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Weekly Digest



The 18th Departmental Weekly Seminar

At its 18th Seminar Presentation on the 22nd October, 2015, several papers were presented. Dr. Benjamin Solomon presented two proposals of study: Conflicts between Farmers and Pastoralists in Nigeria: Resolving the Economic, Social and Political Challenges (A Research Proposal). The main objective of Dr. Solomon's study is to understand how to resolve the economic, social and political challenges of conflicts between Farmers and Pastoralists under the imperatives of culture, politics and economy, the consequences of the several past conflicts, the various past efforts made by the government(s), and the solutions towards ensuring sustainable peace in the conflict-prone states in the country. In his second study, Corruption at the Local Government Level in Nigeria's Fourth Republic (A Research Proposal), Dr.

Solomon hopes to critically examine the level and dimensions of corruption at the local government level in Nigeria, using the South West as case study. The study will investigate the nature and types of corruption which go on at the local government level, the main actors involved, and the impact of corruption on the socio-economic development at the local government level. In a similar paper on grassroots, titled: Constituency Development Fund/Projects: Quest for Legislation; An Issue Brief to Legislators, by Dr. Aminu Umar, discussed Constituency development Projects in the light of Power shift from Ruling Party to Opposition, Presidency actions and pronouncements, TSA, Zero Budgeting, Anti-Corruption, Transparency, etc., Legislative turnover, Public perception of the legislature, Pressure on legislators for provision of public good by constituents,

Empower parliament, Above all, primary purpose of governance which is about improvement in the welfare to the citizenry. Report on A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Industrial Court Act, 2006 and Other Related Matters by Terfa Abraham was also presented. The broad objective of the Bill is to amend the National Industrial Court Act, 2006 and other related matters. Specifically, to make the National Industrial Court stand the test of time and serve the very end of justice by increasing the court's civil jurisdiction, review the qualifications for appointment of the court's judges and Assessors, creating criminal jurisdiction of the court and, open a Pandora's Box for appeals on criminal matters to lie from the court to the Court of Appeal.

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Last Week In the Chambers

Upon resuming session this week on Tuesday 20, October 2015, Lawmakers in the Federal House of Representatives have called for urgent nationwide improvement in the operations of the Nigeria Fire Service (NFS) in terms of structure, funding, capacity building, and conditions of service, provision of modern equipment and mode of operation for optimum performance. They also appealed to corporate and private institutions including governments at all levels to support fire services through donation of fire equipment, operational vehicles and water boreholes at various fire Service centers in the country. The call was made at the instance of a motion moved by Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide Jimoh. The lawmakers also applauded the motion that seeks to recover revenues payable to the Federation Account from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and its Joint Venture Partners by investigating the operations of the Joint Venture Agreements with particular reference to leakages. The mover of the motion, Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai also called for a forensic assurance review of the Joint Venture books to establish the amounts of income that accrued to the Venture

partners and the actual amount remitted into the Federation Account in the past seven years. Being an investigative motion, the House resolved that the matter was important enough to set up an Ad hoc Committee to investigate the facts presented in the motion and to report back to the House within seven weeks. The Senate on Tuesday October 20, 2015 screened two more Ministerial nominees; Adebayo Shittu from Ogbomoso in Oyo State and a serving House of Representative Member, Khadijah Abba Ibrahim, representing Gulari/Gujabadamaturu/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency of Yobe State. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara during plenary session on Thursday 22, October 2015, announced the names of Chairmen and members of constituted Standing Committees of the 8th House of Representatives. This development is said to be good owing to the fact that the Committees serve as "engine rooms" that performs the core business of the chamber. While the names of the Committee Chairpersons were awaited, activities of the House has been deemed slow and passive with many matters awaiting

legislative action now piling up. During the announcement, Mr. Speaker charged the Chairmen and their members to be committed, patriotic and diligent in conducting their statutory operations for the benefit of the citizenry. The senate has screened and confirmed another five (5) Ministerial nominees after about 45 minutes long closed door session where it discussed the appropriateness of resumption of the screening exercise on Thursday 22, October 2015. The confirmation hearing started immediately after the Chairman of the senate Ad hoc Committee on Ethics and Privileges, Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (Imo East) was invited to present the report of the Committee on the petition by Integrity Group alleging cases of fraud against Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Ameachi. The nominees that were screened and confirmed are:

- Chibuike Rotimi Ameachi (Rivers State)
- Heineken Lokpobiri (Bayelsa)
- Claudius Omoleye Daramola (Ondo)
- Adewoye Isaac Folorunso (Borno)
- Ocholi Enojo James (Kogi)

Exchange of Experience



A delegation led by the Director General of the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), Dr Ladi Hamalai on a visit to some agencies of the United States Congress and the United Kingdom Parliament to formulate and initiate concrete proposals for knowledge management and development of the Nigeria National Assembly.



HOUSE & SENATE NEW MOTIONS 1

House New Motions

Devastating Gully Erosion in some Communities in Kaura-Namoda/Birnin-Magaji Federal Constituency:

Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji:

Abuse of the Grant of Pioneer Status by Companies:

Hon. Herman Hembe:

Poor Service Delivery by Nigeria's Fire Services:

Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide .limoh:

Recovery of Revenues Payable to the Federation Account from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and its Joint Venture Partners:

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:

Deploring Nigeria's Absence at the Zero Routine Gas Flaring Initiative in Washington D.C., United States of America:

Hon. Uchechuku Nnam-Obi and 13 others

Call for a Dual Carriageway along Wudil-Birnin/Kudu-Babaldu-Ningi-Bauchi-Gombe- Yola Road:

Hon. Muhammad Ali Wudil:

Call for Rehabilitation of the Lagos-Badagry Express Road:

Hon. Bamgbose H. Joseph:

Urgent Need to Curb the Incessant Incidents of Snake Bites in Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency and Other Neighbouring Communities:

Hon. Golu Timothy Simon, Hon. Binta Bello

Hon. Beni Lar, Hon. Johnbull Shekarau

Hon. Danladi Baido

Call for Payment of Entitlements of Military Personnel who died while fighting the Boko Haram Insurgents:

Hon. E. T. Agbonayinma:

Call for a New Revenue Allocation Formula (RAF) for the Federation:

Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye:

Urgent Need for the Rehabilitation of Lagos Badagry Express Road:

Hon. Bamgbose H. Joseph:

Call for Reconstruction of Owerri-Amaraku-Okigwe, Amaraku-Nkwerre-Orlu and Anara-Orlu Roads:

Hon. Chukwudi Jones V. Onyereri:

Need For a Review of Environmental Standards, Policies, Guidelines and Status Reports of Oil Firms:

Hon. O. K. Chinda:

Call for Measures to Stop the Incessant Collapse of Buildings in Nigeria:

Hon. Solomon Bulus Marcus:

Call for a State Of Emergency and Legislative Intervention in the Employment Crisis in the Country:

Hon. Femi Cbajabiamila:

Call for Upgrade of Radio: Nigeria Short Wave to Broadband and Scrapping of the Voice of Nigeria (VON):

Hon. Ahmed Yerima:

HOUSE & SENATE NEW MOTIONS 2

Non-Compliance by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), States and Local Government Councils with the Prohibition of the Use of Consultants, Contractors, Task Forces or Non- Revenue Officials in the Assessment and Collection of Taxes and Levies across the Federation:

Hon. Anayo Edwin:

Call for a State of Emergency and Legislative Intervention in the Unemployment Crisis in Nigeria:

Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila and 77 others

Call for Measures to stop the Incessant Collapse of Buildings in Nigeria:

Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren.

Devastating Gully Erosion Threatening Ideato North and South Federal Constituency of Imo State:

Hon. Austin Ikechukwu Chukwukere:

Call for Upgrade of Radio Nigeria Shortwave to Broadband and Scrapping of the Voice of Nigeria (VON):

Hon. Ahmed Yerima:

Call on Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal and State Governments to pay their Electricity Debts to Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs):

Hon. Benson Babajimi:

Call for Reconstruction of Owerri-Amaraku-Okigwe, Amaraku-Nkwerre-Orlu and Anara Orlu Roads:

Hon. Chukwudi Jones Ouyereri:

The Increasing Incidents of Brutality by Security Personnel on Hapless Nigerians:

Bon. Solomon E. O. Adaelu:

Senate New Motions

Illegal Mining of the Nation's Solid Minerals

Sen. Duro Faseyi, (Ekiti North)

The Need to Urgently Seek the Resuscitation of Collapsed and Ailing Industries as Well as the Establishment of New ones to Rejuvenate The Economy.

Sen. Barau I. Jibrin and 61 others

Urgent Need to Curb the Soaring Rate of Unemployment in Nigeria

Sen. Basse Albert Akpan (Akwa Ibom North-East)

The unfortunate recurrence of kidnapping and hostage-taking in Nigeria - a national wakeup call!

