THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Thursday, 28th February, 2013

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Call for Review of National Planning and Budgeting Process
Senator Olubunmi A. Adetunmbi *(Ekiti North)*

Sen. Ike Ekweremadu
Sen. Ganiyu Solomon
Sen. Nenadi E. Usman
Sen. Barnabas Gemade
Sen. Smart Adeyemi
Sen. Uche Chukwumerije
Sen. Pius Ewherido
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu
Sen. Danjuma M. Goje
Sen. Mohammed Mogoro
Sen. George Akume
Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe
Sen. Hadi A. Sirika
Sen. Maina M. Lawan
Sen. Mohammed Saleh
Sen. Kabiru Gaya
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba
Sen. Gbenga Ashafa
Sen. Ayogu Eze
Sen. Tony Adeniyi
Sen. Ahmed Makarfi
Sen. Paulinus I. Nwagu
Sen. Abubakar A. Bagudu
Sen. Abdulmumin M. Hassan
Sen. Umaru Dahiru
Sen. Solomon Ewuga
Sen. Abubakar S. Yar'adua
Sen. Olubenga Obadara
Sen. Ahmed I. Lawan
Sen. Adegbenga Kaka
Sen. Jide Omoworare
Sen. Abdul Ningi Ahmed
Sen. Oluremi Tinubu
Sen. Danladi A. Sankara
Sen. Olufemi Lanlehin
Sen. Zaynab A. Kure
Sen. Alkali A. Jajere
Sen. Domingo Obende
Sen. Ahmed B. Hassan
Sen. Ayo P. Akinyelure
Sen. Babafemi Ojudu
Sen. Ehigie Uzamere
Sen. Sola Adeyeye
Sen. Akin Odunsi
Sen. Ayoade Adeseun
Sen. Kabir M. Garba

THE SENATE
NOTES the subsumed role of the National Planning function in the Nigerian budget process

FURTHER notes that national development planning continues to be a dominant policy instrument in many low-income and emerging market economies.

OBSERVES that the traditional five-year development plans have been replaced by a medium-term expenditure framework (MTEF)

BELIEVES that linking multiyear development plans to the national budget is fundamental to economic growth. The budget is the mechanism by which development policies are converted into spending priorities. While the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEFs) is a strategic, multi-annual perspective to the budget processes.

NOTES that MTEF is a tool for matching the spending programmes of development plans or PRSPs with available resources and the demands of macroeconomic stability and matches spending priorities with available resources over a 3-5 year time horizon.

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OBSERVES that national plans allow the government to develop a holistic perspective that promote equitable distribution of resources and drive targeted economic growth compared to the narrow approval of MDAs which is aimed at maintaining and or expanding resource allocation to them based on the annual incremental approach to budgeting.

CONCERNED that the current national budgeting process makes the legislature less involved and at best reactive; relying solely on the information provided by the executive arm of government. Under the current arrangement, there is an absence of a coherent and systematic means of exerting legislative control over the fiscal priorities of the Federal Government.

BELIEVES that the existence of an open and inclusive national planning process will strengthen the power of the parliament over public expenditure. The current method of annual incremental envelope system is done by the Federal Ministry of Finance and the MDAs.

FURTHER concerned that current annual incremental envelope based budgeting being used by the Federal Ministry of Finance is arbitrary and not pro growth and is one of the factors responsible for the slow shift from recurrent to capital led annual budget in Nigeria.

WORRIED that under current arrangement, national planning processes and budget prioritization processes are led by separate groups of civil servants, with little cabinet ownership until the finished products are ready for approval and passed to the National Assembly for concurrence and passage;

ACKNOWLEDGES that our national budget process can be better coordinated through the merger of planning and budgeting functions rather than operate as competing policy frameworks as is currently being done; while finance ministry concentrates on public treasury and investments expenditure control as well as budget implementation monitoring.

Accordingly resolves to
MANDATE the committees on National Planning, and Finance to review the current national planning and budgeting linkage and recommend improvements.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide Measures to Give Effective Application to the Equality of Rights of Women and Men to Opportunities and Benefits in Public Life; the Protection of Women and Men of all Diversities, against Discrimination, Indignity and Domestic Abuse, having Regards to Regional and International Human Rights Conventions and the National Gender Policy, to vest Regulatory Authority for the Administration of the Act in the National Human Rights Commission; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2013 (SB. 150) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Helen U. Esuene *(Akwa Ibom South)*

2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for prohibition and Punishment for Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Funds in Nigeria and Other Related Matters 2013 (SB. 69) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Adegbenga S. Kaka *(Ogun East)*

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42 LFN 2004, and to Enact the National Health Insurance Commission 2013 (SB. 214) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ifeanyi A. Okowa *(Delta North) and Eight Others*

4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Fire Service Act CAP F29 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 and to provide for the Establishment of the Fire and Rescue Service in the Federation and Provide amongst other things for the Organisation, Discipline, Powers and Duties of the Federal Fire and Rescue Service and for Matters Connected Therewith 2013 (SB. 200) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdulmunini M. Hassan *(Jigawa South West)*

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5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Sugar Development Council Act Cap N78 LFN 2011 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2013 (SB. 198) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Nenadi E. Usman *(Kaduna South)*

6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Merchant Navy Security and Safety Corps with the Responsibility for the Security and Safety of Nigerian Merchant Navy and Other Matters Connected Therewith 2013 (SB. 10) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Joshua M. Lidani *(Gombe South)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules & Business	Thursday, 28th February, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Education	Thursday, 28th February, 2013	2.00pm	Meeting Room 323 Senate New Building
3.	Nigerian Air Force	Thursday, 28th February, 2013	2.00pm	Meeting Room 304 Senate New Building
3.	Defence and Army	Thursday, 28th February, 2013	1.00pm	Meeting Room 324 Senate New Building
3.	Power, Steel Dev. and Metallurgy	Tuesday, 5th February, 2013	1.00pm	Conference Room 117 Senate New Building

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