8.** Administration of Criminal Justice Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2427) (Hon. Festus Akingbaso) First Reading
- 9. Cocoa Research Institute, Idanre, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2428) (Hon. Festus Akingbaso) First Reading
- **10.** Federal College of Health and Dental Technology, Ifedore, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2429) (Hon. Festus Akingbaso) First Reading
- **11.** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2430) (Hon. Aminu Jamo Daura) First Reading
- **12.** Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (HB.2431) (Hon. Aminu Jamo Daura) First Reading
- 13. Wildlife Conservation Research Institute, Pandam, Qua'an Pan Local Government Area, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2432) (Hon. John Moenwul Dafaan, Hon. Ahmed Idris) First Reading

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Report of the 19th Session of the Parliamentary Union of Islamic Conference (PUIC) of OIC Member States:

Hon. Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa:

"That the House do receive the Report of the 19^{th} Session of the Parliamentary Union of Islamic Conference (PUIC) of OIC Member States and Related Meetings Under the Theme: "PUIC Silver Jubilee/Sound Governance and Strong Institutions as Pillars of Resilience" held at the Parliament of Indonesia, Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia from 14 - 15 May, 2025"

ORDERS OF THE DAY BILLS

- 1. 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.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Takum, Taraba State to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in the Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB.2361) (Hon. Jonathan Gaza Gbefwi and Hon. Sadiq Tafida) Second Reading.

- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria, Cap A12, Law of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu Ijesa, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB.70) (Hon. Oluwole Oke) Second Reading.
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Climate Resilient Commerce in Nigeria to Establish a framework for Climate Resilient Commerce in Nigeria, Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth, and Reducing the Vulnerability of Nigerian Businesses in Climate Related Risks and for Related Matters (HB. 2206) (Hon. Ahmed Munir) Second Reading.
- **5.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make provision for the Establishment of the Federal University of Agriculture, Ningi, Bauchi State and for Related Matters (HB. 890) (Hon. Hashimu Adamu Ranga) Second Reading.
- **6.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, No. 43, 2023 to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical) Ibi, Taraba State for Related Matters (HB. 2025) (Hon. Ayuba Aboki Zaku Dampar) Second Reading.
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to create Additional Local Government Areas in Imo State and for Related Matters (HB. 2236) (Hon. Amadi Akarachi Etinosa) Second Reading.
- **8.** A Bill for an Act to Provide Legal framework for Free Internet Access Programme in selected Public Places in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1751) (Hon. Abubakar Yahaya Kusada) Second Reading.
- **9.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Environmental Science, Ohaaukwu, Ebonyi State and for Related Matters (HB. 284) (Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Eze) Second Reading.
- **10.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Ikara, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.1785) (Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi) Second Reading.
- 11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Meteorological Agency Act, No. 29, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB. 3009) (Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade) Second Reading.
- 12. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the River Basins Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the River Basins Development Authorities Bill for equitable distribution of River Basins Development Authorities in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.902) (Hon. Eze Nwachukwu) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

13. Recommittal of Bills:

Hon. Francis E. Waive:

The House:

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Notes that the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 1038) and Nigeria Ports Economic Regulatory Agency Bill, 2025 (HB. 500) were passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives and transmitted to the President for assent;

Observes that certain provisions in the forwarded Bills are inconsistent or in conflict with the recently assented Tax Acts:

Cognizant of the need to further scrutinize the two Bills to expunge the inconsistency with the Tax Acts;

Resolves to:

Commit the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2025 and the Nigeria Ports Economic Regulatory Agency Bill, 2025 to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage.

14. Need to Confirm the Employment of Qualified Contract Staff in the Transmission Company of Nigeria:

Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke:

The House:

Notes that the Transmission Company of Nigeria controls the management of the Afam sub-region station in Oyigbo Local Government Area of Rivers State and oversees the transmission of power from four power plants;

Also notes that Oyigbo Local Government Area is a host community to Afam sub-region station but the indigenes are employed as contract staff by the Transmission Company of Nigeria;

Worried that the Transmission Company of Nigeria has been conducting recruitment exercises, employing new staff from other parts of the country neglecting the indigenes who possess necessary qualifications and requisite experience, having worked as contract staff for at least five years, thereby causing friction within the host Community;

Concerned that if qualified and experienced indigenes are not given proper work opportunities and are limited to contract staff, agitations may escalate and disrupt power distribution in Abia, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Bayelsa and Cross River State;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committees on Labour, Employment and Productivity, and Power to audit and ascertain the number of qualified Afam indigenes contract staff who have served for at least 5 years and investigate why their employment cannot be regularized during recruitment and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

15. Need to Implement the Provisions of the Nigeria Police Academy Act, 2021 to Expand the Academy to Multiple Campuses Across the Country: Hon Kalejaiye Adeboye Paul:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment) Act, 2021, provides for establishment, development, and expansion of the Nigeria Police Academy as a degree-awarding institution for the training and education of officers of the Nigeria Police Force;

Also notes that Section 3 of the Act empowers the Academy, under the oversight of its Governing Council, to "establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutions, schools, and units within the Academy as may be necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;

Observes that the Governing Council of the Nigeria Police Academy is chaired by the Minister of Police Affairs, while the Chairman of the Police Service Commission as alternate chairman and the Inspector-General of Police being a key member, among others;

Worried that despite the clear provisions of the Act, the Nigeria Police Academy continues to operate only a single campus in Wudil, Kano State, thereby limiting access and opportunities to quality police training across the country;

Cognizant that the establishment of additional campuses in each geopolitical zone will promote inclusiveness and strengthen the capacity of the Nigeria Police Academy to train officers effectively;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, as the Visitor to the Academy, to recognise the importance of establishing additional campuses, approve recommendations of the Governing Council and mandate the Council to diligently pursue the expansion of the Nigeria Police Academy into a multi-campus institution to fully discharge its mandate for the advancement of policing, security, and national development;
- (ii) urge the Governing Council of the Nigeria Police Academy to immediately commence the implementation of the provisions of the Nigeria Police Academy Establishment Act, 2021, by facilitating the establishment of additional campuses in each geo-political zone in the country;
- (iii) also urge the National Universities Commission to consider proposals by the Governing Council, thereby facilitating the establishment of additional campuses to strengthen the capacity and accessibility of the Academy;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Institutions Police Affairs, University Education and Appropriations to collaborate with the Governing Council of the Nigeria Police Academy to ensure that necessary legislative and budgetary provisions are made to support the establishment and operation of additional campuses;

16. Need to Include Representatives of Local Government Areas and FCT Area Councils in the Composition of Federal Account Allocation Committee (FAAC): Hon. Shehu Saleh Rijau:

The House:

Notes that Section 7(1) of Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) establishes Local Government Area Councils as a 3rd tier system of Government, while Section 162(3) of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides for the entitles the Local Government Councils to share directly in Federation Account Allocations as benefitting entities;

Also notes that the Supreme Court has construed Sections 162(5) and (6) Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to the effect that the States are agents of the Federation to collect Local Government allocations from the Federation Account and pay to LGCs and did not give the States any right or interest in the said allocations to the Local Government Area Councils, from the Federation Account. The Supreme Court went further to also state that the duty of the States is to simply convey to the LGCs their allocations from the Federation Account;

Aware that the Supreme Court has further recognised that the approach of a direct payment to the LGCs will achieve the intention and purpose of the Constitution and accord with the smooth running of the system of paying the Local Government Area Councils their allocations from the Federation Account;

Also aware that the Supreme Court has also pronounced to the effect that paying the LGCs through the States of the Federation has not worked, therefore justice demands that Local Government Area Councils' allocations from the Federation Account should henceforth be paid directly to the LGCs;

Observes that Section 5 of the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc) Act 1981 prescribes the membership of the Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC) to be only representatives of the Federal Government and State Governments to the exclusion of the 3rd tier of Government, i.e. Local Government Councils (LGCs);

Also observes that this provision of the Act is no longer consistent with the current interpretation of Sections 162(5) and (6) CFRN 1999 as recently determined by the Supreme Court in its judgment of July 2024;

Further observes that it is imperative to urgently harmonize the provisions of Section 5 of the Act with the Constitution and its current interpretation by the Supreme Court; and

Aware that the representatives of the States had always represented LGCs at FAAC; however, in light of the current position of the Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, it has become imperative that a representative of LGCs per State and FCT Area Councils be nominated to represent their interest at FAAC,

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to ensure one representative of each Local Governments Council per State and FCT Councils are included as a member of FAAC; and
- (ii) communicate the resolution to the Hon Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the economy, as the Chairman of FAAC, for necessary action;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on States and Local Government to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

17. A Bill for an Act to Domesticate the New Partnership for Africa's Development Framework and Establish African Union Development Agency and to give effect to its Provisions in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 271) Committee *of the Whole:27/7/2023*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday 3 July 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Thursday 3 July 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Internal Security	Thursday 3 July 2025	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 231 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Procurement (Interactive Session with MDAs)	Thursday 3 July 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 (New Building) Assembly Complex