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In the Chambers Last Week

DIALOGUE ON ECONOMY, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES

The National Assembly has summoned key players in both the public and private sectors to a 2-day National Dialogue on economy, security and development. The dialogue which started on Monday 16, November 2015 is being facilitated by the think tank organ of the National Assembly, the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS). In a keynote address delivered by the president of the senate, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki posited that the National Assembly is committed to contributing to an economic reform agenda with a view to expanding the economic space for business, ensuring private sector involvement in infrastructure development, technology integration and modernization of the regulatory environment for ease of doing business as well as protection of consumers. He added that the 8th National Assembly is going to work closely with the Executive Arm of government in confronting head-on daunting challenges hampering all inclusive growth and development, good governance, security of lives, properties and borders.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara has also stressed that we cannot meaningfully discuss the improvement of the national economy without discussing priority legislation in this field. He mentioned that one of the most important pieces of Legislation is the Petroleum Industry (PIB) due to the fact that Oil and Gas still accounts for over 70 percent of the country's foreign exchange earnings in spite of the rapid fall in Oil prices.

He exposed that some of the legislative measures adopted by the House of Representatives to revamp the National economy include to tackle non-remittance of internally generated revenue and leakages, infrastructure development, legislative initiatives on new cities; North/East and Niger Delta; unemployment; Housing, urban development; Power; Mortgages; Security and Economic Diversification.

Dogara reintegrated that anti-corruption legislation and Oversight would be a major input of the parliament to the change that is expected in Nigeria. He also stated that discussion on budget process is pivotal to issues of development and economy. Adding that President Muhammadu Buhari should follow up the implementation of the TSA with another courageous move to capture all expenditure by all MDAs in one single National budget.

The opening ceremony of the National Dialogue saw goodwill messages from reputable associates of the National Assembly.

During plenary session on Tuesday 17, November 2015 The Federal House of Representatives has moved to review the digitization program that started in December 2007 in the Nigerian broadcasting industry, by passing a resolution mandating its Committee on Telecommunications to liaise with relevant agencies like the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) and the Consumer Protection Council (CPC) to do an appraisal of the whole concept of digitization program. The resolution came following a motion moved by Hon. Edward G. Pwajok. He informed the House that majority of people that own television in the rural areas and even in some urban areas still use analogue television sets basically because of their lower cost, durability and reliability. He lamented that the platforms of Pay TV programs are populated by foreigners like DSTV owned by Multi-choice, a South African company and Startimes that is 70 percent owned by the Chinese. The Senate on the other hand has formally adopted a Legislative Agenda for its operations and also considered

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and passed a Motion on JAMB New Admission Policy. The adoption of the Legislative Agenda followed resumed consideration of the Senate Ad-hoc Committee report on 8th Senate Legislative Agenda which was deferred to another legislative date on Thursday October 8, 2015 by the Chamber. The resumed consideration was led by Senate Leader, Muhammed Ali Ndume urging Senators to critically look at the report with a view to making inputs before its adoption. He added that the Legislative Agenda will serve as a compass that directs the operations of the 8th Senate which is subject to changes and additions. Similarly, the Upper Legislative Chamber has debated and passed a Motion titled "JAMB New Admission Policy". The Motion was sponsored by Sen. Joshua Lidani and five others, the Senate being aware that JAMB in 2015 adopted a policy whereby candidates of Universities with surplus applications for the Unified Tertiary Matriculations Examinations (UTME) are reassigned to other universities with lower number of candidates than their capacities. On Wednesday 18, November 2015, The Members of the House of Representatives have expressed concern over the havoc caused by cancer in the country. The concern was made public through a motion moved by Hon. Mohammed Usman during plenary. He implored the House to see the matter as urgent and important enough to be given immediate attention. Responding to the prayers of his motion, the House resolved to urge the Federal Government to transform the National Cancer Centre to an Agency, fully equipped to address all cancer related matters. The House also resolved to amend the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) Bill, with a view to accommodating other life threatening health related issues which is not captured in the current scheme. In addition, the Federal Ministry of Health was charged to immediately embark on repair of medical equipment in our health institutions as well as a nationwide sensitization campaign, to educate the citizens on the latest control and breakthroughs made in a bid to curb the menace of the deadly disease. Another matter that was deliberated on was a motion which sought for the investigation of the status of the Nigeria's Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT 1), moved by Hon. Toby Okechuckwu. Following the prayers of the motion, the Committee on Information Technology has been mandated to conduct the investigation with a view to reactivating the Satellite to serve the country's enormous communications needs. In a related development the Representatives have called on the Nigerian Communications



Commission (NCC) to start an industry wide audit of the quality of service delivery being provided by internet service providers. The commission is also requested to set up a framework through which internet service consumers would be compensated for poor services. This is against the backdrop of the perceived exploitation of Internet Service Consumers by the Service providers. The Senate on Wednesday November, 18, 2015 considered and approved a Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200, 000, 000) World Bank loan entitled "Lagos State Development Policy Operation II (DPO II) Loan of US\$200 million". The approval followed the presentation of the Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Local and Foreign Debts Report on DPO II by the Committee Chairman, Sen. Kabiru Gaya before the Hallowed Chamber for consideration. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Forestry Institute of Nigeria Act 1973, and Re-enact the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria and for other Matters connected therewith, 2015 (S.B.14), was sponsored by Sen. Uche Ekwunife (Anambra Central) and seconded by Sen Chukwuka Utazi (Enugu North). The Bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Environment for further legislative inputs, to report back in four weeks. The second Bill passed was a Bill for an Act to Facilitate the use of Information and Electronic form for conducting Transactions in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes, 2015 (S.B. 15), sponsored by Sen. Hope Uzodinma (Imo West) and seconded by Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (Abia South). The Bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions for further legislative works and to report back in four weeks. While the third legislation passed was a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Center for Cancer Research and Treatment and for other Connected Purposes 2015 (S.B. 10), sponsored by Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa (Abia North). The Bill has been referred to Senate Committee on Health to report back in four weeks. The Federal House of Representatives has on Thursday 19, November 2015 unanimously passed for second

reading, the 2015 Supplementary Appropriation Bill. The resolution that the Bill be read the second time came following a motion moved by the leader of the House, Hon. Demi Gbajabiamila and seconded by the Minority leader, Hon. Leo Ogor introducing the Bill for debate during the plenary session. Hon. Gbajabiamila who led the debate on the general principles of the Bill gave a breakdown of what the sum of N465.64 billion requested by President Muhammadu Buhari as a Supplementary budget for the 2015 fiscal year is meant for. Meanwhile, the House has charged the security agencies to boost security around parks, markets and other soft areas, to forestall the incessant attacks on such places by the Boko Haram sect. This call came against the backdrop of the twin bomb blasts that claimed several lives in Kano yesterday. The House condemned the attacks and as well observed a minute of silence, to mourn those that were killed in the blasts. The Senate on the same day deliberated upon four Motions and passed them as Resolutions. The Motions are: The passage of the Motions was sequel to intensive debate of each of them by distinguished Senators on the floor of the Chamber.

The Motions passed include: Illegal Mining of the Nation's Solid Minerals, sponsored by Sen. Duro Faseyi (Ekiti North), "Construction of Dams to remedy the perennial flood disasters in Nigeria", sponsored by Sen. Stella Oduah, "Destruction of Marine Life by the effluent from Notore Chemical Company and Port Harcourt Refineries Company into Ekerekana River and environment", sponsored by Sen. George Thompson Sekibo (Rivers East) and two others and the fourth Motion passed by the Senate was on "The unfortunate recurrence of kidnapping and hostage taking in Nigeria - a national wake-up call, sponsored by Sen. Andy Uba (Anambra South).



Senate New Bills & Motion

New Bills

Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Act CAP N116 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2015 (SB.11) - *First Reading*.

Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*)

National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act CAP N4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (SB.12)- *First Reading*.

Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*)

Nigeria Institute of Management Act No. 142003 (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (SB.13) - *First Reading*.

Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*)

New Motions

JAMB's New Admission Policy

Sen. Joshua M. Lidani (*Gombe South*)

Illegal Mining of the Nation's Solid Minerals

Sen. Duro Faseyi, (*Ekiti North*)

Demise of Senator (Chief) Dr. Donald Dick Etiebet, PhD, OFR

Sen. Godswill Akpabio, CON (*Akwa Ibom*) *Co-Sponsors: 5*

The Demise of Senator Christopher Chukwuma Nshii

Sen. Sam Egwu (*Ebonyi North*)

Sustainable Development Goals: Take-home from the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament 2015.

Sen. Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) *Co-Sponsor. Sen. Andy Uba*

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 (*Kano North*), *Co-Sponsors: 61*

Construction of Dams to remedy the Perennial Flood Disasters in Nigeria

Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*)

Destruction of Marine life by the effluent from the; Notore Chemical Company and Port Harcourt Refinery Company into the Ekerekana River and environment.

Sen. George Thompson Sekibo, CON JP (*Rivers East*)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Olaka J. Nwogu, Sen. Osinachukwu T. Ideozu

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

Sen. Emmanuel Andy Uba, MFR (*Anambra South*)

House New Bills 1

Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 20 15 (HB. 96) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamilai – First Reading.*

Presidential (Transition) Bill, 2015 (HB. 102) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamilai - First Reading.*

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2015 (HB. 97) (*Hon. Leo Okuweh Ogor - First Reading.*

Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 100) (*Hon. E. Y. Orker-levi - First Reading.*

Parental Rights and Child Control Bill, 2015 (HB. 73) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta) - First Reading.*

Advisory Council on Religious Affairs (Repeal and Re-Enactment) National Peace Council Bill, 2015 (HB. 74) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abontai - First Reading.*

Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria Bill, 2015 (HB. 78) (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga) - First Reading.*

Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill, 20 15 (HB. 79) (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga) – First Reading.*

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2015 (HB. 106) (*Hon. Leo Ogor) - First Reading.*

Federal Audit Service Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 1(7) (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa OrkerJevi - First Reading.*

Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill, 2015 (HB. 108) (*Hon. Emmanuel Yisa Orker-Jevi - First Reading.*

Miscellaneous Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 92) (*Hon. Ayo Tajudeen Yusuf) - First Reading.*

National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act (Amendment Bill, 2015 (HB. 93) (*Hon. Solomon B. Maren) - First Reading.*

National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization ACT (An Amendment) Bill, 2015 (1113. 9tl) (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk) – First Reading.*

Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (I IB. (5) *Hon. Ogliene Emma EGOH) - First Reading.*

Desertification, Erosion, Flood and Ecological Control Agency Bill, 2015 (HB. 1(1) *Hon. Hassan Omale) - First Reading.*

National Conference and Referendum Bill 2015 (HB. 103) (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chindo and Hon. Peter Akpatason)- First Reading.*

Nigeria Agro-Processing and Food Safety Service Commission (establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB.1 (4) *Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Yunusa) - First Reading.*

National Economic Intelligence Committee (Establishment, etc.) (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 63)"(*Hon. Darlington Nwokochai - First Reading.*

Oil and Gas Investment and Free Zones Bill, 2015 (HB. 64) (*Hon. Darlington Nwokochai - First Reading.*

Institute of Company and Commercial Accountants Bill, 20 15 (HB. 68) *Hon, Chike 1. Okafor) - First Reading.*



House New Bills 2

Chartered Institute of Consumer Relationship Management Bill, 2015 (HB. 69) (Hon. Chike 1. Okafor) - First Reading.

School of Mines and Geological Studies (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 105) (Hon. Peter Akpatasoni) - First Reading.

Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.70) (Hon. Raphael Igbokwe) - First Reading.

Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.99) (Hon. Daniel Reyenieju) - First Reading.

Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 98) (Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga) - First Reading.

Transition Bill, 2015 (HB. 109) (Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide Ihama) - First Reading.

Matrimonial Causes Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 110) (Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam) - First Reading.

Federal Road Safety Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 111) (Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba) - First Reading.

FCT Wider Area Planning and Development Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 112) (Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefivi) - First Reading.

National Council of Traditional Rulers Bill, 2015 (HB. 113) (Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha) - First Reading.

Nigerian Sovereign Investment Authority (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 114) (Hon. Shehu N. Garba) - First Reading.

Nigerian Police Academy (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 115) (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) - First Reading.

Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 116) (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) - First Reading.

Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 118) (Hon. Emmanuel Ekon) - First Reading.

Compulsory Treatment and Care of Victims of Gunshots Bill, 2015 (HB. 119) (Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha) - First Reading.

National Youth Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 122) (Hon. Samaila Suleiman) - First Reading.

Security and Intelligence (Compulsory Inclusion in Secondary School Syllabus) Bill, 2015 (HB. 123) (Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello) - First Reading.

National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency Bill, 2015 (HB. 127) (Hon. Beni Lar) - First Reading.



House New Motions 1

The Need to Rehabilitate Bakalori Irrigation Project:

Hon. Yahaya Choda Gora.

Need to Complete the Construction of Kishi-Kaiama- Wawa-Agwara-Rofia Road:

Hon. Umar Muhammed Rotia:

Calling the Federal Government to Construct Abuja-Maiduguri Road through Akwanga-Amper-Bogoro Filiya-BiZin):

Hon. Ali Isa C. J.

Call for Reconstruction of the Jibiro Uabbi-Lambai Malabu-Farang-Sorau-Belel Road in Adamawa State:

Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim.

Urgent Need for the Completion of Erelu Water Scheme ill Oyo Town:

Hon. Akeern Adeniyi Adeyemi

Call for Upgrade of Kano/Nguru Rail Line:

Hon. Sidi Yakubu.

Need to Construct Mararaba-Baissa-Gembu Road ill Taraba State:

Hon. D. C. Hosea.

Need to Review the Digitization Program of the Nigerian Broadcasting Industry:

Hon. Edward G. Pwajok.

Urgent Need to Curb Unwholesome Practices of Banks ill Nigeria:

Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola.

Need to Re-award the Contract for the Completion of Abandoned 19Km Sabo-Sobe Road in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State:

Hon. Pally Iriase.

Urgent Needfor the Expansion and Re-opening of Roads in the Federal Capital Territory to ease the Incessant Gridlock and hardships to Residents:

Hon. Ahmed Yerima.

Urgent Need to Complete the Dogolo Dam in Birnin Kudu Local Government Area of Jigawa State:

Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu,

Need to Complete the Construction of Dumne-Shelling Across River Gongola-Bobini-Guyuk to Kanawa tGombe State) Federal Road:

Hon. Phillip A. Gutuwa.

Need to Investigate the Status of Nigeria's Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT 1):

Hon. Toby Okechukwu.

Need to Address the Menace of Container Carrying Trailers on Nigerian Roads:

Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha.

Exploitation of Internet Service Consumers by Internet Service Providers:

Hon. Oluwole Oke.

Consequences of the Neglect of Marine Transportation on Commerce, Tourism and Revenues of the Nation:

Hon. Douye Diri.

Curbing Piracy in the Nigerian Entertainment Industry:

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Hon. Abdulkareem Olajide Jimoh.

Urgent Need to Curb the menace of Kidnapings and Other Crimes in Esan

South East Local Government Area (LGA) of Edo State:

Hon. Sergious Ose Ogun.

Call for Rehabilitation of /gwuntta/C/IOkoc/ze/Okelzillgbodo/Okpala Road:

Hon. Jerome Amadi Eke.

Calling on the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) and the Federal

Government to Resume Work on the NTA Channel 27, Okigwe, Imo State:

Hon. Onwubuariri Obinna Kingsley.

Call for Resumption of Work on the Abandoned Badagry-Sokoto Dual Carriage

Way:

Hon. Yakubu Balogun.

Need to Investigate the Claims by State Governments of Expenditures Incurred

Oil Rehabilitation of Federal Roads in their States:

Hon. Muhammed Kabir Ajanah.

Call for Investigation of the continued closure of the Nigerian Newsprint

Manufacturing Company (NNMC) Seven Years after its Privatization:

Hon. Henry Okon Archibong.

Call for Regulation of the Lending Interest Rate charged by Commercial Banks:

Hon. Bode Ayorinde.

Call for Rehabilitation of Returnees from Bakassi Peninsula:

Hon. Sunday Adepoju.

Need to Improve Facilities, Standard and Quality of Education in Public

Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools in Nigeria:

Hon. O. K. Chinda.

Need for the National Population Commission (NPC) to Commence Preparation for Population Census in 2016:

Hon. Abiodun Awoleye ,

The Need to Rehabilitate Bakalori Irrigation Project:

Hon. Yahaya Choda Cora:

Need to Complete the Construction of Kishi-Kaisma-Wawa-Agwara-Rofia Road:

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Need to Award Contract for the Completion of 19K1n Sabo-Sobe Road in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State:

Hon. Pally Iriase:

Urgent Need for Expansion and Re-opening of Roads in the Federal Capital Territory to Ease the Incessant Gridlock and Hardships to Residents:

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Need to Address the Menace of Container-Carrying Trailers on Nigerian Roads.

Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejocha:

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Hon. Busayo Oluwole Oke:

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Hon. Yakub Abiodun Hon Abdullahi Balarabe Salame:

Call for Issuance of International Passports to Nigerians Living in Israel to Enable Renewal of their Visas:

Hon. Golu Timothy Simon, Hon. Gideon Gwani, Hon. Jonathan Gaza, Hon. Yerima Ahmed: