



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 17 September, 2019

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Investments and Securities Act, 2007 to Provide for a greater Transparency and Accountability in the Finances of Securities and Exchange Commission and to ensure greater Legislative Oversight; and for Related Matters (HB. 30) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Cancer Registry to make Provision for Compilation of Statistics Record of the Incidence of Cancer, to Provide a basis for direction of Programmes for Research and for Cancer Prevention; and for Related Matters (HB. 110) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

**3. Need to Address Erosion Menace in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State:
Hon. Chukwuma Umeoji.**

The House:

Notes that Aguata Local Government Area has 13 active erosion sites which are eating up houses, farmlands and threatening roads in Umumeonye Umueze Uga, Umuchiana-Ekwulobia, Umuoru-Uga, Ezionye-Aku-Aguku Ezinifite, Umugama-Umuchu, Ogu Osete-Umuchu, Amaopkalanwa-Umueleke Achina, Umueziyi Achina, Ifite-Aguluezechukwu, Umumono-Igboukwu, Uhuala-Agbaenu-Igweakwu Akpo, Ogbugwunaezi-Umuonyia and Kpologwu, all in Aguata Local Government Area;

Aware that the destruction being experienced this raining season requires urgent steps to be taken to address the untold hardship on the people due to the loss of houses, economic trees and farmlands in the Area;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the victims of the erosion;
- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund Office to Intervene with a view to solving the erosion problems;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to undertake palliative measures on Achina-One-Ogboji road already cut off by erosion;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Environment to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Environment to ensure the provision of funds in the 2020 Budget Proposal to address the erosion menace.

**4. Need to Lift the Ban on Importation of Vehicles Through the and Borders:
Hon. Bolaji Yusuf Ayinla:**

The House:

Recalls that in January 2017, the Federal Government, through a Presidential directive restricted the importation of new and used vehicles to the country's sea ports only thereby prohibiting the importation of vehicles through the nation's land borders;

Observes that after two and a half years of the implementation of the Policy, the nation has not benefitted much from it as most of the revenues that could have been realized by the government from importation of vehicles through the land borders have been lost to smuggling activities;

Also observes that the policy is counter-productive as it has encouraged a higher rate of smuggling of vehicles putting the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) under intense anti-smuggling pressure as thousands of seized vehicles estimated at over N30 Billion currently rotting away at various Customs warehouses nationwide;

Concerned that since the adoption of the Policy in January 2017, the congestion in Lagos Ports, especially in Apapa, has become worse as the traffic gridlock is making it difficult for imported goods to be cleared within a reasonable time;

Worried that the Policy has led to loss of thousands of jobs as many Nigerians who were formerly engaged in the importation of vehicles through the land the borders are now unemployed;

Convinced of the urgent need for the Federal Government to review the Policy and urgently lift the ban placed on importation of vehicles through the land borders in order to eliminate the hardship and huge losses resulting from implementation of the Policy.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to urgently lift the ban on importation of vehicles through the land borders and ensure that the Nigerian Customs Service adopts more effective means of collecting requisite duties on vehicles imported through the land borders;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to ensure implementation.

**5. Need to Curb the Lingering Activities of Rival Cult Groups in Awka North/South Federal Constituency of Anambra State:
Hon. Samuel Chinedu Onwuaso:**

The House:

Notes that the Capital of Anambra State is Awka, located between Onitsha and Enugu with an estimated population of 301,657;

Also notes that the cult groups have been used by politicians and influential individuals to perpetrate corruption, intimidation, killings, kidnappings, robberies and other criminal activities over the years;

Informed that those cult members and other thugs are mobilized and funded to rig, stuff ballot boxes, intimidate and cause off legitimate voters during elections;

Also informed that Cultural and Festive activities are not left out as those cult groups come out en masse with all sorts of weapons, shooting sporadically into the air, thus triggering fear in the area;

Further informed that as a result of the activities of those rival cult groups, over 100 youths had been shot dead in the streets of Awka, leaving local residents terrorized with its attendant effect on economic activities which have been relegated;

Concerned that no arrests have been made as the cult groups continue to perpetrate their activities, moving freely in Awka town and spreading rapidly without any check, thus making the town vulnerable to further attacks;

Also concerned that if the cultists are not urgently brought to book, they will infiltrate Tertiary Institutions, Secondary and Primary Schools within the environment, and which could lead to total anarchy;

Acknowledges that it is the responsibility of Government to protect the lives and properties of its citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector-General of Police and the Director-General, Department of State Security Services (DSS) to deploy security personnel to Awka North / South Federal Constituency to intensify patrol, investigate and arrest the perpetrators and sponsors of cultism with a view to restoring normalcy in Awka town;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and National Security and Intelligence to liaise with the Inspector-General of Police and the Director-General, DSS to ensure implementation and report to back with four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

6. Need to Improve the Budget Process in Nigeria:

Hon. Mansur Manu Soro:

The House:

Notes that the annual budget plays a crucial role in economic management and development policies of any nation as it is the main mechanism of fiscal policy and the tool through which government could stabilize and influence the economic direction of a country;

Also notes that standard global public sector budgetary practice requires the implementation of a defined budgetary framework synchronized with timelines or a standardized budgetary calendar to reduce uncertainties, and promote compliance and coordination;

Aware that the Federal Government's budget process perennially experiences delays despite the efforts of all the relevant entities involved in the budgeting process;

Also aware that budget delay impacts negatively on economic growth, as a 2018 study shows that 100 days delay in its implementation tends to depress the economy by at least 2.5 percent;

Further aware that Nigeria's experience of prolonged budget process has imposed substantial economic costs on the public and private sectors of the economy;

Concerned that such a delay leads to poor budget implementation which has a direct correlation to poor service delivery in the Public Service;

Worried that the delay introduces opacity into the budget process leading to induced diversion of public funds and resources and corruption which has become the scourge of society.

Also worried that foreign and domestic private sector investment is adversely affected due to uncertainty on the strategic direction of the government;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Executive Council to automate the National Budget formulation, execution and reporting process;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Finance, Appropriations and Justice to convene a legislative submit with relevant stakeholders to improve the budget process in Nigeria.