



National Institute for Legislative Studies

Weekly Digest

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NILS 2015 WORK PLAN

The Director General of the National Institute for Legislative Studies, Dr. Ladi Hamalai has expressed delight with the position of the Institute's 2015 work plan. She said this at another work plan meeting, adding that the Institute is refocussing and restructuring its programmes to meet up with high demands in the legislature and fulfil its mandates effectively.



Issues that came to the fore at the

First Matriculation Coming up

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) and the University of Benin (UNIBEN) are conducting the 1st matriculation ceremony of the NILS/UNIBEN postgraduate programme on Tuesday, 21st October 2014. The event, which marks a milestone in the fulfilment of the mandate of the National Institute for Legislative Studies will take place at the Senate Auditorium at 2:00PM.



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meeting, attended by the management staff of the Institute, include the need to certify some of the courses offered by the Institute. The National Institute for Legislative Studies' Act gives it powers to act as a centre for continuing education on democracy and legislation. Another mandate which is reflected in the work plan is "to conduct periodic training on democratic principles for members of the Armed Forces".

Also discussed was the approval obtained by the Institute from the Independent Electoral Commission to monitor elections – another mandate of the Institute. In this regard, selected staff of the institute will participate in monitoring the 2015 general elections in Nigeria.

The Institute is further intensifying training programmes for legislators in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2015 due to a possible high turnover from the results of the general elections. Worthy of note is an induction course that will come up in the first quarter of 2015 for legislators from both National and State Assemblies.

The Director General also informed the meeting that the 1st matriculation ceremony

of the NILS/UNIBEN postgraduate programmes will take place later in the month - another milestone in the fulfilment of the mandate of the Institute. The postgraduate programme is a unique opportunity for drafters, legal officers, policy makers and those interested in the process of law making and in drafting to acquire postgraduate certificates in line with the National Universities Commission's guidelines.

The Institute is also taking more robust steps to ensure delivery of more training for State Assemblies. These will include rigorous marketing of the Institute and distribution of training brochures throughout the country.

Dr. Ladi Hamalai challenged researchers at the Institute to come up with budget analysis way ahead of time to enable them carry out a budget retreat that will involve the law makers and in turn assist in the overall development of the nation. She reiterated the need for the Institute to build a strong and reputable name through its qualitative programmes, staff commitment and publicity. She also emphasized the need to carry out a monthly internal retraining for researchers to boost their capacity which will in turn lead to an improved department.

NILS RECRUITS MORE RESEARCH FELLOWS

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) has carried out a recruitment exercise for Senior Research Fellows and Research Fellows in Macro Economics, Political Division, Legal and Legislative Drafting as well as the Institute's Librarian. The recruitment exercise, which was conducted by veterans in Policy Analysis, Economics, Law, Administration, and Library Science with officials of the Federal Character Commission in attendance, saw the selection of outstanding Nigerians across the different geo political zones. Led by its chairman, the recruitment panel visited the Deputy Senate President and Chairman, Governing Council of the National Institute for

Legislative Studies, Senator Ike Ekweremadu (CFR), to present the report of the exercise. While thanking the panel for a thorough and brilliant job done, Senator Ekweremadu said the standard set for the Institute which does not glorify any political persuasion, tribe, or religion is maintained to the letter. He reiterated that the attribute will not only ascertain the world class status for the Institute, but will generate excellence and professionalism in its output. The National Institute for Legislative Studies is gaining momentum and becoming a household name for the provision of qualitative training, capacity building, research, policy analysis and extension services for the legislature at the federal and state levels as well as the West Africa subregion.

HOUSE MOTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Urgent need to Reclaim Bama, Ngala and Kala-Balge Local Government Areas and other adjoining Local Government Areas around Bama/Ngala/Kala-Balge Federal Constituency currently under the control of the Boko Haram Insurgents:

Hon. Abdulrahaman Abba Terab

Need to grant Passenger and Freighter Rights to Qatar Airways for the Kano and Abuja International Airports routes and to lift the Suspension of Flight Operations of Emirates Airline to Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki

Hon. Farouk M. Lawal

Hon. Aminu Suleiman

Hon. Suleiman A. Kawu

Hon. Zakari Muhammad

Hon. Allasan Ado Garba

Hon. Abdulmumini Jibrin

Hon. Nasiru Baballe Ila

Hon. Lawan Shehu

Hon. Haruna Musa Fatai

Hon. Mustapha B. Dawaki

Hon. Nasir Ali Ahmed

Hon. Muhammad A. Wudil

Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo

Hon. Manir B. Danagundi

Hon. Ahmed Audi Zarewa

Hon. Tijani Abdulkadir Jobe

Hon. Usman Adamu Mohammad

Hon. Badamasi Ayuba

Hon. Muhammad Bashir G.

