THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Thursday, 19th September, 2013

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. The Flag and Coat of Arms Act Cap F. 30 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 362) - *First Reading*
   Sen. Chris Ngige, OON *(Anambra Central)*

2. The Flag of Nigeria Ships Act Cap F31 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 363) - *First Reading*
   Sen. Chris Ngige, OON *(Anambra Central)*

3. Fertilizer (Control) Act Cap F. 25 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 364) - *First Reading*
   Sen. Chris Ngige, OON *(Anambra Central)*

4. Public Officers Protection Act Cap P. 41 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB 365) - *First Reading*
   Sen. Chris Ngige, OON *(Anambra Central)*

5. Federal Capital Territory Public Service Commission (est. etc) Bill 2013 (SB. 366) - *First Reading*
   Sen. Smart Adeyemi, CON *(Kogi West)*

6. National Agency for Foreign Assistance (NAFFA) (est. etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 367) - *First Reading*
   Sen. Philip T. Aduda, MFR *(FCT)*

7. Nigerian Political Debate Commission (Est. etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 368) - *First Reading*
   Sen. Babafemi Ojudu *(Ekiti Central)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Proposed Imposition of Three Thousand British Pounds, (£3000) "Visa Bond" on Nigerians Travelling to the United Kingdom:
   Sen. Matthew I. Nwagwu *(Imo North)*

   THE SENATE
   AWARE that Nigeria and Britain have long and historic trading, economic, political and cultural relations;

   AWARE that both Nigeria and Britain are members of the Commonwealth of Nations, the United Nations, among others and signatories to several International Conventions and Agreements;

   NOTES that Section 42 of the Nigerian Constitution 1999 (as amended) expressly forbids discrimination against any Nigerian for whatever reason;

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NOTES that Article 5 Paragraph (m) of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963 to which both Nigeria and Britain are signatories specifically forbids "a sending state party to the Convention from performing functions objected to or prohibited by the laws and regulations of the receiving state party;

AWARE that both Nigeria and the United Kingdom are signatories to the 1979 Lusaka Declaration of the Commonwealth on Racism and Racial prejudice;

AWARE also that both Nigeria & Britain are signatories to the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination 1963, as well as the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination of 1966;

DISMAYED that inspite of the above Laws and Conventions to which the United Kingdom is a signatory, the same UK Government has announced the imposition of a £3000 (Three Thousand British Pounds) "Visa Bond" on Nigerian citizens travelling to the United Kingdom for the first time;

CONVINCED that the said Three thousand British Pounds (£3000) "Visa Bond" imposed on Nigerians is selective, discriminatory, obnoxious, vexatious and unprecedented;

CONCERNED that the imposition of a Three Thousand Pounds (£3000) "Visa Bond" will place additional barriers, burden, and undue hardship on the paths of Nigerians intending to travel to the United Kingdom for legitimate reasons;

CONCERNED that the imposition of the £3000 (Three Thousand British Pounds) "Visa Bond" is capable of negatively affecting the existing excellent relations between Nigeria and Britain;

AFFIRM that Nigerians have rejected the imposition of the £3000 (Three Thousand British Pounds) "visa bond" as they consider it discriminatory.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) *CONDEMN* in no uncertain terms the selective and discriminatory imposition of a Three Thousand British Pounds "Visa Bond" on Nigerian travelers by the British Government;

(ii) ON behalf of the Nigerian people whom we represent, object to and reject in its totality the payment or implementation of the Three Thousand British Pounds "Visa Bond" in Nigeria (because it is discriminatory and contravenes several laws and International Conventions);

(iii) *URGE* the Federal Government of Nigeria to convey resolutions (i) and (ii) above to the British Government;

(iv) *URGE* the Federal Government of Nigeria to take all necessary steps to protect Nigerians from the payment of this obnoxious visa levy or similar levies in the future by Britain or any other country.

2. 2013 Budget and Alleged Over Bloated Revenue Estimates"
Sen. Abdul Ningi, CON *(Bauchi Central)*

Sen. Ita Enang	Sen. Ali M. Ndume	Sen. Abdulmumini M. Hassan
Sen. Babayo G. Gamawa	Sen. Adamu I. Gumba	Sen. Abdulaziz Usman
Sen. Domingo A. Obende	Sen. Olubunmi A. Adetunmbi	Sen. Abubakar S. Yar'Adua
Sen. Hadi A. Sirika	Sen. Ahmed H. Barata	Sen. Mohammed U. Jibrilla
Sen. Ahmed Sa'idu Alkali		

THE SENATE

AWARE the National Assembly passed the 2013 Appropriation Bill on December 20th 2012, and assented to by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief on the 15th of February, 2013;

AWARE of the National Assembly enactment, guiding the implementation of the budget most especially clause 6 which states thus- "the Minister of Finance shall ensure that funds appropriated under this Act are released to the appropriate Agencies and or Organs of government as and at when due, provided that no funds for any quarter of the fiscal year shall be differed without prior waiver from the National Assembly;

FURTHER notes, the highlights of Revenue Estimates are as follows:

	Federal Government Proposal			NASS Appropriation
1.	Bench Mark per Barrel	=	$75	$79
2.	Exchange Rate per Naira	=	N155	N160
3.	Oil Production Volume	=	2.526	2.526
4.	Net Customs Revenue	=	N2,001,699	N1,006,594
5.	FIRS Revenue	=	N2,065,493	N2,072,753

CONCERNED that the release indications is as follows:

Total to date (3rd quarter)	
Capital	N855,141,000,000
Approved budget	N1,591,657,000,000
Difference	N736,466,000,000

DISMAYED by the utterances of the Minister of State, which is clearly targeted to blackmail the National Assembly, considering all the revenue variables are within the target expectations;

CONCERNED that such unguarded pronouncement is capable of sending serious negative signals to the Nigerian citizens and indeed the international community;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *DIRECT* the Committees of Finance and Appropriation of the Senate to invite the Minister of Finance to disclose cause(s) of fallen revenues if any and to report their findings within two weeks.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Satellite Town Development Agency and for other Related Matters 2013 (SB. 270) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Smart Adeyemi, CON *(Kogi West)*

2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Poverty Eradication Commission and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2013 (SB. 140) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Zaynab A. Kure *(Niger South)*

3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management: for the Promotion, the Study and Practice of Properly Managing the Treasury as a Safeguard against Fraud, Outright Embezzlement, Emasculation, Misappropriation/Misapplication of Resources Placed in the Custody of Fund Managers and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2013 (HB. 88) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba, CON, SAN, *(Senate Leader)*

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Joint Committee on Police Affairs and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
Motor Vehicle (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act Cap M21 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 289)
Sen. Paulinus N. Igwe *(Ebonyi Central)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Police Affairs and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Motor Vehicle (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act Cap M21 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 289)".

2. Report of the Committee on Investment
National Sugar Development Council Act N78 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 198)
Sen. Nenadi E. Usman *(Kaduna South)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Investment, on the National Sugar Development Council Act N78 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 198)".

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3. **Report of the Committee on Health:**
National Health Bill 2013 (SB. 215)
Sen. Ifeanyi A. Okowa *(Delta North)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Health, on the National Health Bill 2013 (SB. 215)".

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 19th September, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Aviation	Thursday, 19th September, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Ad-hoc Committee on SURE-P	Thursday, 19th September, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
43.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Friday, 20th September, 2013	11.00am	Committee Room 427 Senate New Building

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