THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 2nd November 2011

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Plight of Pensioners of the Federal Government of Nigeria:
Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri *(Bayelsa West)*

Sen. Paulker Emmanuel	Sen. Ita Enang	Sen. Aloysius A. Etok
Sen. Ifeanyi Okowa	Sen. Ehigie E. Ozamere	Sen. Ahmed Lawan
Sen. Zainab Kure	Sen. Ayogu Eze	Sen. Dahiru A. Kuta
Sen. Smart Adeyemi	Sen. Baba-Ahmed Datti	Sen. Clerver Ikisikpo
Sen. George T. Sekibo	Sen. Dantong Gyang	Sen. James Manager
Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu	Sen. Odion M. Ugbesia	Sen. Enyinayan Abaribe
Sen. Domingo Obende	Sen. Danladi A. Sankara	Sen. Wilson Ake
Sen. Sahabi A. Ya'u	Sen. Magnus Abe	Sen. Adamu Gumba

THE SENATE,
NOTES that pension in Nigeria is the sum of money paid regularly to a person after a prescribed period of working life;

OBSERVES that retirees are old men and women who have put in all their productive years of life in the service of our dear Nation;

NOTES that pension is a safety valve Nigerian workers hope to have in their twilight years after giving their best in their respective employments;

ADVOCATES that pensions and gratuities are serious issues that border on the dignity of the human person, peace, security and survival of our dear country;

OBSERVES that dexterity in the administration of pensions and gratuities would add impetus to the fight against corruption;

OBSERVES that pensioners take as much as 3 years after initial retirement to process their papers and are in some cases owed arrears of payment for several years;

NOTES that the plight of these senior citizens of Nigeria after serving our fatherland meritoriously is not only worrisome but unacceptable;

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OBSERVES that pensioners are often made to loiter and sleep in public places for days for purported verification exercises that have become endless and persistent;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *CONDEMN* the subjection of our senior citizens to perpetual verification exercises, avoidable hardship and pain;

ii. *URGE* the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to direct the relevant Agencies to stop forthwith the subjection of pensioners to endless verification exercises under degrading conditions, promptly process pension papers, pay all arrears of pensions owed and make further monthly payments as at when due;

iii. *MANDATE* the Senate Committee on Establishment to undertake a comprehensive investigation into the payment of pensioners of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

2. **Using Our School System to Groom Replacements for Our Aged Farmers:**
Sefiu A. Kaka *(Ogun East)*

THE SENATE

NOTES that the systemic rural-urban migration consequent upon near total neglect of the rural areas has left the farming communities depleted, with the few hands left being too aged for any meaningful Agricultural Practices.

NOTES that Agriculture holds best opportunities of employment for our youths despite their lack of interest in Agriculture, due to dearth of knowledge of its potential for employment, income generation, food security, national security and restoration of the depleted middle class of the economy.

OBSERVES that about 50% of the available landmass in our tertiary institutions is lying fallow, whilst far below 50% are put to infrastructural development.

NOTES that the fallow landmass in our tertiary institutions can be effectively put to agriculture by encouraging a voluntary Young Farmers' clubs for our undergraduates with the attendant benefits such as immediate earning opportunities to augment their cost of studies; making food available to the institution communities and internally generated revenue potentials for the tertiary institutions.

OBSERVES that Mathematics, English Language and at least one science subject are the approved core-subjects in our secondary school system.

NOTES that making Agricultural Science a core-subject in addition to the existing three is capable of enlisting the interest of our youth, post-secondary school, in agriculture and thus laying a solid foundation for the gradual replacement of our aged hands in our farming communities with younger generation of farmers, that are educated and adaptive to modern technologies, research and capable of adding value to our produce.

FURTHER notes that provision of basic amenities in our rural areas will encourage educated youths to be willing to get engaged in farming thus stemming the rural-urban migration with the consequential effects.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. *URGE* all the tiers of government (Federal, State, and Local) and the Private Sector stakeholders to be socially responsible, by ensuring rapid transformation of our rural areas through provisions of basic infrastructures e.g. Water, Electricity, Roads, and HealthCare facilities;

ii. *URGE* the Ministers of Education and Agriculture to ensure that the fallow lands in our tertiary institutions are utilized for the grooming of young farmers, through deliberate encouragement of Young Farmers' Club;

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iii. *URGE* the Ministers of Education and Agriculture to work out modalities to make Agricultural Science, a core-subject in all our secondary schools and orientate the learning process towards future self - employment in Agriculture.

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1. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Police Act 1943 and Re-enact the Nigeria Police Service that shall Protect the Rights and Freedom of Persons in Nigeria, Enforce Laws and Regulations and Prevent the Commission of Crimes in an Effective and Efficient Manner and Specifically, Ensure Safety and Security of all Persons and Property in the Country, Uphold and Safeguard the Fundamental Rights of Every Persons as Guaranteed under the Constitution; Ensure the Cooperation Between the Service and the Communities it Serves in combating Crime; Reflect the Respect for Victims of Crime and Understand their Needs and Ensure Effective Civilian Supervision Over the Police 2011 (SB. 41)** – *Second Reading*
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba, OFR, SAN, *(Senate Leader)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Communications	Wednesday 2nd November, 2011 ***(Interactive Session)***	2.00 pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
2.	Finance	Wednesday, 2nd November, 2011 ***(Interactive Session)***	1.30 pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
3.	Culture and Tourism	Wednesday, 2nd November, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
4.	Aviation	Wednesday, 2nd November 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 426 Senate New Building
5.	Immortalization of Senators	Wednesday, 2nd November 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 4.20 Senate New Building
6.	National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation	Wednesday, 2nd November 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 416 Senate New Building
7.	Privatization	Wednesday, 2nd November 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
8.	Education	Wednesday, 2nd November 2011	1.00 pm	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
9.	Commerce, Trade and Investment	2nd and 3rd November 2011	1.00 pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
10.	Joint Committee to Investigate Fuel Subsidy	Thursday, 3rd November, 2011	1.00 pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
11.	Power, Steel Dev. and Metallurgy	Thursday, 3rd November, 2011	1.00 pm	Conference Room 117 Senate New Building
12.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 3rd November, 2011 ***(Inauguration)***	1.00 pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
13.	Women Affairs and Youth Development	Thursday, 3rd November 2011	12.00 noon	Hearing Room 2 White House
14.	Joint Committee to Investigate Fuel Subsidy	Wednesday, 9th November, 2011	10.00 am	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
15.	Local and Foreign Debts	Tuesday, 15th November 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building

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