



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 11 March, 2026

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal High Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2685)(*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
2. Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2686)(*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
3. University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2687)(*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
4. National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2688) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
5. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2689) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
6. Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2690) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.

7. Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2691) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
 8. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2728) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) – *First Reading*.
 9. National Eye Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2692) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
 10. National Ear Care Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2693) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
 11. National Hospital for Women and Obstetric Fistula (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2694) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
 12. Medical and Dental Practitioners Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2695) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
 13. Pharmacy Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2696) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
 14. Nursing and Midwifery (Registration, Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2697) (*Executive*) – *First Reading*.
 15. Department of State Service Research and Development Bureau (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2716) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) – *First Reading*.
 16. National Defence College (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2712) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) – *First Reading*.
 17. National Research Institute for Chemical Technology (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2711) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) – *First Reading*.
 18. Engineers (Registration, Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2727) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Hon. Abubakar Suleiman Gumi and Hon. Akin Alabi*) – *First Reading*.
 19. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2681) (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive*) – *First Reading*.
 20. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2725) (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki*) – *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Communications:

Hon. Peter O. Akpatason:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Communications on the “Colloquium on the Legislative Agenda: The Nigerian Communications Act 2003” with the Theme, “The Nigerian Communications Acts 2003; 22 years after Challenges, Opportunities and future directions for a Digital Nigeria” held in Lagos from 29 – 30 April, 2025.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal Oil and Gas Hospital Beni Krukuru, Warri South – East Local Government Area, Delta State to Provide Comprehensive Medical Services to workers in the Oil and Gas Industry as well as to Communities affected by Oil and Gas Operations and for Related Matters (SB.847) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) – *Third Reading*.

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Bitumen Development Commission of Nigeria and Provide a Legal Framework for the Promotion of Research, Study, Investment, Exploration, Production, Exportation, Development and Utilization of Locally Sourced Bitumen in Nigeria and for Related Matters (SB. 07) (*Senate*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) – *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Chartered Sustainability Professionals Institute of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2662) (*Hon. Akiolu Moshood Kayode and Hon. Isah Bello Ambarura*) – (*Second Reading*).
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Risk Management Institute of Nigeria Act No.39, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB.2303) (*Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyampa*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Strategic Intelligence Management Institute charged with the, administration and management of the Institute and for Related Matter (HB. 2589) (*Hon. Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa and Hon. Ahmed Satome*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

6. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly:

- (i) *Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2114); and*
- (ii) *National Research Institute for Chemical Technology (Establishment) Act, 2026 (HB. 2711)*

Hon Francis Ejiroghene Waive.

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 17 (a), (b), (c) & (d) 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 Bills–

- (a) whose report were 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 were 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. 2114 and 2711 respectively;

Resolves to:

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

7. Need for the Construction of Benin-Lagos Railway Corridor to Boost Trade, Ease Transportation and Enhance Security:

Hon. Omosede G. Igbinedion:

The House:

Notes that Lagos and Benin City are major economic and population centres, with daily transportation of people, goods and agricultural produce between along the route;

Also notes that the Lagos-Benin highway is currently overburdened, plagued by traffic congestion, dilapidation and rising incidents of armed robbery, kidnapping and accidents;

Concerned that the absence of a railway alternative on this critical route puts strain on the national economy, endangers lives, delays supply chains and stifles regional integration;

Further notes that developing a modern railway line between Benin and Lagos will provide a safer, faster and more reliable alternative for commuters and businesses, while also reducing pressure on the road network;

Worried that insecurity along this route continues to discourage interstate travel and commercial activity, especially for women, traders, students and farmers transporting produce;

Believes that investment in railway infrastructure is not only an economic strategy but also a national security imperative, especially in vulnerable and high traffic regions;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) to prioritize the development of Benin-Lagos railway corridor under the national transport masterplan;
- (ii) encourage the security components such as surveillance systems, railway police and secured terminals be integrated into the design of the railway infrastructure; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to ensure compliance.

**8. Need to Construct Pedestrian Bridges on the ongoing Sagamu-Benin Expressway Project:
Hon. Adesola Ayoola-Elegbeji:**

The House:

Notes the increasing rate of road accidents and fatalities being recorded daily along the Sagamu-Benin Expressway, especially within the Sagamu axis where the expressway cuts directly across the heart of the town;

Also notes that the ongoing construction of the Sagamu-Benin Expressway has inadvertently created significant safety challenges for pedestrians and motorists due to the absence of designated pedestrian crossings, bridges, and flyovers;

Aware that the expressway has effectively divided Sagamu town into two distinct parts, with the section across the expressway experiencing an explosive population growth tripling the size of the older part of Sagamu, leading to constant movement of residents, traders, and students across the highway;

Concerned that the constant human and vehicular movement across a high-speed highway have resulted in fatal accidents involving school children, market women, and commuters attempting to cross the expressway;

Recognises that the Sagamu Express Junction, linking Total Expressway with Ewa Oliwo; RSS Junction, linking Area Command to the Express Junction and Ikenne Express Junction, linking the Dalabo area in Sagamu have become major danger zones in dire need of pedestrian safety infrastructure;

Cognizant that the construction of pedestrian bridges and flyovers at these critical points will not only prevent loss of lives but will enhance free traffic flow, protect economic activities, and support the long-term urban development of Sagamu and its environs.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately review the Sagamu-Benin Expressway project design and include the construction of flyovers and pedestrian bridges at identified high-risk areas within Sagamu;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to liaise with the Ogun State Government to ensure that safety infrastructure is integrated into federal highway projects in Ogun State;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE) to intensify public enlightenment campaigns on road safety and ensure temporary pedestrian crossings are provided pending the construction of permanent structures;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Works to conduct an on-the-spot assessment of the Sagamu axis of the expressway particularly the Total–Ewu Oliwo Junction, RSS Junction, and Ikenne–Dalabo Junction, and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Rising Cost of Medicines in Nigeria and the Need to Fast-Track the Revival of Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturing:

Hon. Alex Mascot Ikwechegh:

The House:

Notes that the prices of essential medicines in Nigeria have risen astronomically over the past two years, making life-saving drugs unaffordable to millions of Nigerians, especially in rural and underserved communities;

Also notes that according to the Nigerian Association of Pharmacists and Drug Dealers, the prices of some common medications have increased by 300% to 500%, due to factors including inflation, naira devaluation, import dependency, and supply chain disruptions;

Aware that the Federal Government issued an Executive Order in June 2024 to eliminate tariffs, VAT, and import duties on pharmaceutical raw materials, equipment, and machinery to lower production costs and boost local pharmaceutical manufacturing;

Also aware that despite the Executive Order, the prices of drugs have remained high due to lack of effective implementation, exchange rates, regulatory delays, poor infrastructure, and low access to financing by indigenous pharmaceutical firms;

Concerned that the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), in February 2025, announced the commencement of an investigative hearing into the high cost of medicines across Nigeria, in partnership with the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) and pharmaceutical stakeholders, but has yet to release its findings to the public;

Worried that the continued delay in addressing the structural problems confronting the pharmaceutical sector poses a serious threat to national health security, especially during public health emergencies or pandemics;

Disturbed that Nigeria still imports over 70% of its medicines and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), making the country vulnerable to international price shocks, delays, and supply disruption;

Cognisant that reviving and expanding local pharmaceutical production is a strategic imperative for national self-reliance, job creation, industrial development, and universal health coverage;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Health and Social Welfare, Industry, and Trade and Investment, and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), to urgently implement and monitor the full operationalisation of the Executive Order on Pharmaceutical Production inputs;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to create a dedicated Pharmaceutical Industrialisation Fund under the Bank of Industry (BOI) to provide single-digit loans to indigenous pharmaceutical manufacturers, especially Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs);
 - (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) to fast-track the registration and quality assurance of locally produced essential medicines without compromising safety standards;
 - (iv) again urge the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation Agency to launch a nationwide public enlightenment campaign on the importance of local drug patronage, affordability, and national health security;
 - (v) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, Industry, Commerce, and National Planning and Economic Development, and Legislative Compliance to:
 - (a) interface with relevant Ministries Department and Agencies (MDAs) to develop a coordinated roadmap for revitalising local drug manufacturing, including tax incentives, infrastructure support, Research and Development Investment, and workforce training;
 - (b) invite the Director-General of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) to provide an update on the status of the investigative hearing and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Assembly Infrastructure and Property Agency to take over the Operation, Management, Development, Maintenance and Preservation of the National Assembly Complex and all Properties of the National Assembly anywhere in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2072) – *Committee of the Whole 23/10/2025.*
11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnical Act, Cap. F17, Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 to, among other things, Review the Functions of the Polytechnic and Related Matters (HB. 2114) – *Committee of the Whole 10/2/2026.*
12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Assignment of Receivables through Factoring, Establish Legal Certainty, Promote Transparency, Modernize Assignment Laws, Facilitate Access to Credit, and enhance Domestic and International Trade and for Related Matters (HB.516) – *Committee of the Whole:21/102/025*
13. **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*)
14. **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*).

15. Committee on Public Petitions:**Hon. Laori Kwamoti:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Sovereignty Legal Practitioners on Behalf of Stakeholders in Education Sector against the Invalidation of Degree Certificates from the Republics of Benin and Togo by the Federal Government of Nigeria and approve recommendation” (*Laid:21/10/2025*).

- (i) that the Federal Government of Nigeria should rescind the blanket invalidation of degree certificates obtained from the Republics of Benin and Togo;
- (ii) that the Federal Government of Nigeria should adopt a case-by-case verification mechanism to address confirmed instances of fraud, rather than impose a blanket sanction;
- (iii) that the Federal Ministry of Education should work closely with the education authorities in Benin and Togo to strengthen verification frameworks, curb academic fraud, and authenticate foreign qualifications;
- (iv) that the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Ministry of Information and National Orientation Agency should raise public awareness to educate Nigerians on verifying the accreditation status of foreign institutions and on obtaining homologation or equivalence certification where applicable;
- (v) that the Federal Government of Nigeria should align its future policy with Nigeria’s bilateral, regional and international treaty obligations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday 11 March 2026	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday 11 March 2026	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex