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In the Chambers Last Week

New Governing Council for NILS

The newly constituted Governing Council of the National Institute for Legislative Studies was inaugurated on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. The 2nd Governing Council of the Institute has as Chairman the Senate President, Senator Bukola Saraki and six other Senators as members while the Alternate Chairman is the Speaker, House of Representatives, Rt. Hon.. Yakubu Dogara as well as six other Members of the House of Representatives to serve as members.

It also consists of the Chairman, National Assembly Service Commission, the Clerk to the National Assembly and the Director General of the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), Dr. Ladi Hamalai, who also serves as the Secretary to the Council.

In his inaugural speech, the Chairman of the Governing Council and Senate President, Senator Bukola Saraki said that the Institute has indeed provided the National Assembly with a global best practice in managing parliamentary affairs from the vantage position of continuous inflow of information resources necessary for effective legislative operations. However, the new chairman believes it is pertinent to expand the frontiers of the visions and strategies to remodel the Institute to become much more effective as well as reinvigorate the vision and mission of the Institute and evolve it towards becoming a legislative research hub in Africa, he said.

The Governing Council among its terms of reference will determine the general policy of the Institute, approve all its workplans and programmes, infrastructure development plans and budget among other things.

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) engages in building the capacities of legislators and legislative officials and staff; strengthening legislative administrative structures and systems; enhancing the effectiveness of the committee system and operations; supporting parliamentary public outreach and oversight; and strengthening compliance to legislative procedures and practices.

Online Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) will start an on-line Diploma Program in Legislative Drafting to provide opportunities for members of the public who are interested in legislative drafting to familiarise themselves with the practices and procedures without the inconvenience of abandoning their full-time jobs for an extended period. The programme which will last for 12 months, will be delivered through Module e-learning facilities with technical support from the USA based Centre for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) and World Association of Online Learning (WAOE). G. For further enquiries regarding admission and application, please contact the following: Dr.. Tonye Clinton Jaja, tonye.jaja@nils.gov.ng +2348052040118; Mr.. Christopher Ngara, cossyChris@yahoo.com +2348036718097

The House of Representatives has urged the Federal Executive Council and President Muhammed Buhari to prevail upon the State Governments in the federation that are in breach of the constitutional provision of section 7(1) of the 1999 Constitution, to ensure that there are democratically elected Local Government Councils in their respective States. This resolution was passed during plenary session on Tuesday 1, December 2015, following a motion calling for the sustenance and promotion of democratic Local Government administration and good governance, moved by Hon... Afe Olowookere. Tuesday's plenary also saw a resolution that urged the Federal Ministry of Health and the Committee on Health Services to make adequate budgetary provisions in the 2016 Appropriations proposals for National Blood Transfusion Service. Adding that National Orientation Agency and other relevant agencies to create more awareness across the country on the need for voluntary blood donations. The Senate on Tuesday December 1, 2015 made good its promise by hastening the passage of 2015 Appropriation Bill sent to it last week by President Muhammadu Buhari in order to save Nigerians from the untold hardship caused by the scarcity of petroleum

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products nationwide. The Chamber did not pass the Bill into law as presented because of envisaged shortcomings but did so with some amendments to the total amount earlier requested by Mr. President from N465, 636, 926, 857 to N574, 532, 726, 857 to capture petroleum subsidy payment for the fourth quarter of 2015 which was not included hitherto to avert future crisis in the oil sector especially in the month of December, 2015. The passage of the 2015 Supplementary Appropriation Bill followed the presentation of its report by the Senate Committee on Appropriation, led by Sen. Danjuma Goje before the Hallowed Chamber for consideration and approval. Sen. Goje noted that fundamentally, the Bill seeks to among other things make available additional funds for the fight against insurgency in the North-East, payment of outstanding petroleum subsidy claims in order to ameliorate the sufferings of Nigerians and the payment of severance gratuity and allowances of outgoing and incoming legislators as well as their legislative aides. Other items captured by the expenditure profile of the Bill include the overhead cost of All Africa Games Qualification for Rio, Brazil 2016 Olympics Games. on Wednesday 2, December 2015 Members of the House of Representatives have implored the Federal Government to provide reasonable accommodation for Corps members serving the nation under the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) adding that the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and other establishments in the Federal Capital Territory should henceforth give unconditional acceptance to Corpsers. Some Members however did cautioned that passing such resolution negates the principle of fairness upon the grounds that it narrowed its prayers to just Corpsers in the FCT, disregarding those serving in the States and Local Governments. In a similar note, the House has requested the Federal Government to review the institutional framework for planning and administration of Basic and Secondary education as well as the core mandates of the parastatals in the education sector. The House also urged the Governments at all levels to address infrastructural decay in the primary and secondary schools and to provide modern teaching and learning resources. Meanwhile, the House has passed the 2015 Supplementary Budget of N 574, 532, 726, 857 in concurrence with the Senate version of the 2015 Supplementary Appropriation Bill. The Senate at plenary on Wednesday December 2, 2015 considered and passed the Report of its Ad-hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Concession and Grants on the Lifting of Ban on Rice Importation through Land Borders by the Nigeria Customs Service. The Report was presented for consideration and passage by the Chairman of the Committee, Sen. Adamu Aliero. The Chamber having debated the Committee's report adopted its single recommendation which urge the Nigeria Customs Service to suspend the importation of rice through the land borders and encourage importers to use the country's seaports to ensure accountability in the collection duties



on imported rice, thereby suspending the lifting of ban on rice importation through Nigeria's land borders. Similarly, the Senate has deliberated upon a Motion on the demise of Sen. (Chief) Dr. Donald Dick Etiebet, sponsored by the Senate Minority Leader, Godswill Akpabio and five others. The Minority Leader asserted that the Senate note with sadness and great sense of loss, the demise of former Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1979 - 1983) Sen. (Dr.) Donald Dick Etiebet at the age of 84. The second Motion debated and passed by the Red Chamber was on the Gross Mismanagement of Education Tax Fund from 2011 to 2015, sponsored by Sen. Abdullahi Aliyu Sabi. He noted that the Education Tax Funds are generated from Education Taxes that are utilized to improve the quality of education in Nigeria. The Senate has also debated and passed two Bills for second reading. The Bills passed are: A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Frivolous Petition and other matters connected therewith, 2015 (S.B. 143), sponsored by Sen. Bala Ibn Na'Allah (Kebbi South). The Bill has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report back in four weeks. The second, A Bill for an Act to Ensure Full Integration of Persons with Disabilities into the Society and Establish a National Commission for Persons with Disabilities and vest it the responsibilities of their education, health care and the protection of social, economic and civic rights 2015 (S.B. 22). The Bill was sponsored by Sen. Francis Alimikhena (Edo North) and has been referred to the Senate Committees on Sports and Poverty Alleviation to report back in four weeks. Sitting on the final day of the week Thursday 3, December 2015, The House of Representatives has charged its Committees on Information, Judiciary and Police Affairs to conduct an investigation into the frivolous practice of change of identity published in the newspapers by citizens of Nigeria. The resolution came during plenary session on following a motion moved by Hon.... Abubakar Nuhu. He brought this concern to the fore relying on Matters of Urgent Public Importance asking the House to look into it with a view to ensure that it does not pose a threat to National Security. He stated that many citizens are taking advantage of the dearth of proper identity management in the country and are now rampantly changing their identity for various purposes. Adding that

in such cases, crime and insecurity thrives. He implored the House to seriously investigate the matter so that the trend will be checked. Also during Thursday's plenary, the House has urged the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence remedial works on the Port Harcourt/Aba express road. On the heels of a motion calling for immediate rehabilitation of the road moved by Hon.... Emerengwa Sunday, the House also implored the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to undertake a critical study aimed at finding solutions to the persistent degradation of the road, especially during rainy season. Hon.... Sunday stated that due to the failed portions of the road which make both human and vehicular movements difficult, commuters are being molested and extorted by miscreants from nearby villages. He insisted that unless urgent action is taken to rehabilitate the road, the road users will continue to suffer. The Senate on Thursday December 3, 2015 received and considered the report of its Ad-hoc Committee on Works on the total collapse of more than 200 Federal Roads in Nigeria and prevalent Gully Erosion Sites. The report was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Sen. Barnabas Gemade before the Chamber and was seconded by Sen. Lilian Uche Ekwunife. The report has been referred to the Senate Committees on Works and Climate Change to report back to the Chamber in four weeks. Similarly, the Red Chamber has deliberated upon a Motion on the Abuse of Social Media in circulating false information on the Senate. The Motion was moved by Sen. Dino Melaye; coming under Senate Order 14, he made reference to the false and malicious information circulated by the Sahara Reporters Social Media on his humble self and even the President, Bukola Saraki stating that the internet based media outfit has breached his rights and privileges thereby causing disaffection on his personality and image. The Motion has been referred to the Senate Committees on Ethics and Privileges, Information Communication Technology, Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters.



Constitutional Quagmire in Kogi State

SAMUEL OGUICHE

Barrister Oguiche examined the problems that had bedevilled election matters in Kogi state prior to the election results announced by INEC this weekend. He discussed the lacuna that exists in the constitution regarding the debacle resulting from the death of APC candidate Prince Audu and how even previous court cases were contradictory in giving a clear perspective on how to resolve the issue.

Online PGD

To be eligible for admission into the ONLINE PGD in Legislative Drafting, a prospective candidate must be a holder of a:

Bachelor's degrees, not below a 3rd Class Division in the areas of Law, Social Sciences, History, International Relations and Philosophy from a recognized university;

Bachelor's Degree, not below a 2nd Second Class (Lower Division) in disciplines not closely related to Law, Social Sciences, History, International Relations and philosophy from a recognized institution with at least 60% CGPA;

Higher National Diploma (HND), Upper Credit from a recognized institution; relevant professional qualifications as well as Five (5) credit passes at the Ordinary Level, including English Language.

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NILS 22ND WEEKLY SEMINAR

Attitude of NILS Library Users Towards the use of the library Services

Dr. Catherine Enatta Ikokoh examines The use of library services to enhance learning and research across all institutions with particular reference to NILS Library services. The role of any library is to provide understanding to the users and meet their needs and to enhance their attitudes towards seeking those needs. It is only when this is properly done that users can optimize the benefits that such services can offer. However, not much is known about attitudes of NILS library users towards the use



of NILS library services. It is against this backdrop, that it becomes imperative to take a closer look at those attitudes, which have effect on how the users of NILS library use the services available to them. Dr. Catherine reviews the situation of services at NILS library with regards to the user and their attitude to the use of the services offered in NILS library. It shows that the users prefer the use of e-library services offered in the library, as well as the effort put in place because it increases their usage of the library, makes users more creative and the library more interesting, with less time spent in searching for information; and it enhances their efficiency owing to the fact that the electronic library works well at all times, as well

as meets their needs.

The study also review some issues that serve as barrier in the library such as not having time for the use of the library, not having searching skills, having electronic phobia and not interested in library. There are also suggestions on how to improve the service by providing enlightenment campaigns on electronic library system.

Overall, the study provides a great learning experiences. The findings will help NILS's library to determine the services area, where improvements are most needed, and develop the necessary training programme to address them. The study is an eye opener to how library services work at NILS library, and library users' attitude towards these services offered.

Regulation and Registration of Lobbyists and Lobbying Activities

Barrister Chukwuka Onyeaku examine the Challenges and Prospects for legislation on lobbying in Nigeria. He reiterates that Lobbying has internationally become acclaimed as a part of representative democracy and like other democratic institutions, lobbying has its own practices. Based on the assumption that lobbying

practice is a product of its operational environment, this paper investigates the relative impact the regulation and registration of lobbyists has on lobbying in Nigerian's legislative Assemblies. The paper examines the significant role that lobbyists play in the formation of legislation and how they influence policies and decisions in

the Parliament. The main question in the regulation of lobbyists and lobbying activities is whether the extent of corruption in Nigeria warrants a comprehensive form of regulation as made. It is a fact that Nigeria consistently scores badly on transparency international's corruption perception index.

Senate New Bills & Motions

New Bills

Word Security Watches Nationwide (Est. etc.) Bill, 2015 (SB.80) - First Reading.

Sen. Ben Murray Bruce (Bayelsa East)

Sickle Cell Anemia (Prevention, Control and Management) Bill, 2015(SB.128) – First Reading.

Sen. Sam Egwu (Ebonyi North)

Unemployed Youths, Elderly and Indigent Sustainability Allowances Trust Fund Bill, 2015 (SB. 193) - First Reading.

Sen. Ali Ndume (Senate Leader)

Chartered Institute of Facilities Management of Nigeria Bill, 2015(SB.194) - First Reading.

Sen. Baba Kaka Bashir Garbai (Borno Central)

Co-sponsor:

Sen. Ali Ndume (Senate Leader)

New Motions

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

Sen. Godswill Akpabio, CON, (Akwa Ibom North West)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Bassey Albert Akpan Sen. Nelson Effiong Sen. John Enoh

Sen. Rose Oko Sen. Gershom Bassey

Gross Mismanagement of Education Tax Fund 2011- 2015

Sen. Abdullahi Aliyu Sabi (Niger North)

Urgent need to empanel the National Council on Public Procurement of Nigeria.

Sen. Theodore A. Orji, CON (Abia Central) and Sen. Ali Ndume (Senate Leader)

Incidents of incessant bomb attacks in Public Places.

Sen. Rabiu M. Kwankwaso (Kana Central)

The Urgent Need to Re-Assess Nigeria's Foreign Economic Policy Objectives in Line with Emerging Economic Realities.

Sen. Stella Oduah (Anambra North)

Abandonment of Projects: A Menace to Development in Nigeria.

Sen. Suleiman Nazif (Bauchi North).

House New Bills 1

North-East Development Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 158) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara and 32 Others*) - *First Reading.*

Cabinet Composition Bill, 2015 (HB. 159) (*Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama*) -*First Reading.*
Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 160) (*Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor*) - *First Reading.*

Nigerian Institute for Social Work (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 161) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas, assai*) - *First Reading.*

Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 162) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) ~ *First Reading.*

Federal Road Fund Bill, 2015 (HB. 163) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) - *First Reading.*

Capital Expenditure Budget Roll-over Bill, 2015 (HB. 164) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) *First Reading.*

Promotion of Democracy Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 166) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) - *First Reading.*

Federal Capital Territory Civil Service Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 167) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) - *First Reading.*

National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 168) (*Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeje*) - *First Reading.*

Oaths Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 169) (*Hon. E. Y. Orker-Jev*) - *First Reading.*

Nigerian Institute of International Affairs Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 170) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) *First Reading.*

Good Samaritans' Bill, 2015 (HB. 171) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) - *First Reading.*

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2015 (HB.172) (*Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikepazu, Hon. Betty Apiafi*) - *First Reading.*

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2015 (HB.173) (*Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor*) - *First Reading.*

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.165) (*Hon. Karimi Steve Sunday*) - *First Reading.* '
Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, -2015 (HB.174) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) -*First Reading.*

Federal Character Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 176) (*Hon. Akpatason O. Peter*) *First Reading.*

National Archives Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 177) (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam*) – *First Reading.*

Nigeria Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB178) (*Hon. Oghene-Emma Egoh*) – *First Reading,*

Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 179) (*Hon. Joan O. Mrakpor*)-'*First Reading.*

National Library. Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.142) (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema*)-*First Reading.*

FCT University of Science and Technology, Abaji (Establishment) Bill, 2015 eHB. 145 (*Hon. Zephaniah B. Jisalo*)- *First Reading,*

National Commission for Museums and Monuments Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 146) (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam*) - *First Reading.*



House New Bills 2

Secured Transactions in Movable Assets Bill, 2015 (HB. 147) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai – First Reading.* .

Federal Capital Territory Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 148) (*Hon. Tajudeen Ayo Yusuf*) - *First Reading.*

Broadcasting Practitioners Bill, 2015 (HB. 150) (*Hon. Ahmed Yerima*) - *First Reading.*

Companies and Allied Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 151) (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahimy*) *First Reading.*

Nigeria Investment Promotion Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 180) (*Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo*) - *First Reading.*

Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Registration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 181) (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam*) - *First Reading.*

Fire Arms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 182) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun*) - *First Reading.*

Orphanage Bill; 2015 (HB. 183) (*Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada*) - *First Reading.*

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2015 (HB. 184) (*Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada*) - *First Reading.*

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2015 (HB.185) (*Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada*) - *First Reading.*

National Population Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (BB. 186) (*Hon. Awoleye Abiodun Dada*) - *First Reading.*

National Boundary Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (BB. 187) (*Hon. Henry Daniel Ofongo*) - *First Reading.*

Internal Loan Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 188) (*Han. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) – *First Reading.*

Customary Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 190) (*Han. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) - *First Reading.*



House New Motions

Abandonment of Upgrading Work at Sam-Mbakwe International Cargo Airport, Owerri, Imo State:

Hon. Bede Eke:

Call for Investigation of the \$5 Million Granted to Lake Chad Basin Commission by the Chief Olusegun Obasanjo Administration for Feasibility Studies on how to Divert Rivers to Lake Chad:

Hon. Ahmed Abu:

Need to Sustain and Promote Democratic Local Government Administration and Good Governance in Nigeria:

Hon. Afe Olowookere:

Urgent Need to Encourage Voluntary Blood Donation to the National Blood Bank:

Hon. Chike John Okafor:

Call for Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of the 20Km Road Linking Oke-Gada in Ede North Local Government Area to Akoda, along the Osogbo-Ibadan Highway:

Hon. Mojeed Alabi.

Non-Compliance by the Federal Ministry of Health with the Federal Government's Directive for Employment of 58 Nigerians Issued Letters of Employment by the Federal Civil Service Commission:

Hon. E. J. Agbonayinma:

Urgent Need to Arrest the Crisis of Basic and Secondary Education:

Hon. Muhammed Usman:

Business Continued from Assembly to Assembly:

Chartered Institute of Project Management Bill, 2015 (HB.18).

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:

Urgent Need to Rehabilitate the Port Harcourt/Aba Express Road:

Hon. Emerengwa Boniface Sunday

Hon. Jacobson B. Nbina

Reconstruction and Dualization of Kaduna-BirninGwari-Funtua, Birnin Gwari- Tegina-Mokwa-Ilorin-Lagos Road:

Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau

Hon. Murtala Isa Kamkara

Hon. Ahmed Abu:

Hon. Muntari Dandutse

Hon. Abubakar C. Adamu

Hon. Amiru Tukur Idris

Hon. Razak Atunwa

Call for Reconstruction of the Odukpani Axis of the Calabar-Itu Road, Connecting Akwa Ibom State:

Hon. Ntufam Eta Mbora:

Call for Investigation of the Sales of Nigerian Telecommunications (NITEL) and Mobile Telecommunications (MTEL) to NATCOM:

Hon. Henry Nwawuba: