



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER Thursday, 13 February, 2025

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Report of the Conference Committee:

Hon. Babajimi Benson:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Prohibit the Exportation of Maize in Large Commercial Quantities out of Nigeria and for Related Matters”

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Lottery Act No. 7 of 2005 and the National Lottery (Amendment) Act No. 6 of 2017, and to Enact the Central Gaming Bill to Regulate the Operation and Business of all forms

of Online and Remote Gaming Across the Geographical Boundaries of the Federating Units and beyond the Borders of Nigeria, Provide for the Conduct of Gaming in the Federal Capital Territory, and enhance Revenue Generation for the Federation and for Related Matters (HB. 2062) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and six others*) – *Second Reading*.

2. 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 and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State and for Related Matters (SB.297) (*Senate*) – (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Kofa, Bebeji Entrepreneurs University, Kano and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 2051) (*Hon Jibrin Abdulmumin*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) by amending Part 1 of the First Schedule and creating additional three States being Oke–Ogun State, Ijebu State and Ife–Ijesa State and for Related Matters (HB.1098) (*Hon. Wole Oke*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Lower Courts Designated District And Magistrate Courts for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, with Jurisdiction over Civil and Criminal Causes and Matters and for the Appointment of District Court Judges and Magistrates and of other Court Officers, and for other Purposes Relating to or Connected with the Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice and for Related Matters (HB.1947) (*Hon. Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa*) – *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Act, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB.2036) (*Hon. Bello A Ka'oje and Hon. Saba Ahmed Adam*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

7. **Rescission of Clause 14(2) (b) (c) and (d) of the South West Development Commission Bill, 2025, pursuant to Order Nine, Rule (1) (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**
Hon. Francis E. Waive.

The House:

Notes that the South west Development Commission Bill (Establishment), (HB.283) 2024 was passed by the National Assembly;

Aware of the need to rescind the provisions of Clause 14(2) (b) (c) and (d) of the Bill to be in tandem with similar Federal Government bodies;

Cognizant of the need to incorporate the new changes into the Bill;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decisions on the Clause 14(2) (b) (c) and (d) of the Bill and recommit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration.

8. **Alleged Fraudulent Practices in the Payment of Contractors by the Office of the Federal Ministry of Finance and Office of the Accountant General of the Federation:**
Hon. Paul Nnamchi Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji:

The House:

Notes that the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) mandates transparency, accountability, and prudent management of public funds as fundamental principles of governance;

Also notes that Section 15(5) of the Constitution provides that "the State shall abolish all corrupt practices and abuse of power," which underscores the government's obligation to prevent, investigate, and punish malfeasance practices, particularly in public finance management;

Observes that there are reports of contractors being coerced into offering kickbacks or facing unjustified deductions from their payments as a condition for processing their invoices by officials of the Federal Ministry of Finance;

Alarmed that corrupt practices in contractor payments lead to the abandonment of critical infrastructure projects, loss of jobs, and economic hardship, contrary to the objectives of the present administration's economic recovery efforts;

Worried that the unrestrained continuation of these corrupt practices discourages credible investors and undermines faith in the government's ability to uphold transparency and accountability;

Also worried that if these allegations are not thoroughly investigated and addressed, contractors will lose confidence in government engagements, leading to slowed economic development and failed infrastructure projects nationwide;

Appreciates that this situation demands an urgent and decisive response in line with Section 88(1) and (2) that empowers the National Assembly to investigate any matter related to the administration of laws within its legislative competence; the conduct of any official or department responsible for public revenue and expenditure;

Resolves to:

(i) urges the Federal Government to:

- (a) strengthen internal controls and enforce strict penalties for officials found culpable in corrupt practices within the payment system; and
- (b) establish a transparent and accountable digital payment system to eliminate discretionary human interference in contract payments, ensure timely disbursement and compliance with due process;

(ii) mandate the Committees on Finance to investigate the allegations of fraudulent practices in the payment of contractors by officials of Federal Ministries of Finance and Accountant-General's Office in the last three years to identify the perpetrators and recommend appropriate sanctions and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative actions.

9. Need to investigate the Budget Expenses and Activities of all Nigeria Research Institutes from 2010 to Date:

Hon. Ganiyu Adele Ayuba:

The House:

Notes that over sixty-five (65) Nigerian Research Institutes were established with the core mandate of conducting research in various fields of knowledge for the scientific, social, and economic development of the country.

Also notes that in carrying out their core mandates, funds were proposed by these Research Institutes annually in the national budgets to carry its obligations efficiently and effectively;

Aware that over the years, the National Assembly, in exercise of its constitutional duties, approved billions of naira to these Research institutes to conduct research to advance the technological, social, and economic development of the nation;

Concerned that notwithstanding the huge amount of money budgeted in the various Appropriation Acts and released to these Research Institutes, there is little evidence to support the substantial amount released for the research;

Also concerned that the core mandates of these Research Institutes may not be achieved and the nation's scarce resources may continue to go down the drain;

Cognizant of the need to investigate the activities of these Research Institutes *viz-a-viz*:

- (i) the budgetary releases from 2010 to date and its implementation for the purpose for which the money was budgeted for;
- (ii) the outcome of the research and the visible impacts on the Technological, Social, and Economic development of the nation,

Resolves to:

mandate the Committees on Science Research Institution, Science and Technology, Science Engineering and National Agency for Science and Engineering (NASENI) to investigate the activities of Research Institutes *viz-a-viz* budgetary releases from 2010 to date, its utilization, and research outcomes to determine the level of its compliance in achieving their core mandates.

10. Calling on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to Pay Off all Outstanding Contract Debts to its Contractors:

Hon. Pascal Agbodiye:

The House:

Notes that the Niger Delta Development Commission was established to ameliorate the living standard of the people of Niger Delta Region due to ecological challenges faced as a result of the exploration of oil minerals in the Niger Delta Region;

Also notes that the Commission engaged contractors from various parts of the country to enhance the living standards of the region by providing goods, services, and social infrastructure;

Aware that most of the contractors secured loans from Commercial Banks using their landed properties as collateral to execute contracts, hoping to receive payment upon completion;

Also aware that where the payments are not met within the required period, those properties used as collateral are confiscated by the banks, and this has been the fate of contractors engaged by the Niger Delta Development Commission in the last eight years;

Concerned that most contractors have complained of non-payments after contract completion, leaving many homeless and overburdened with debts, leading to untimely deaths;

Also concerned that this has brought a very negative reputation to the Commission and to Nigeria, being a Commission established by an Act of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Cognizant of the urgent need to pay of all Contractors who has have Completed their contract projects;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission to investigate the nonpayment of the Outstanding Contract Debts owed by the Niger Delta Development Commission to contractors, identify the contractors, determine the total outstanding debts, and recommend payment plan and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative actions.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday 13 February 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex

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| 2. | Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>) | Thursday 13 February 2025 | 3.00 p.m. | Conference Room 429
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 3. | North West Development Commission | Thursday 13 February 2025 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 301
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Women Affairs and Social Development | Monday 17 February 2025 | 10.00 a.m. | Conference Room 028
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Delegated Legislation | Thursday 13 February 2025 | 3.00 p.m. | Meeting Room 344
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |