



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 18 October, 2017

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Inclusion of ICT as another means of Providing Tuition towards the Advancement of Learning throughout Nigeria by the National Open University; and for Related Matters (HB. 1140) (*Senate*) (*House Leader*) — *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act for the Prohibition and Protection of Persons from Lynching or Unlawful Killing by Mob Action, Riotous Assemblage or Extra Judicial Killing in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1169) (*Senate*) (*House Leader*) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Impact Assessment Act, Cap. E12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make it Responsive by ensuring that Project Developers, Approving Authorities and Persons whose Livelihood will be affected by Proposed Projects are Involved in the Decision making to safeguard the Environment and Ensure Adequate Remediation of the Environment, among others; and for Related Matters (HB.977) (*Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide that the Experience Gained as a Corp Member shall be regarded as Work Experience; and for Related Matters (HB. 1048) (*Hon. O. K. Chinda*) — *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Prohibition and Control of Counterfeit and Fake Medical Products and Unwholesome Processed Foods; and for Related Matters (HB. 1099) (*Hon. Chike John Okafor*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

6. **Need to Investigate the Violations of the Constitution, the Fiscal Responsibility and Public Procurement Acts by the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) Over Foreign Loans of \$1.5b and \$500m for its Operations and Contract Processes:**
Hon. Simon Y. Arabo:

The House:

Notes that the privatization of the Power Sector under section 8 of the Power Sector Reform Act of 2005 gave birth to the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) as one of the successor companies in the Sector;

Also notes that under section 9 of the Act, the TCN is wholly owned by the Federal Government through the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (MFI) and the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) which hold the shares on its behalf;

Aware that the TCN has taken loans amounting to \$1.5B from the World Bank and other International Lenders over a period of time without complying with the provisions of section 44 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act;

Also aware that the loans were utilized without the appropriation of the National Assembly contrary to Sections 80-83 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

Further aware that TCN is currently negotiating another loan of \$500M with Islamic Development Bank and has been violating the provisions of the Public Procurement Act in contract procedures as its contract processes are opaque;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Power, Public Procurement and Aids, Loans and Debt Management to investigate the activities of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) for the past 10 years in respect of foreign loans and contract awards and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

7. **Need to Curb Incessant Attacks on Personnel of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC):**
Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren:

The House:

Notes the increasing cases of violent attacks, harassment and intimidation of personnel and offices of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) by highly placed individuals, motorists and hoodlums across the country, particularly in Zamfara, Jigawa, Abia and Lagos States;

Also notes that from 2015 to date, there have been 149 cases of attacks on personnel and 201 cases of damage to properties and equipment of the Commission;

Further notes that despite Section 19 of the FRSC (Establishment) Act, 2007 which stipulates that personnel of the Commission who are exposed to high risk in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act, shall have same powers, authorities and privileges, including power to bear arms, as are granted by law to members of the Nigeria Police Force, the Federal Government has not provided Road Safety officers with arms to enable them protect themselves in the course of performing their duties;

Concerned that the United Nation's Declaration on Reduction of Road Accidents by fifty (50) percent by year 2020 may not be achieved by Nigeria if the attacks are not urgently curbed;

Observes that in order to avoid the attacks, Road Safety officers stay off the roads, particularly at night and motorists are taking advantage of the situation to breach traffic regulations, which often lead to accidents;

Aware that officers sometimes discover offensive weapons in vehicles during routine operations on highways but are incapable of challenging occupants of such vehicles as they lack capacity to protect themselves from any attack that could arise;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to facilitate the procurement of arms and ammunitions for officers of the Federal Road Safety Commission to protect themselves while performing their duties; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to investigate cases of attacks on personnel of the FRSC, ensure implementation of Prayer (i) and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Need to Stop the Incessant Harassment and Killing of Nigerians at Danare Community in Boki Local Government Area of Cross River State by Cameroonian Gendarmes:
Hon. Agibe Christopher Ngoro:**

The House:

Notes that Danare community in Boki Local Government Area of Cross River State is a border community which shares boundaries with Bodam community in Cameroon;

Also notes that there exists a long history of incessant encroachment and provocations between the two communities on both sides of the international boundary arising basically from the refusal of the Cameroon community of Bodam to abide by the international boundary that was set by the International Court of Justice (ICJ);

Informed that on Friday, 13 October, 2017, men from Bodam attacked Danare Community, killed three people, injured several others, and destroyed properties and Cocoa plantations worth millions of Naira;

Concerned that there is no security personnel manning the border area between Nigeria and Cameroon, as the closest Police post is about forty-five (45) kms from the border with only two (2) Policemen manning it, thus leaving the border community of Danare vulnerable to incessant attacks by Cameroonian gendarmes;

Aware that despite several complaints, the Government is yet to make any intervention and none of the recommendations of the National Assembly concerning the issue has been implemented by the Federal Government;

Cognizant that the Indigenous People of Bodam is a militant group that is well-armed with sophisticated weapons and is taking advantage of its skills to unleash mayhem on the border community of Danare;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to establish a military base at Danare to curb the unwarranted attacks;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police to ensure the speedy completion of the Police Station at Danare and deploy Police Officers permanently at the border;
- (iii) further urge the Attorney General of the Federation and Leader of the Nigerian Delegation at the Cameroon-Nigerian Mixed Commission to, in conjunction with the National Boundary Commission, ensure the completion of the International Boundary demarcation exercise in line with the judgment of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in order to enhance peaceful co-existence between Nigeria and Cameroun;
- (iv) call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the people of Danare Community to support victims of the attacks to ameliorate their suffering;
- (v) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Defence, Police Affairs, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (vi) observe a minute silence in honor of those who lost their lives protecting Nigeria's territorial boundary.

**9. Call for Award of Scholarships Under the Amnesty Programme to Qualified Candidates into the 2017/2018 Academic Session of Universities:
Hon. Kolade V. Akinjo:**

The House:

Notes the undue delay by the Presidential Amnesty Committee to award scholarships to qualified candidates for admissions into the 2017/2018 academic session of Universities despite adequate provision having been made for them in the 2017 Appropriation Act;

Recalls that the Amnesty Programme, which commenced in 2009, was aimed at addressing lack of human capital development with the overall objective of engendering lasting peace and stability and to institutionally fight poverty in the Niger Delta region;

Aware that the Programme has greatly helped to empower and equip beneficiaries with skills to enable them compete globally in various fields and the positive attitudinal changes of the ex-militants are largely attributable to the training and education they acquired through the Programme;

Concerned that the inexplicable delay by the Presidential Amnesty Committee to award scholarships to qualified candidates for admissions into the 2017/2018 academic session of Universities could encourage acts that may threaten the relative peace that is currently being experienced in the Niger Delta region and consequently have adverse effects on the nation's economy as a whole;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to continue to prioritize the educational aspect of the Amnesty Programme in view of its importance to the national economy;
- (ii) also urge the Presidential Amnesty Committee to, without further delay, award scholarships to all candidates under the Programme who have qualified for admissions into the 2017/2018 academic session of Universities; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Governmental Affairs and Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1. Rules and Business	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2. <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Investigation of Operational Activities of Telecommunications Equipment and Services Companies/Vendors in Nigeria	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3. Niger Delta Affairs	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4. Federal Capital Territory	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5. Financial Crimes	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6. Emergency and Disaster Preparedness	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7. Aids, Loans and Debt Management	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8. Insurance and Actuarial Matters	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9. <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Central Bank Intervention Funds	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10. Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
11. Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Co-operation and Integration in Africa	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
12. Power	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
13. Federal Character (<i>with Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Federal Land Resources Technology Kuru Plateau State, Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) and Federal Fire Services</i>)	Wednesday, 18 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex