7TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST SESSION
NO. 46



# THE SENATE
# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
# ORDER PAPER

## Thursday 13th October, 2011

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Illegal Subjection of Candidates to Examinations by Universities after the Test by the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB):
Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri *(Bayelsa West)*

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| Sen. Emmanuel Paulker | Sen. Ita Enang | Sen. Chris Nwankwo |
| Sen. Mohammed Magoro | Sen. Aloysius A. Etok | Sen. Ahmed Lawan |
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| Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe | Sen. Domingo Obende | Sen. Danladi A. Sankara |
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| Sen. Abubakar B. Saraki | Sen. Ifeanyi Okowa | Sen. Sunny Ogbuoji |
| Sen. Emmanuel Ocheja | Sen. Matthew I. Nwagwu | |

*THE SENATE,*
*OBSERVES* that the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) is amongst others empowered to;

(a) Conduct Matriculation Examination for entry into all Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education (whatever name called) in Nigeria;

(b) Appoint Examiners, Moderators, Invigilators, members of the Subject Panel and committees and other persons with respect to matriculation examinations and any other matters incidental thereto or connected therewith;

(c) Place suitably qualified candidates in the tertiary institutions after having taking into account:

(i) The vacancies available in each tertiary institution;

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(ii) The guidelines approved for each tertiary institution by its proprietors or other competent authorities;

(iii) The preferences expressed or otherwise indicated by the candidates or certain tertiary institutions and courses;

(iv) Such other matters as the Board may be directed by the Honourable Minister to consider or the Board itself may consider appropriate in the circumstances;

(d) Collate and disseminate information on all matters relating to admissions into tertiary institutions or any other matter relevant to the discharge of functions of the board.

*OBSERVES* that the membership of the Board is all embracive. It is made up of the following-:

a. Chairman

b. Five representatives of all the Universities in Nigeria

c. Three representatives of all the Colleges of Education in Nigeria

d. Three representatives of all the Polytechnics in Nigeria

e. One representative of all the Nigeria Conference of Principals of School;

f. One representative of the Ministry of Education;

g. The registrar of the West African Examination Council (WAEC)

h. The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC)

i. The Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education.

j. The Executive Secretary of the National Council for Colleges of Education.

k. The registrar of the National Business and Technical Examinations Board.

*NOTES* that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board is statutorily responsible for determining matriculation requirements and conducting examinations leading to undergraduate admissions and admissions to National Diploma and Nigeria Certificate in Education courses.

*OBSERVES* that the Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and the various stake holders are sufficiently represented in the membership of the Board.

*OBSERVES* that the laws establishing the various Universities empower them to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down.

*OBSERVES* that the various Universities charge fees and subject candidates to series of tests and interviews which most often take several days to conclude.

*OBSERVES* that this is at grave costs to parents and guardians and a clear violation of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Act. Our young children are also subjected to avoidable inconveniences and risks.

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*OBSERVES* further that even the Registrar, Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) in the Session Combined Technical Committee meeting on admissions to Degree awarding Institutions, National Diploma (ND), Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) and National Innovation Diploma (NIDA) alluded to the fact that Post UME is unnecessary, yet it is persisting.

*ADVOCATES* that since JAMB is alive to its responsibilities as provided by law, there would be no reason whatsoever to subject candidates to another round of illegal test at grave cost and its other attendant consequences.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

i. *CONDEMN* the JAMB for abandoning its statutory responsibilities of regulating all admissions into Nigeria tertiary institutions.

ii. *CONDEMN* the illegal activities of our Universities.

iii. *URGE* the Honourable Minister of Education to direct the various Universities and other relevant bodies to stop forthwith the illegal post Universities Matriculation (UME) Test.

iv. *URGE* the various Universities to exploit their representation in the Board of JAMB to do whatever is needed to strengthen the Universities Matriculation (UME) Test.

v. *MANDATE* its Committee on Education to undertake a comprehensive investigation into the activities of those Universities indulging in such illegality and the causes for the failure of JAMB to conduct examinations sufficiently credible for acceptance by Universities.

2. **Perennial Traffic Congestion on Entry Routes into the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja:**
**Sen. Barnabas Gemade** *(Benue North-East)*
**Sen. Ibrahim Gobir** **Sen. Victor Lar** **Sen. Hope Uzodimma .**
**Sen. Emmanuel Paulker** **Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha** **Sen.Heineken Lokpobiri**
**Sen. Mohammed D. Goje** **Sen. Mohammed S. Saleh** **Sen. Femi Lanlehin**
**Sen. Robert A. Boroffice**

*THE SENATE,*
*NOTES* the perennial traffic congestion at all the three entry routes into the Federal Capital Territory i.e. Keffi - Abuja road, Kaduna / Zuba - Abuja road and Lokoja / Airport - Abuja road causing untold hardship to motorist and commuters coming into and going out of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja.

*WORRIED:* That commuters take several hours to get to their offices and businesses delaying commencement of official functions and man hours lost by Civil Servants and others, with resultant loss of millions of Naira in the economy of the Nation.

*NOTES* the commendable efforts being carried out by the Federal Capital Territory Administration to manage this serious problem within the Federal Capital Territory by expanding the capacity of the roads within the city precent.

*NOTES* that the Federal Highway regulations specify that a 150 meters right of way must be observed for all Federal express highways, thus ensuring that no structures are erected within the specified right of way.

*NOTES* that the states lateral to the Federal Capital Territory have established markets, motor parks and physical developments near highways shoulders in total disregard to the Federal Highway regulation of 150 meters right of way thus allowing selling, buying and other business activities to spill onto our highways.

*WORRIED* that this does not only obstruct the free flow of traffic but also contributes in causing fatal accidents. E.g. several fuel tankers/lorries accidents at Madala Market, along Suleja / Zuba - Abuja road.

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*NOTES* that these markets and motor parks are located at Masaka, Ado, Mararaba (three markets), Madala and Nyanya / FCT boundary.

*FUTHER* notes that lack of appropriate designated bus stops make drivers Park on the main road to off load and discharge goods and passengers causing obstructions on the highways.

*NOTES* That insufficient overhead bridges for pedestrian is another major cause of congestion on the access roads leading to Abuja as numerous pedestrian traffic compete for space with vehicles to cross these roads.

***Accordingly resolves to:***

i. ***URGE*** the Senate to direct the Federal Ministry of Works to compel the neighboring states to relocate their markets in compliance with the 150 meters right of way regulation and establish off highway motor parks for buses and taxis in all settlements along the Abuja routes.

ii. *SENATE* to direct the Federal Ministry of works to enforce the regulation of 150 meters right of way on all entry routes into the city of Abuja.

*i.* *ADVICE* the Federal Capital Territory to create more entry routes the city in addition to the existing three through synergy with lateral states.

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1. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Establishment Act 2004, to Consolidate the Commission to Discharge its Functions Effectively and for Other Related Matters 2011 (SB. 7)** - *Second Reading*
**Sen. Ita Enang** ***(Akwa Ibom North East)***

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## INAUGURATION OF COMMITTEES

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| **Petroleum Resources (Upstream)** | Hearing Room 1<br>White House |
| **Water Resources** | Hearing Room 2<br>White House |
| **Women Affairs and Youth Development** | Hearing Room 3<br>White House |
| **Public Accounts** | Hearing Room 4<br>White House |
| **National Identity and Population Commission** | Hearing Room 2<br>White House |
| **Works** | Committee Room 204<br>Senate New Building |
| **MDGs** | Committee Room 211<br>Senate New Building |
| **Local and Foreign Debts** | Committee Room 221<br>Senate New Building |

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | *Committee* | *Date* | *Time* | *Venue* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rules and Business | Thursday, 13th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 107<br>Senate New Building |
| 2. | Marine Transport | 13th & 19th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Hearing Room 204<br>Senate New Building |
| 3. | Immortalization of Senators | Thursday, 13th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 4.20<br>Senate New Building |

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| 4. | Establishment and Management Service | Thursday, 13th October, 2011 | 12.00 noon | Committee Room 427 Senate New Building |
| 5. | National Security and Intelligence | Thursday, 13th October, 2011 | 3.30 pm | Committee Room 312 Senate New Building |
| 6. | Culture and Tourism | Thursday, 13th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 117 Senate New Building |
| 7. | Foreign Affairs | Thursday, 13th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 313 Senate New Building |
| 8. | Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption | Thursday, 13th October, 2011 | 1.00 pm | Committee Room 426 Senate New Building |
| 9. | Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters | Monday, 17th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 313 Senate New Building |
| 10. | Power, Steel Dev. and Metallurgy | 18th & 19th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 323 Senate New Building |
| 11. | Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions | Tuesday, 18th October 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 305 Senate New Building |
| 12. | Petroleum Resources (Downstream) | Tuesday, 18th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 120 Senate New Building |
| 13. | Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions | 25th - 27th October, 2011 | 2.00 pm | Committee Room 221 Senate New Building |