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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2582) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
2. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2618) (*Hon. Abdulrahman Ajiya*) – *First Reading*.
3. National Colleges of Health Technology Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2621) (*Hon. Murphy Osaro Omoniyi*) – *First Reading*.
4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2635) (*Hon. Raheem Tunji Olawuyi*) – *First Reading*.
5. Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2585) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.

6. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2636) (*Hon. Fidelis Joseph Bagudu*) – *First Reading*.
7. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2637) (*Hon. Fidelis Joseph Bagudu*) – *First Reading*.
8. Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Ibadan North, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2638) (*Hon. Fola Oyekunle*) – *First Reading*.
9. National Directorate of Employment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2584) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
10. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ibadan North, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2639) (*Hon. Fola Oyekunle*) – *First Reading*.
11. Nigerian Children's Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2583) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
12. National Social Investment Programme Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2633) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
13. Public Officers (Restriction on Medical Treatment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2642) (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Mohammed*) – *First Reading*.
14. Social Media Regulation Bill, 2025 (HB.2643) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*.
15. Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2575) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
16. Funtua Court Village Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2644) (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Mohammed*) – *First Reading*.
17. National Essential Energy Services Protection Bill, 2025 (HB.2645) (*Hon. Paul Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
18. National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2576) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
19. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2647) (*Hon. Blessing Onuh*) – *First Reading*.
20. Legal Practitioners' Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2648) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
21. Federal College of Health Technology, Egor (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2649) (*Hon. Murphy Osaro Omoniyi*) – *First Reading*.
22. Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2578) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
23. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2653) (*Hon. Adesola Ayoola Elegbeji*) – *First Reading*.
24. Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2574) (*Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
25. National Institute of Interventional Radiology, Cardiology and Neurology Maiduguri, Borno State, (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2654) (*Hon. Usman Zannah and Hon. Ahmed Satomi*) – *First Reading*.
26. Energy Commission of Nigeria (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2655) (*Hon. Oluwatimehin Adelegbe*) – *First Reading*.
27. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2656) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) – *First Reading*.
28. National Lottery Compliance Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2657) (*Hon. Akin Alabi*) – *First Reading*.

29. Federal Plea Bargain Registry (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2658) (*Hon. Akiolu Moshood Kayode*) – First Reading.
 30. Nutritionists Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2659) (*Hon. Chike John Okafor*) – First Reading.
 31. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2205 (HB. 2660) (*Hon. Adesola Ayoola-Elegbeji*) – First Reading.
 32. Private Guards Companies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2668) (*Hon. Raheem Tunji Olawuyi*) – First Reading.
 33. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2661) (*Hon. Adesola Ayoola-Elegbeji*) – First Reading.
 34. Chartered Sustainability Professionals Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2662) (*Hon. Akiolu Moshood Kayode*) – First Reading.
 35. Groundnut and Cotton Management Board (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2663) (*Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki*) – First Reading.
 36. Federal Institute of Entrepreneurship and Co-operative Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2664) (*Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki*) – First Reading.
 37. National Council of Traditional Rulers of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2665) (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari and Forty Others*) – First Reading.
 38. Federal College of Vocational and Craft Training, Boloko, Maiha, Adamawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2666) (*Hon. Ja'afar Abubakar Magaji*) – First Reading.
 39. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2667) (*Hon. Mohammed Audu*) – First Reading.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions

Hon. Isiaq Abiodun Akinlade

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A. 12 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Certain Specilised Colleges and for Related Matters (HB. 1481) (*Referred: 7/5/2025*)

2. Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions

Hon. Isiaq Abiodun Akinlade

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A. 12 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Ebelle, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB. 1805) (*Referred: 6/3/2025*)

3. Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions

Hon. Isiaq Abiodun Akinlade

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A 12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 as Amended to make provision for the Establishment of the National Highland Crops and Vegetable Research Institute, Bokkos, Plateau State, for the Research and Development in Highland Crops and Vegetable Production, improve Crop yields, Disease Resistance, and Climate Resilience for enhanced Food Security and Socio-Economic Development in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1876) (*Referred: 12/12/2024*)

4. Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions**Hon. Isiaq Abiodun Akinlade**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture to Establish Federal University of Agriculture and Development Studies, Ishiagu to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB.2025) (*Referred: 21/5/2025*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY BILLS

+A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Eye Centre Act, Cap. N38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Establishment of more Specialist Eye Care Centres and for Related Matters (POI) (*Hon. Julius Ihnovbere*) – **Third Reading.**

