THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 17th May, 2012

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2. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2012 (SB. 162) – *First Reading*
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1. Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development:
   Dwindling Fortunes of Nigerian Sports in General and Football in Particular
   Sen. Adamu I. Gumba *(Bauchi South)*
   "That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development, on the Dwindling Fortunes of Nigerian Sports in General and Football in Particular" *(To be laid).*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Plight of Casual Teachers in the Education Sector:
   Sen. Andy E. Uba *(Anambra South)*

   THE SENATE,
   NOTES that education is a sine qua non for growth and development of a people and by extension a nation;

   NOTES with concern that the educational sector in the country is in dire need of qualified teachers with cognate experience;

   OBSERVES that some teachers have been employed and teaching as casual teachers in the Federal Government Colleges across the country for over eleven years without their appointments being regularized;

   AWARE that the Federal Civil Service Commission is statutorily responsible for employing, regularizing and promoting teachers in all the Federal Government Colleges in the country;

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AWARE that the Federal Civil Service Commission has been employing fresh teachers but has refused or neglected to regularize the appointment of the existing ones with cognate experience;

AWARE also that some of these casual teachers have Masters degree in various subjects and are equally teaching major subjects to wit Chemistry, Mathematics, Visual Arts, English Language, Geography, Financial Account, Biology, French, Economics, Literature, Physics, Computer Science, etc as evidenced in the information available to the Senate;

NOTES also that statistics have shown that there are about 27 casual teachers in the Federal Government Girls College, Owerri, Imo State, 20 in Federal Government Girls College, Onitsha, Anambra State, 6 in Federal Government College, Warri, Delta State, about 20 in Federal Government Colleges, Portharcourt, Rivers State and Benin, Edo State respectively and there are more in other Federal Government Colleges throughout the Federation and some have been there for the past 12 years;

NOTES too that between the year 2000 till date, repeated efforts have been made by these teachers and their various principals respectively to get the teachers regularised but to no avail;

NOTES that the rampant and unjustifiable excuse in the name of "NO VACANCY" by the Federal Civil Service Commission while it goes ahead employing fresh teachers is callous, inhuman and unpatriotic;

CONCERNED that non consideration of these casual teachers for proper placement have put them at a disadvantage with their peers, juniors, families and friends and have even made them objects of mockery and ridicule;

AWARE TOO that President Jonathan Ebele Goodluck's administration had demonstrated its interest in workers' welfare through the constitution of a number of committees on casualization;

NOTES FURTHER that casualization of teachers has impoverished many rather than enrich a lot of Nigerian educators and the practice violates existing laws in Nigeria and international conventions on labour to wit The African Charter, Section 7(1) of the Labour Act, Cap L1 LFN 2004, and the International Labour Convention to which Nigeria is a signatory.

Accordingly Resolves to:

i *SYMPATHISE* with the casual teachers in the Federal Government Colleges across the country for the hardships caused them by the Federal Civil Service Commission through non-regularisation of their appointments;

ii *STRONGLY condemn* the practice of casualisation labour within the education sector in particular and the public service in general; and

iii *MANDATE* the Senate Committees on Education and Establishment to undertake a comprehensive investigation into the non-regularization of teachers' appointment in Federal Government Colleges and the public service.

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Sen. Nurudeen Abatemi-Usman *(Kogi Central)*

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Sen. Joshua Dariye *(Plateau Central)*

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