

Weekly Legislative Digest

Weekly highlights from plenary sittings of the Senate and the House of Representatives

Week of 20–22 October 2026

10th National Assembly · Fourth Session

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

On Thursday the House passed five bills, including the Insurance Regulatory Commission and civil registration bills. Both chambers took up Ebola on Wednesday, a day after Nigeria confirmed an imported case in Abuja.

5 bills passed by the House at third reading on Thursday	12 House bills through second reading on Tuesday and Thursday	2 bills re-passed by the Senate after the President returned them	2.98bn litre gap between NNPC and NMDPRA figures for 2022 petrol imports
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SPOTLIGHT

After the Abuja Ebola case, the Senate calls for compulsory screening at every entry point

On Wednesday 21 October, a day after Nigeria confirmed an imported Ebola case in Abuja, the Senate adopted a motion by Sen. Francis Faduyile (Ondo South) calling for compulsory screening of all international arrivals at airports, seaports and land borders, and immediate release of emergency funds from the Service Wide Vote.

The House, on a motion by Hon. Amobi Ogah, urged release of all outstanding funds appropriated to health agencies.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The Senate Committee on Judiciary is to work with the executive and health agencies on replacing the 1926 Quarantine Act in line with the International Health Regulations (2005).

TOP STORIES

House passes five bills, including insurance and civil registration reforms

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Senate re-passes two bills returned by the President

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House probes circular on lawmakers' foreign travel

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Bill to cap advance rent in the FCT at 12 months

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Senate: Bills

Three sittings, with all Order Paper business taken: two returned bills re-passed, four second readings, two reports, two House bills for concurrence and nine first readings.

Bills re-passed

Tuesday

- **Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill**, on local processing of raw materials.
- **Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill**, on procurement standards.

The President returned both with observations after the Ministry of Justice flagged issues. On the Senate Leader's motion, the Senate rescinded its earlier passage (Orders 1(b) and 52(6)), reconsidered both in Committee of the Whole and passed them again for assent.

Second readings

Tue · Thu

- **National Senior Secondary Education Commission (Amendment) · SB. 1075** (Tue; Senate Leader). Intervention funds for unity colleges and Armed Forces schools; state and FCT boards. To Education (Basic and Secondary).
- **Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) · SB. 1065** (Tue; Sen. Danladi Envulu-Anza). Moves the Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa to Nasarawa Eggon.
- **National Research and Innovation Development Fund · SB. 1069** (Thu; Senate Leader). A fund and a national council to support research, innovation and commercialisation.
- **National Universities Commission (Repeal and Re-enactment) · SB. 1056** (Thu; Senate Leader). The NUC becomes the apex regulator and accreditation body. To Tertiary Institutions and TETFund for a public hearing.

Reports and concurrence

Thursday

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONSIDERED

Federal Universities of Agriculture (Amendment)	SB. 899
Federal University of Education, Obudu	SB. 150

TAKEN FOR CONCURRENCE

Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Amendment)	HB. 2681
Federal Medical Centres (Amendment)	HB. 1706

First readings

Tue · Wed

TUESDAY

National Sugar Development Council (Amendment)	HBs. 2022, 2030
Industrial Training Fund (Amendment)	HB. 1519
Federal Medical Centres (Amendment)	HB. 2652
State Security Service Research and Development Bureau	HB. 2716
Agricultural Revolution (Deputy Senate President Barau Jibrin)	SB. 1082
Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Amendment) (Sen. Orji Uzor Kalu)	SB. 1083

WEDNESDAY

Nigerian Film Commission (Establishment)	HB. 2522
Risk Management	HB. 1625
Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa Eggon (Sen. Danladi Envulu-Anza)	SB. 1084

The four Tuesday HB bills and the first two on Wednesday came from the House; the Senate Leader presented them. The House passed HB. 2716 on 15 October.

Confirmation. Engr. Sani Mohammed Ndanusa, a former sports minister, was confirmed as a non-career ambassador on the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Tuesday

Senate: Motions and Committees

Ebola, killings in Benue and coastal erosion in Bayelsa and Ondo, plus a committee challenge to petrol import records.

Motions

Wed · Thu

- **Ebola** (Wed; Sen. Francis Faduyile). Compulsory screening at all entry points, isolation centres ready in the 36 states and the FCT, and funding for NCDC and Port Health in the 2027 budget. Senators rejected a proposal to inspect the entry points the patient passed through.
- **Benue killings** (Thu; Sen. Emmanuel Udende, Benue North-East). 113 people reported killed in four attacks. Security chiefs to step up operations and early warning; NEMA relief for the displaced. The Senate President directed the Resolutions and Compliance Committee to engage security agencies on manpower.

Coastal erosion

Tue · Thu

- **Obogoro, Bayelsa** (Tue; Sen. Benson Konbowei). About 300 people made homeless. The Ecological Project Office, Environment Ministry and NDDC to provide shoreline protection; NEMA relief.
- **Ayetoro, Ondo** (Thu; Sen. Faduyile). About 80 per cent of buildings lost to sea incursion. A funded shoreline programme with Ondo State and OSOPADEC, a review of past contracts, and NEMA relief. Three committees report in four weeks.

Petrol import records

Committee

The Public Accounts Committee (chair: Sen. Hassan Dankwambo) rejected NMDPRA's records and will summon the heads of NMDPRA, NNPC and NEITI. A hearing date is to be announced.

PMS imports	NMDPRA	NNPC
2022	3.29bn litres	6.27bn litres
2023	6.02bn litres	3.88bn litres

BOTH CHAMBERS Procedure and Practice Watch

- **Legislative autonomy.** On a motion by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (Tue), the House reaffirmed the separation of powers under sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Constitution and asked its Public Service Matters and Legislative Compliance committees to investigate an OSGF circular of 13 August 2026 requiring approval for lawmakers' official foreign trips. They report in four weeks.
- **Returned bills.** The Senate used Orders 1(b) and 52(6) to rescind its passage of the two bills the President returned with observations, then reconsidered and re-passed them (page 2).
- **Reopening a passed bill.** The House recommitted the National Assembly Service Pension Board amendment, passed on 7 May, under Order One, Rule 1(2), after the Directorate of Legal Services found anomalies in sections 7 and 8. It was passed again on Thursday.
- **Reviving a bill from the last Assembly.** Order Twelve, Rule 16(d) lets the House take bills the previous Assembly passed, but whose assent was never communicated, straight to Committee of the Whole. The Agricultural Quarantine Service bill (HB. 2817) was committed this way.
- **Fast track.** The executive's Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau amendment (HB. 2832) was read the first time on Tuesday and the second time on Thursday.

House: Bills

All business on the Tuesday and Thursday Order Papers was taken: five bills passed on Thursday, second readings on all three days and an executive package read the first time.

Passed at third reading

Thursday

- **National Assembly Service Pension Board (Amendment) · HB. 2240.** Reconstitutes the board; gratuity template and fund.
- **Insurance Regulatory Commission · SB. 394.** Replaces the NAICOM Act.
- **Compulsory Civil Registration · SB. 913.** Electronic civil registration.
- **Joint Doctrine and Warfare Centre · HB. 2741.** Coordinates military operations.
- **Strategic Intelligence Management Institute · HB. 2589.**

All five are in the House Leader's name. SB. 394 and SB. 913 are Senate bills; HB. 2741 and HB. 2589 now go to the Senate, which re-passed the pension board bill on 13 October.

First readings

Tue · Thu

TUESDAY

Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Amendment), executive	HB. 2832
NDLEA Act (Amendment), executive	HB. 2833
National School of Government, executive	HB. 2834
Federal Colleges of Forestry and Resource Management, New Marte (Borno) and Yusufari (Yobe)	HBs. 2835, 2836
NIA Pension Board and DIA Civilian Pension Board (Amendment) bills	HBs. 2837, 2838

THURSDAY

FCT Advance Rent Regulation and Tenants' Protection · HB. 2839 (Hon. Paul Nnamchi). Caps advance rent at 12 months for homes and shops, with an FCT rent authority to order refunds and fines of up to ₦5m for individuals and ₦20m for companies.

National Postgraduate College of Pharmacists	HB. 2840
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Second readings

Tue · Wed · Thu

TUESDAY

Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols	HB. 2825
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	HB. 2826
Insurance Regulatory Commission	SB. 394
Federal University of Information Technology, Ikare-Akoko	SB. 289
Second-hand electrical materials and vendor register (Hon. Victor Nwokolo)	HB. 2792
Federal Medical Centre, Ifako-Ijaiye (Hon. Olabinjo Adeyemi)	HB. 2296

WEDNESDAY

Drone Industrialisation (Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu)	HB. 2823
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THURSDAY

Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Amendment)	HB. 2832
National Senior Secondary Education Commission (Amendment)	HB. 2790
Administration of Criminal Justice (Repeal and Re-enactment)	HB. 2791
Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Amendment), farm machinery	HB. 2818
Firearms Act (Amendment)	HB. 2144
National Children's Hospital, Ideato	HB. 1427

Reports and Committee of the Whole

Tuesday: SB. 913 and the Agricultural Quarantine Service bill (HB. 2817) in Committee of the Whole; reports on HB. 2741, HB. 2589 and FMC Ohafia (HB. 257).

Thursday: HB. 2817 again; reports on the Federal College of Horticulture, Iyara (HB. 1447) and the Agricultural Development Fund (HB. 2036).

House: Motions and Resolutions

Fifteen motions on Ebola, floods, roads, a market fire, a power shutdown and payments fraud. The motion on the OSGF travel circular is on page 3.

Health and safety

4 motions

- **Ebola** (Hon. Amobi Ogah; Wed). Release outstanding funds appropriated to health agencies; health institutions on high alert; the Health Ministry and NCDC to assess extra needs. The Infectious Diseases Committee to report back.
- **Fake food and drinks** (Hon. Abubakar Yalleman; Tue). NAFDAC, SON and FCCPC to run joint crackdowns, lab tests and supply-chain checks. The Health Institutions Committee reports in four weeks.
- **NYSC camp death, Enugu** (Tue). An inquiry, and better medical and emergency services at orientation camps.
- **Oluku Market tanker fire, Edo** (Hon. Omosede Igbinedion; Wed). NEMA relief; the market rebuilt with Edo State; FRSC and NMDPRA to investigate; repairs on the Benin–Lagos Expressway at Oluku.

Power and the economy

3 motions

- **BEDC and NUEE dispute** (Hon. Clement Jimbo). Federal mediation and restored supply in Edo, Delta, Ondo and Ekiti, with backup power for hospitals. The Power and Labour committees to find the causes.
- **POS and agency banking** (Hon. Mark Esset; Thu). CBN and CAC to require an EFCC compliance certificate and business registration for POS agents, sanction firms that onboard unregistered agents and set up a verification portal. Committees report in four weeks.
- **Electric and CNG vehicle imports** (Hon. Ademorin Kuye; Thu). A transparent licensing framework, NADDC criteria such as local service centres and charging or refuelling investment, and a public register of approved importers. Committees report in four weeks.

Flooding and erosion

5 motions

- **Odi Kingdom, Bayelsa** (Hon. Oboku Oforji; Tue). Emergency shoreline protection and restoration; committees to visit and report in four weeks.
- **Ikwo and Ezza South, Ebonyi** (Hon. Chinedu Ogah; Tue). Immediate relief and long-term flood control.
- **Mbaise and Ngor Okpala, Imo**. Damage assessment, NEMA relief, road and culvert repairs, and support for farmers.
- **Ideato North/South, Imo** (Hon. Ikenga Ugochinyere). About 22 communities cut off; NEMA relief, road repairs and erosion control.
- **Anambra gully erosion** (Hon. Peter Uzokwe; Thu). The Ibolo Oraifite gully is about 150 metres from the Onitsha–Owerri dual carriageway. Assessment, completion of works abandoned after a 2014 contract, NEMA relief and 2027 funding; an oversight visit and report in four weeks.

Roads and bridges

3 motions

- **Lagos–Calabar coastal highway** (Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi; Wed). Keep the original route through Ondo State and the Escravos–Ogheye–Ugborodo corridor in Delta. Hon. Ademorin Kuye proposed coastal feeder roads where the route moves inland.
- **East-West Road, Oron–Calabar** (Hon. Martins Esin; Thu). Start Section V, Phase I, approved in 2014 at ₦165.3 billion, and fund it in 2027; the Appropriations and Works committees to enforce.
- **Eko Bridge, Lagos** (Hon. Lanre Okunlola; Tue). Agencies to submit drawings and right-of-way records and remove illegal structures; the Works Committee reports in four weeks.

Bills on the Move

Key bills that moved this week and where they stand.

BILL	THIS WEEK	STAGE, END OF WEEK
Raw Materials Council and Purchasing and Supply Management Institute amendments	Senate · earlier passage rescinded, both re-passed · Tue	Back for assent
Insurance Regulatory Commission · SB. 394	House · second reading · Tue; passed · Thu	Passed both chambers
Compulsory Civil Registration · SB. 913	House · Committee of the Whole · Tue; passed · Thu	Passed both chambers
National Assembly Service Pension Board (Amendment) · HB. 2240	House · recommitted · Tue; passed · Thu. Senate re-passed on 13 Oct	Passed both chambers
Joint Doctrine and Warfare Centre; Strategic Intelligence Management Institute · HBs. 2741, 2589	House · reports · Tue; passed · Thu; to the Senate for concurrence	Passed House
National Senior Secondary Education Commission (Amendment) · SB. 1075, HB. 2790	Senate · second reading · Tue; House · second reading · Thu	In committee, both
National Universities Commission (Repeal and Re-enactment) · SB. 1056	Senate · second reading · Thu; public hearing to follow	In Senate committee
Geneva Conventions · HB. 2825; Rome Statute · HB. 2826	House · second reading · Tue	In House committee
FCT Advance Rent Regulation and Tenants' Protection · HB. 2839	House · first reading · Thu	First reading

DATES TO WATCH Looking Ahead

c. 10 Nov	Senate committees report on the NAFDAC and suicide prevention bills; House committees on Delta flooding and SME credit.
12–13 Nov	House Electoral Matters reports on Njiriv and Yonov; Senate Local and Foreign Debt on the ₦100.5bn promissory note.
17 Nov	House committees report on the OSGF circular, fake food and drinks, Odi erosion and Eko Bridge.
19 Nov	Senate committees report on Ayetoro; House committees on POS agents, electric and CNG imports, and Anambra erosion.
Date to come	Senate Public Accounts hearing with the NMDPRA, NNPC and NEITI heads; public hearing on the NUC bill.
13 Jan 2027	House ad hoc committee on debts reaches the end of its 90-day extension.

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