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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 29th October, 2024

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- 1. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024. (Recognition and Development of the geo-political zone in Nigeria) (HB.1850)(Hon. Abbas Tajudeen) First Reading.
- 2. National Institute of Vocational, Technical Education, Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre, Tasha Bala Batagarawa, Katsina state (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1799)(Hon. Murtala Usman Banye) First Reading.
- 3. Federal University of Technology, Rimi, Katsina State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1800) (Hon. Murtala Usman Banye) *First Reading*.
- **4.** Companies Income Tax Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1829) (Hon. Oboku Abonsizibe Oforji) First Reading.
- 5. National Vocational Centre, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1830) (Hon. Bashir Zubairu Usman) First Reading.

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- 7. Federal Medical Centres, Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024(HB.1835) (Hon. Raheem Tunji Olawuyi) First Reading.
- 8. National Primary Health Care Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1837) (Hon. Moshood Olanrewaju Oshun) First Reading
- 9. Merchandize Marks Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1840) (Hon. Moshood Olanrewaju Oshun) First Reading.
- 10. National Park Service Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1841) (Hon. Mark Useni) First Reading.
- 11. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Charanchi, Katsina State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1802) (Hon. Murtala Usman Banye) First Reading.
- 12. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Science, Gulu (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1336) (Hon. Abdullahi Mamudu) First Reading.
- 13. Civil Defence University, Kachia, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 HB.1367) (Hon. Gabriel Saleh Zock) First Reading.
- **14.** Federal University of Science and Technology, Kagarko, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2024(HB.1370) (*Hon. Gabriel Saleh Zock*) *First Reading*.
- 15. Humanitarian, Unemployment Youths, Elderly and Indigent Sustainability Allowance Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 20204 (HB.1374) (Hon. Gabriel Saleh Zock) First Reading.
- **16.** Nigerian Neighbourhood Watch and Community Service Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1839) (*Hon. Adegboyega Nasir Isiaka*) *First Reading*.
- 17. National Hospital for Women and Children Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1847) (Hon. Amos Magaji) *First Reading*.
- **18.** Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1848) (Hon. Amos Magaji) *First Reading*.
- **19.** National Cereals Research Institute, Badeggi (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1337) (Hon. Abdullahi Mamudu) *First Reading*.
- **20.** Federal Institute of Mining Technology, Adikpo, Benue State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1496) (*Hon. Terseer Ugbor*) *First Reading*

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Ilaro to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 345) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader) Third Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youth Service Corps Fund to Provide a Sustainable Source of Fund for the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Skill Acquisition, Training and Empowerment of Corps Members, Training and Retraining of the Personnel of the NYSC, Development of Camps and NYSC Formations and Facilities and for Related Matters (HB.1975) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader) Third Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education (Technical), Gwaram, Jigawa State to Provide Full-Time Courses in Education, Applied Sciences, Instruction and Training in Technology, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, and other Fields of Related Study, and to Carry out Research in Development and Adaptation of Techniques, and also make provisions for the General Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB.1384) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader) Third Reading.

- 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Chartered Trustees of Nigeria (ICTN) Charged with the Responsibility of Regulating and Promoting the Practice of Trusteeship including the Registration and Discipline of its Members and for Related Matters (HB.714) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader)—Third Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ode–Lemo, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 1113) (Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga) Second Reading.
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 162(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Related Matters (HB. 848) (Hon. Awaji Iniombek D. Abiante and eight others) Second Reading.
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Establish Armed Forces Farms and Ranches Scheme to enhance Food Security, Promote Economic Diversification and for Related Matters (HB. 1820) (Hon. Babajimi Benson) Second Reading.
- **8.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act(BOFIA), 2020 to make Provision for the Protection of Victims of Fraudulent withdrawal from Accounts and for Related Matters (HB.1168) (Hon. Moses Oluwatoyin Fayinka) Second Reading.
- 9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Orile, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB.291) (Hon. Lanre Okunlola) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

10. Need to Electrify Host Communities of the Kashimbilla Multi-Purpose Dam and Environs: Hon. Mark B. Useni:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government has completed the Hydro-electricity component of the Kashimbilla Multipurpose Dam in Taraba State, and the 40 megawatt hydroelectric Dam commenced evacuation of energy into the National grid in 2019;

Concerned that despite feeding the National grid with electricity, the Host Communities: Bibi, Bawuru, Birama, Malumshe, Kashimbilla Bete, Lufu Joro, Biriki Lissa and Shibong of Kashimbilla Multi-purpose Dam remained in total darkness and not connected to the grid in Takum Local Government Area of Taraba state;

Aware that the Host Communities need to be provided with electricity to give them a sense of belonging and ownership of the National asset and thereby guarantee its protection;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Power to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Power and the National Rural Electrification Agency to include the cost in the 2025 budget estimates.

11. Need to Review the Implementation of the Integrated Financial Management System (GIFMIS) and E-Procurement in the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation:

Hon. Paul Gowon Haruna

Hon. Abudulrahman Ajiya:

The House:

Notes that the Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) and E-Procurement was Initiated by the Federal Government of Nigeria, and specifically approved by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the National Assembly, to streamline public procurement, improve financial management, transparency and accountability, to curb corruption in Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government (MDAs);

Also notes that there have been inefficiencies in the implementation of this policy, in relation to the payment of contractors and the functionality of the procurement system;

Aware that over 1,500 agencies rely on a few individuals who approve payments to those meant to be paid, a process that is poorly managed to meet the volume of transactions required by those who have attained retirement age and do not have knowledge of technological skills to operate the system;

Also aware that each of these agencies oversee and supervises 1,000 projects that requires payments upon completion, thereby creating bureaucratic bottleneck in the payment process;

Informed that the contractors who have executed and completed their projects in 2023 and 2024, are yet to be paid for the jobs, a violation to the Public Procurement Act, which stipulates that every project executed be paid within 30 days or 5% interest be charged for every month;

Concerned that the inefficiencies and non-compliance in the payment of contractors by MDAs and the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation for executed projects has hindered the ability to commence new projects, and has stalled ongoing projects in the Country due to financial handicap by the contractors;

Worried that the non-compliance with the Public Procurement Act for not paying contractors as at when due will further aggravate and impact negatively on businesses for those operating Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) that rely on prompt payments to grow their businesses;

Also worried that the non-compliance of the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation and MDAs in the payment of Contractors for executed Federal Government Intervention Projects in the Country has left contractors struggling to fulfil their financial obligations to workers, bankers and suppliers;

Further worried that the negligence and inefficiencies in the payment system is not only undermining public trust but also discourage contractors from engaging in government projects which can hinder meaningful development in the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to review the implementation of GIFMIS and E-procurement system in order to address the non-compliance by the office of the Accountant General of the Federation with respect to payment of contractors for executed Capital Projects; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Public Procurement, Finance, and Appropriations to investigate the inefficiencies and non-compliance in the payment of contractors by MDAs and the office of the Accountant General of the Federation and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Investigate various Charges/Fees Debited by Commercial Banks on Customers' Accounts: Hon. Ganiyu Adele Ayuba:

The House:

Notes that Customers are currently complaining about various inexplicable charges and fees debited on their accounts by Commercial Banks in the country;

Also notes that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), through its instrument titled "The guide to charges by banks, other financial and non-bank financial institutions", revised from time to time, regulates the types and amounts of charges Commercial Banks can impose on their customers' accounts;

Aware that most of the Commercial Banks in the country observe CBN's guide in breach, thereby debiting Customers' Accounts with different kinds of inexplicable charges and fees;

Also aware that the CBN's Guide, revised in 2020, permits commercial banks to charge customers repetitive fees such as Account Maintenance Fee, ATM Card Maintenance Fee, Electronic Transfer Fee, and SMS Alert Fee;

Worried that Central Bank of Nigeria's cashless policy has compelled customers to conduct transactions electronically, thereby increasing commercial banks' charges/fees which in turn affects customers;

Also worried that petty traders whose profit may be less than fifty naira and pay through electronic means lose such small profit due to bank charges or fees;

Concerned that while commercial banks are making billions in the name of unauthorized charges and fees from customers' accounts, customers, especially petty traders, are unknowingly losing their profits due to these bank charges;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, Banking and other Ancillary Institutions, and Digital and Electronic Banking to investigate the various charges and fees imposed by commercial banks on their customers and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

13. Need to Introduce a Three-Day Workweek for Public and Civil Workers to enable Remote Work in Order to Mitigate the Effects of High Transportation Fares: Hon. Ginger Onwusibe:

The House:

Notes that Nigerian citizens are currently grappling with economic challenges, particularly high cost of transportation and Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), which have significantly impacted their standard of living and purchasing power of public/civil Servants;

Aware that the high costs of transportation fares have increased hardship and financial strain on public and civil workers and have affected their productivity and overall well-being.

Worried that workers are spending \(\frac{\text{\tinx{\text{\tinx{\text{\tintex{\text{\texi{\texi{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi{\texi{\text{\text{\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\ti}\til\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\t

Also worried that the situation is causing serious hardship for workers, with most workers forced to make difficult choices between essential expenses, such as an already increase rent, medical care and electricity;

Aware that introducing a three-day workweek will reduce the financial burden on workers, increase productivity, improve work-life balance and cushion the effects of hike in transportation fares.

Disturbed that 55% of Nigerian workers monthly salary goes to transportation costs alone due to the alarming increase in transportation, thus leaving workers with little to no money;

Cognizant of the need to Introduce a Three-Day Workweek for Public and Civil Workers to improve workers' well-being by leveraging on technology for remote work, reducing transportation costs and promote digital transformation in Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to implement a three-day work week for public and civil workers as well as mandate Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies to automate responsibilities of civil and public servants to work from home to cushion their expenses;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity to develop a comprehensive remote work policy for civil and public servants;
- (iii) further urge the Ministries of Finance and Communications and Digital Economy to provide necessary support and guidelines for the automation of services in Ministries, Departments, and Agencies to aid remote work and provide necessary support for public sectors to adjust to the new work schedule;
- (iv) encourage State Governments to adopt similar measures to alleviate the suffering of Workers in the States; and

(v) mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 14. A Bill for an Act to Prevent, Prohibit and Redress Sexual Harassment of Students in Tertiary Educational Institutions and for Related Matters (HB.1598) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader) Committee of the Whole:18/10/2024 (Adjourned Consideration: 23/10/2024).
- 15. A Bill for an Act to Upgrade the College of Health Sciences and Technology, Tsafe, Zamfara State to Federal University of Health Sciences and Technology, Tsafe, Zamfara State to Provide Full-Time Courses in Health Sciences and Technology and Other Fields of Study and produce high quality Medical Professionals with broad knowledge, skills and value, strengthen institutional capacity for Disease Control and Surveillance as well as bridging the gap in Medical Research and make provision for the General Administration of the University and for Related Matters (SB. 161) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader) Committee of the whole: 16/10/2024.
- 16. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Examinations Council (NECO) (Establishment) Act, Cap. N37, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Examination Council (NECO) (Establishment) Act, 2024 to Provide for National Common Entrance Examination (NCEE), the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) and the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (Internal) (SSCE) (I) Compulsory for Every Nigerian Child, and to Design the Scope of the Powers and Functions of the Governing Board of the Council and for Related Matters (HB. 421) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader)—Committee of the Whole: 14/5/2024.
- 17. A Bill for an Act to Reconstitute the Metallurgical Training Institute, Onitsha by Establishing the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Onitsha to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and Advice to Students, Researchers And Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB.966) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader) Committee of the Whole: 20/12/2023.
- 18. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Content in Programmes, Contracts, Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (NOPCESTI) and It's Council for Planning and Execution of Projects, Promotion of Nigerian Content in Programmes, Contracts, Science, Engineering, Technology, Innovation and Monitoring, Evaluating and Oversight and for Related Matters (HB.1167) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader) Committee of the Whole: 21/5/2024.
- 19. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars to Ensure Professionalism in the System and for Related Matters (HB.1460) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader)—Committee of the Whole:18/7/2024.
- 20. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Usung Atiat, Ukanafun Lga, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.971) (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency) (Leader)—Committee of the Whole:18/7/2024.

21. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji:

"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 Health Sciences, Gaya, Kano State and Related Matters (HB. 31) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 11/7/2024).

22. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji:

"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, Itigidi, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB.642) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 17/7/2024).

23. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji:

"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, Ikole-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.1037) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:23/10/2024*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date		Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday 29 th	October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Tuesday 29 th	October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Human Rights	Tuesday 29 th	October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Character (with Federal Polytechnic Ilaro, Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Pharmacy Council of Nigeria, Nigerian Communications Commission, Nigerian Ports Authority and Corporate Affairs Commission)	Tuesday 29 th	October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Science Research Institutions	Tuesday 29 th	October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Public Procurement	Tuesday 29 th	October 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 (New Building) Assembly Complex