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Institute of Vision and Optical Research, Erema, Ogba-Egbema-Ndoni Local Government Area, Rivers State, to provide for Scientific Research, Development of new Technologies and Products in Vision and Optical Health and for Related Matters (HB. 586) (*Hon. Julius Ihnovbere*) – **Third Reading.**
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Optometry Odiokwu, Ahoada West/Ogba-Egbema-Ndoni Local Government Area, Rivers State, to provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Designated Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates in Optometry, Ophthalmology and Related Courses and for Related Matters (HB. 587) (*Hon. Julius Ihnovbere*) – **Third Reading.**
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2024 to provide for the Establishment of Orthopaedic Hospital, Shinkafi, Zamfara State and for Related Matters (HB 2159) (*Hon. Julius Ihnovbere*) – **Third Reading.**
4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Shippers’ Council Act, Cap. N133, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Ports Economic Regulatory Agency Act, 2025 to provide for Economic Regulation of Ports Services and for Related Matters (HB. 1038) (*Hon. Julius Ihnovbere*) – **Third Reading.**
5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Statistics Act, No.9, 2007 and Enact the Statistics Bill, 2025 to enhance the Responsiveness, Relevance and Effectiveness of the National Statistical System in the Digital Era, Establish an Improved Funding Mechanism and Strengthen the System to Promote Global Competitiveness in Statistical Development at all Levels of Government and for Related Matters (HB.2491) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen and Hon. Adegboyega Nasiru Isiaka*) – **Second Reading.**
6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Armed Forces Medical College (AFCOM) and for Related Matters (HB.2628) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) – **Second Reading.**
7. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Human Resources Management to make Provisions, amongst other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Human Resources Management and for Related Matters (HB.2351) (*Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyampa*) – **Second Reading.**
8. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create Ikwoano North and Ikwoano South Local Governments from Ikwoano Local Government in Abia State and for Related Matters (HB.2592) (*Hon. Obi Aguocha*) – **Second Reading.**

MOTIONS

9. **Re-committal of the Long Title, Clause 8 (1) (f), (g) and the Interpretation Clause of the National Examinations Council (NECO) (Establishment) Bill, 2025:**
Hon. Francis E. Waive:

The House:

Notes that the National Examinations Council (NECO) (Establishment) Bill, 2025 was passed by the House on Tuesday, 10 December 2024;

Also notes that the provisions of the Long Title, Clause 2 (1) (f), (g) and the Interpretation Clause needs to be amended to ensure efficient performance of the Function and Powers of the National Examinations Councils (Establishment) Bill, 2025;

Cognizant of the need to rescind its decision on the National Examinations Councils (NECO) (Establishment) Bill, 2025 to enhance the Powers and Functions of the Council;

Resolves to:

rescind its decision on Long Title, Clauses 8 (1) (f), (g) and the Interpretation Clause and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration and passage.

10. **Non-Remittance of over Five (5) Trillion Naira Operating Surplus and Eleven (11) Trillion Naira Government Revenue by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN):**
Hon. Bamidele Salam:

The House:

Notes the strategic and statutory role of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in the administration of the Remita Revenue Collection System established pursuant to the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), and other extant fiscal and financial management laws of the Federation;

Also notes that under the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007, the Finance Act, 2020, and the relevant subsidiary legislation, the Central Bank of Nigeria is mandated to collect, account for, and remit all Federal Government revenues accruing through the Remita platform into designated Government accounts in a transparent, efficient and in line with regulatory standards;

Aware that the House of Representatives, through its Public Accounts Committee (PAC), is duly empowered by Sections 85(5), 88 and 89 of the 1999, Constitution, as well as Order 20, Rule 6 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (11th Edition), to consider the Auditor-General's Reports and to conduct investigations into the general and specific areas of Nigeria's public financial management;

Also aware that in the course of the ongoing investigation by the Public Accounts Committee into the Auditor General's Report of 2022 financial year and the administration of the Remita Revenue Collection System by the Central Bank of Nigeria, covering the period from 1 March 2015 to 30 April 2016, the Committee uncovered the following:

- (1) The CBN undisputed liability of ₦5.2 Trillion, in unpaid operating surpluses due to the FGN for the years ended 2016 to 2022, which has remained unremitted to date;
- (2) Refunds of Collected Charges by the Central Bank of Nigeria
 - (a) Amount Collected by the Central Bank of Nigeria: ₦954,302,576.67
 - (b) Amount Refunded by the Central Bank of Nigeria: ₦0.00

- (c) Difference/Variation: ₦954,302,576.67
 - (d) Computed Interest at Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) of 27.25%: ₦2,329,027,728.92
 - (e) Total Amount Due for Refund: ₦3,283,330,305.05
- (3) Discrepancy in Total Collections Claimed by the Central Bank of Nigeria
- (a) CBN Claim of Total Collections (as per data submitted): ₦8,736,481,203.58
 - (b) PAC-Computed Central Bank of Nigeria Collections (from same data):
₦19,834,886,731.77
 - (c) Difference/Variation: ₦11,098,385,528.19
- (4) Missing Balance Take-On on Central Bank of Nigeria Core System

Further notes the discovery of a migration discrepancy amounting to ₦2,686,325,119,825.10 being outstanding and payable to the Federal Government's Assets Recovery Account;

Concerned that cumulatively, the Committee has uncovered that the Central Bank of Nigeria is indebted to the Federal Government of Nigeria in the sum of over ₦11 trillion, arising from the foregoing infractions and discrepancies;

Disturbed that despite several formal communications and invitations extended to the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria by the Public Accounts Committee to appear, provide explanations, and remit the outstanding amounts into designated Government accounts, the Central Bank of Nigeria has failed, refused, or neglected to honour the invitations or effect the required remittances as directed by the Committee;

Cognizant that at a time when the nation is confronted with acute revenue shortages, heightened insecurity, and pressing developmental needs, the prompt recovery of all Government funds is critical for national stability and economic sustainability;

Also cognizant of the constitutional mandate of the Legislature to provide oversight over public finances and to safeguard the assets and revenues of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Resolves to:

invite the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, to appear before the House of Representatives on Tuesday, 16 December 2025, at 11:00 a.m. to explain the non-remittance of the identified Government Revenues and present concrete plan for immediate payment of all outstanding amounts into the designated Federal Government accounts.

11. Need to Support the Decentralisation of Port Operations in Nigeria:

Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) recently issued a policy to transfer specific operational activities from the Lagos and Tin Can Island Ports to the Delta Ports in Warri, Koko, Burutu, and Sapele, citing congestion, infrastructure strain and the need to revive underutilised ports;

Also notes that the improvements achieved at Warri, Koko, Burutu, and Sapele Ports include dredging of the Warri/Escravos Channel, rehabilitation of quay walls, underwater corrosion surveys, vessel traffic system upgrades, and new handling equipment procurement, alongside concessions approved by the National Council on Privatisation and the Bureau of Public Enterprises;

Further notes that the policy aligns with long-standing Federal Government objectives to decongest Lagos ports by distributing maritime traffic more evenly across the country, thereby reviving underutilised ports in the Niger Delta and Eastern corridor to diversify economic assets, reduce regional imbalance, and reposition Nigeria as a competitive maritime hub in West Africa;

Aware that the Warri, Koko, Burutu, and Sapele ports possess significant maritime capacity, with strategic proximity to industrial and commercial clusters across the Southeast, South-South, and North-Central zones;

Concerned that excessive concentration of maritime activities in Lagos ports has resulted in chronic congestion, logistics bottlenecks, delayed cargo clearance, high demurrage and port charges, severe gridlocks, and high logistics costs borne by businesses nationwide;

Worried that Nigeria continues to incur high operational costs and suffer national economic losses due to over-dependence on Lagos ports, despite the presence of viable and underutilised facilities in Warri, Koko, Burutu and Sapele Ports;

Cognisant that a strategic redistribution of port activities will enhance national trade competitiveness, stimulate economic activities, create employment, promote maritime security, enhance equitable regional development, and advance national decentralisation objectives, and fully leveraging the Delta Ports corridor would attract investment flows and improve Nigeria's competitiveness in global trade;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to support the redistribution through complementary investments in rail, inland waterways, and road connectivity linking the various Delta Ports to major trade and industrial zones;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to expedite the decentralisation and optimisation of national port operations by relocating designated operations from Lagos to Warri, Koko, Burutu, and Sapele Ports under a structured, phased, and data-driven framework consistent with global best practices in port planning and maritime logistics;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Ports and Harbours to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Indiscriminate Sale of Land and Public Assets in Federal Housing Authority FHA/ENL Estates, Guzape:
Hon. Esosa Iyawe:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Housing Authority Paradise Hills Estate Guzape, built in collaboration with the ENL Consortium, is a unique development, well planned in an exquisite layout and good topography, surrounded by hills for security and fully sold out;

Also notes that having sold the buildings, the developers are indiscriminately mining the hills made of sand to provide security cover and geographical stability for the estate to create additional plots;

Cognisant that the hill loses its texture during the rainy season and creates mudslides that make some of the estate roads impassable;

Concerned that the heavy rainfall will exacerbate the already precarious situation of estate roads and adjoining houses, while the daily mining activities are causing tremors in Guzape and its immediate environs, undermining the structural integrity of the buildings in the locations;

Worried that the indiscriminate mining of the surrounding hills is a threat to government estates in Guzape and private properties with consequential loss of lives;

Also worried that most estates in the FCT, like the FHA/ENL consortium, go off-plan, allocating areas not within the original master plan when selling to prospective buyers;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Capital Development Authority to provide clarification and monitor development of the Federal Housing Authority Paradise Hills Estate, Guzape, and other estates in the Federal Capital Territory; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Public Assets, Housing and Habitat, and FCT to investigate and halt further allocation and development of plots not in the master plan of the FHA/ENL Estate in Guzape and other government estates in FCT.

13. Call for the Review and Reform of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) to Enhance Retirees' Welfare:

Hon. Afuape Moruf Afolabi:

The House:

Notes that the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), established under the Pension Reform Act of 2004 and amended in 2014, was designed to secure retirement benefits for Nigerian workers through contributions from employers and employees;

Aware that the Pensions Funds are managed by Pension Fund Administrators under supervision of the National Pension Commission to ensure regular and reliable pension payments to retirees;

Worried that despite the aim of the Contributory Pension Scheme, most retirees are faced with hardships due to meager pension payments, resulting in widespread poverty among senior citizens;

Observes that the structure of the Contributory Pension Scheme limits retirees to receiving only 25% of total pension savings as a lump sum, with the remaining 75% retained by Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) for investment, yielding disproportionately low returns;

Disturbed that the Contributory Pension Scheme has failed to address the harsh economic realities faced by retirees, such as increasing inflation and living costs, alongside the lack of transparency in pension fund management which has led to distrust among retirees;

Also disturbed that the disparity between the treatment of retirees under the Contributory Pension Scheme and Defined Benefit Scheme (DBS) raises concerns of equity and fairness.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Labour and Employment to collaborate with stakeholders to reform the Contributory Pension Scheme, aiming for a fair, sustainable, and dignified pension system;
- (ii) also urge the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) to enhance oversight of Pension Fund Administrators by imposing stricter regulations and transparency measures, ensure equitable returns on investments, prioritizing the interests of retirees and implement measures to provide retirees with greater control and flexibility over their pension funds;
- (iii) further urge the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) to address non-remittances of pension contributions by employers, impose stricter penalties and ensure full compliance;

- (i) mandate the Committee on Pensions to investigate the inadequacies of pensions Funds Administrators and challenges affecting Pension Fund Administration and Intelligence to ensure effective coordination and sustained security presence in affected areas and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

14. Need to Determine the Boundaries between Communities in Akpugoeze, Oji Local Government Area and Orumba North Local Government Area of Anambra State:

Hon. Anayo Onwuegbu:

The House:

Notes that some Communities in Oji River Local Government Area, Enugu State are situated in the border area between Enugu State and Orumba North Local Government Area, Anambra State;

Also notes that the Oji River Communities are the ancestral owners of the Mmamu forest reserve and farm settlement in the border area;

Aware that the indigenes of Oji River clans leased part of the land to Ukwuenu Aro settlers, who later developed into smaller Communities known as Ubani, Ozu, and Okpeze (now Ukwuenu Communities), with the inhabitants being customary tenants to Akpugoeze clan paying royalty to the owners of the land;

Also aware that the tenancy status of these communities is documented in 1911 and 1933 Tenancy Agreements;

Concerned that despite the National Boundary Commission and Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation's awareness of the dispute, and the meetings held by both State Governments with concerned Communities, which led to the establishment of a Joint Field Team (JFT) on December 15, 2006, to resolve the lingering boundary delineation process, the process has been unduly delayed.

Worried that the delay has caused hardship to the true and ancestral owners of the area, who accommodated their brothers only for them to lay claim to the land;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Boundary Commission and Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation to carry out fieldwork and demarcate the boundaries between the Communities of Akpugoeze clan in Enugu State and Orumba North Local Government Area in Anambra State to resolve the interstate boundary disputes;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Special Duties and Works to liaise with the National Boundary Commission and Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation to ensure the delineation process is completed within twenty-four (24) weeks;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

15. Call to Declare January 15 as a National Holiday in Honour of the Nigerian Armed Forces:

Hon. Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan.

The House:

Notes that for decades, the Nigerian Armed Forces have made extraordinary sacrifices to defend the nation's sovereignty, protect citizens, confront threats, and maintain peace both domestically and internationally, their qualities of courage, discipline, and professionalism are a lasting source of national pride;

Also notes that is observed nationwide as Armed Forces Remembrance Day commemorating the end of the Nigerian Civil War in 1970 and dedicated to honouring fallen heroes, celebrating serving personnel, and recognising the service and resilience of veterans who continue to contribute to national development;

Aware that declaring January 15 a national holiday would institutionalise national remembrance, create a unifying civic tradition, and strengthen the bond between Nigerians and the men and women of the Armed Forces whose sacrifices uphold our freedom, security, and democratic order;

Also aware that over 70 countries across the world, including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, India, Australia, and New Zealand, observe national holidays dedicated to Armed Forces or fallen heroes, ensuring sustained public awareness, civic education, and national unity rooted in shared history and gratitude;

Worried that the absence of a designated national holiday limits citizens' participation in wreath-laying ceremonies, remembrance parades, military honour events, school-based civic lessons, and community-led tributes, thereby weakens national consciousness of military history, reduces opportunities for intergenerational learning, and diminishes public recognition of the sacrifices that secure the nation;

Concerned that most Nigerian youths are unaware of the symbolism, and historical weight of January 15, thus contributing to a gradual cultural disconnect between civilians and military families;

Recognise that honouring the Armed Forces through a national holiday would promote deeper national identity, patriotism, and collective appreciation for military service, support the mental and emotional well-being of veterans who battle post-traumatic stress, physical disabilities, and assuring them that their sacrifices are not forgotten and the nation stands with them;

Cognisant of the importance of the Nigerian Armed Forces in addressing security challenges, including insurgency, terrorism, kidnapping, banditry, illegal bunkering, piracy, and communal violence. National recognition of their role enhances morale, fosters unity among personnel, and increases public awareness of their responsibilities in maintaining national security;

Convinced that declaring January 15 a national holiday will promote national pride, unity, historical memory, and civic discipline in line with the values upheld by the Constitution, including Section 14(2)(b), which affirms that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to declare January 15 as a National Public Holiday in honour and celebration of the Nigerian Armed Forces, to institutionalise national remembrance and strengthen civic appreciation of the sacrifices made by military personnel;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Defence, Interior, and Legislative Compliance to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Interior and relevant stakeholders to ensure timely implementation and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

16. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap, A12 Laws of the Federation 2004 (as amended) to Change the Name of the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Opialu–Ojapo, Benue State to Federal College of Agriculture and Technology, Opialu–Ojapo, Benue State and for Related Matters (SB.864) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) – *Committee of the Whole*: 22/10/2025.

17. Committee on Electoral Matters:**Hon. Adebayo Balogun:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Electoral matters on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act, 2022 and Enact the Electoral Bill, to Regulate the Conduct of Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory Elections and for Related Matters (HB. 2479) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 3/12/2025)*.

18. Committee on Public Service Matters:**Hon. Sani Umar Bala:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Service Matters on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Service Pension Board Act, No. 62, 2023, to among other things, Reconstitute the Membership of the Board, provide the Template for Payment of Gratuity and Establish a Fund for the Scheme and for Related Matters (HB 2240) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 13/11/2025)*

19. Committee on Public Service Matters:**Hon. Sani Umar Bala:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Service Matters on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Assembly Service Act (No. 63) 2014 and Enact the National Assembly Service Act, 2025 to provide for a clear administrative structure for the National Assembly Service outlining the Qualifications for the Appointment of Clerks, Heads of Directorates of the National Assembly and the Secretary to the Commission; to enhance Professionalism and Accountability within the National Assembly’s Administrative Framework and for Related Matters (HB. 2056) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 13/11/2025)*.

20. 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 Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Damasak, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB. 544) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 15/10/2025)*.

21. 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 Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Alkaleri, Bauchi State and for Related Matters (HB. 550) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 24/6/2025)*.

22. 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 Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Eket, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB. 363) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 19/2/2025)*.

23. Committee on Health Institutions:**Hon. Patrick Umoh:**

“That the House do consider Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Mashi, Katsina State and for Related Matters (HB. 1554) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 14/10/2025)*.

24. 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 Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ido, Oyo State and for Related Matters (HB. 1706) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 15/10/2025)*.

25. 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 Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fagge, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 94) and approve recommendations therein” *(Laid: 23/10/2024)*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday 10 December 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday 10 December 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Special <i>Ad- Hoc</i> Committee on Overlapping Jurisdictions, Procedural Gaps and Investors Concerns arising from the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Digital, Electronic, Online or Non-Traditional Consumer Lending Regulations 2025 (<i>HR. 38/10/2025</i>)	Wednesday 10 December 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 440 (New Building) Assembly Complex