Hon. Muhktari M. Chiromawa

Hon. S. Muhammad Rano

Hon. Abdulsalam Adamu

Hon. Babale Bashir

Hon. Musa Ado

Hon. Auwalu Dahiru Sale

Hon. Aisha Dahiru Ahmed

Hon. Ibrahim Shebu Gusau

Hon. Alliu B. Kazeem

Hon. Nasiru Sani Zango-Daura

Hon. Shamsudden Ango

Hon. Bashir Adamu

Hon. Tijjani Kiyawa

Hon. Jagaba A. Jagaba

Hon. Usman Bello Kuma

Hon. Bimbo Daramola:

Urgent Need to Save Ekiti State Judiciary from Further Assault;

Hon. Ifeoluwa Arowosoge

The House :

Notes that on Monday, 22 September, 2014, a group of thugs allegedly acting on the prompting of Mr Ayodele Fayose, The Governor-Elect of Ekiti State, invaded the High Court premises in Ado-Ekiti and sacked a High Court while it was hearing a case filed by an Ekiti based Socio-Political Group, E - 11

Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to further Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Other Matters Connected Therewith:

Motion made and Question proposed:

Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS-Based Discrimination and to protect the Fundamental Rights and Dignity of People living with and People affected by HIV and AIDS and for Other Related Matters (HB. 240):

Motion made and Question proposed::

Urgent Need to Complete the Construction of Ibadan-Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Express Way:

Motion made and Question proposed

Rescission pursuant to Order 9, Rule 57 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives on the Decision taken in the Committee of the Whole to Retain Clause 29 (I) (h) in the Proposed Amendment to Section 29 (I) of the Principal Act (Electoral Act, 2010) :

Motion made and Question proposed:

Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to further Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Other Matters Connected Therewith:

Hon. Chukwuemeka Nkem Ihedioha :

Urgent Need to Complete the Construction of Ibadan-Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Express Way:

Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola:

Rescission pursuant to Order 9, Rule 57 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives on the Decision taken in the Committee of the Whole to Retain Clause 29 (1) (b) in the Proposed Amendment to Section 29 (1) of the Principal Act (Electoral Act, 2010) :

Hon. Leo Ogor :

THIS WEEK IN THE SENATE

This week the Senate sat from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th of October, 2014



2014 Bill was presented before the Senate by the Committee on Education Chaired by Sen. Uche Chukwumerije. Sen. Shola Adeyeye presented the report on behalf of the Committee for the Chamber's consideration and passage into law. Sen. Adeyeye disclosed that the Bill was one of the bills sponsored by late Sen. Pius Ewherido which seeks to confer on the newly established Petroleum Resources University the Constitutional Legal Backing for its degree programmes. He added that the legislation seeks to enact an enabling law that will legitimize the academic programmes of the University that has taken up long ago.

The Senate resumed plenary on Tuesday October 14, 2014 after a two weeks Sallah break and passed into law two bills entitled "National Health Bill 2014 and Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2014".

The plenary session of the Senate on Wednesday October 15, 2014 witnessed the passage of Four Bills for Second Reading and the adoption and approval of One Conference Committee Report. Also, the Red Chamber has received, adopted and approved the Conference Committee Report on Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill 2014 (S.B. 77) recently passed into law by the Senate and the House of Representatives but with differences. The report was presented by Senator Adamu Gumba. The harmonized bill was put to question and passed into law by the Hallowed Chamber.

The National Health Bill was passed into law by the two chambers of the National Assembly a few months ago but with differences that informed the setting up of a Conference Committee of both Chambers to harmonize the differences and report back to them. Having successfully ironed out the differences, the Senate Conference Committee led by Sen. Ifeanyi Okowa presented its report before the Chamber for consideration and passage into law.

Similarly, the Report of Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (Establishment, etc.),

Furthermore, the Senate has received from Mr. President the 2015 – 2017 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and an Executive Bill that sought to provide Financial Provisions by the Federal Government to equip the Nigeria Police to meet its constitutional obligation. This was contained in a letter addressed to the Senate President which was read on the floor of the Senate.

The Senate on Thursday October 16, 2014 at plenary passed four bills for Second Reading and stood-down three bills. The four bills that progressed to the next legislative stage had to undergo the normal legislative process of debate in which the general principles of each bill was deliberated upon by Distinguished Senators and at the end of the debate their fate determined through vote. For details of each sitting go to www.nassnig.org.

New Bills

Equipment Leasing Bill 2014 (SH. 514) - First Reading

Sen. Ita Enang (Akwa Ibom North, East).

Nigerian Geological Survey Agency Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 515) - First Reading

Sen. Danjuma Goje, CON (Gombe Central).

N.D.E. Act CAP N28 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 516) - First Reading

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