Sen. Emmanuel Andy Uba, MFR (Anambra South)

Demise of Governor D. S. P. Alamieyeseigha

Sen. Foster Ogola (Bayelsa West) and 17 Co-sponsors

The Apapa Port Gridlock

Sen. Oluremi Tinubu (Lagos Central)

Co-Sponsors: 107

The Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja, Second Runway - Contract

Sen. Dino Melaye (Kogi West)

SENATE & HOUSE NEW BILLS 1

Senate New Bills

Anti-Criminal Gang Bill 2015-(SB. 39) -*First Reading.*

Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*)

FCT Water Board (Establishment, etc) Bill 2015(SB.70) -*First Reading.*

Sen. Phillip Aduda (*FCT*)

Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service Bill 2015(SB.81) -*First Reading.*

Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji (*Ebonyi South*)

Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB.89) -*First Reading.*

Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)

Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Acts, CAP D3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB.98) -*First Reading.*

Sen. Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*)

Non-Governmental Organisations Regulations Bill 2015 (SB111)-*First Reading.*

Sen. Duro Faseyi (*Ekiti North*)

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2015 (SB.113)-*First Reading.*

Sen. Rose Oko (*Cross River North*)

Students Financial Aid Scheme (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2015(114)-*First Reading.*

Sen. Isa Hamman Misau (*Bauchi Central*)

Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill 2015(SB.116)-*First Reading.*

Sen. Biodun Olujimi (*Ekiti South*)

Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Acts, CAP D3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB119)-: *First Reading.*

Sen. Theodore Orji (*Abia Central*).

National Library Act CAP 264 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB. 46) - *Read the First Time.*

Employment Services Bill 2015 (SB. 60) - *Read the First Time.*

Local Industry Patronage Bill 2015 (SB. 67) - *Read the First Time.*

National Planning Process Bill 2015 (SB. 73) - *Read the First Time.*

National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation Bill 2015 (SB. 74) – *Read the First Time.*

Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2015 (SB. 88) - *Read the First Time.*

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB. 94) - *Read the First Time.*

Nigerian Political Debate Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2015 (SB. 101) – *Read the First Time.*

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2015 (SB. 104)- *Read the First Time.*

Delegated Legislation Bill 2015 (SB. 105) - *Read the First Time.*

Resolutions of the National Assembly Compliance and Binding Effects Bill 2015 (SB. 24) *First Reading.*

Sen. Ibrahim Gobir

Rural Areas Development Agency (Establishment, etc) Bill 2015 (SB.35) - *First Reading.*

Sen. Godfrey Utazi

Equal Opportunity Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2015 (SB. 45) - *First Reading.*

Sen. Biodun Olujimi

SENATE & HOUSE NEW BILLS 2

Nigerian Solid Minerals Development Bank (Establishment, etc) Bill 2015 (SB. 56) - First Reading.

Sen. Tijani Y Kaura

National Security Tax Fund (est., etc) Bill 2015-(SB. 91) -First Reading.

Sen. K. Buruji (Ogun East)

Federal Capital Territory Act CAP F6,LFN (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB. 93) First Reading.

Sen. Adeola Solomon (Lagos West)

Nigerian Postal Services Act CAP N127 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill 2015 -(SB. 106) –First Reading.

Sen. Gilbert Nnaji (Enugu East)

Deep Offshore and Inland Basin production sharing contracts Act CAP D3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2015-(SB. 119) -First Reading.

Sen. Theodore Orji (Abia Central)

House New Bills

Nigerian Ports and Harbour Authority Bill, 2015 (HB. 50) (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) – First Reading.

Public Officers Protection Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (BB. 54) Hon, Musa Sarkin Adar) – First Reading.

National Agency for Training and Regulation of Vocational Trades (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB.55) (Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar) - First Reading.

National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (BB. 80) (Hon. Joan Otiyemaechi Mrakpori) - First Reading.

National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 82) (Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpori - First Reading.

National Council for Elderly Persons (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 84) (Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpori - First Reading.

Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill 2015 (HB. 86) Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta; - First Reading.

National Transport Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 51) (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) - First Reading.

Federal Land Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 52) (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai - First Reading.

Federal Character Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 53) Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) - First Reading.

Internet Child Pornography Prevention Bill, 2015 (HB. 81) (Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpori - First Reading.

Security Services Welfare Infrastructural Development Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 83) (I [Oil. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpori - First Reading.

Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2015 (BB. 85) (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta - First Reading.