SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 4th August, 2015

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

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. *Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of the Finance of the Senate*
   Sen. James E. Manager *(Delta South)*
   "That the Senate do receive the report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the Finance of the Senate" *–To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. *EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION*
   Appointment of Chief of Defence and Service Chiefs:
   Senator Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*
   "That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, C-IN-C, for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs respectively for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in accordance with Section 18 (1) of the Armed Forces Act, CAP. A. 20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004" *(Committee of the Whole).*

1.	Major General Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin	Chief of Defence Staff
2.	Major General Tukur Yusufu Buratai	Chief of Army Staff
3.	Rear Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas	Chief of Naval Staff
4.	Air Vice Marshall Sadique Baba Abubakar	Chief of Air Staff

MOTIONS

1. Collapse of Road Infrastructure in Nigeria
   Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)*

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The Senate,

Observes the near collapse of the entire road infrastructure in Nigeria;

Concerned that the following roads have collapsed and now pose a threat to the lives of people of Nigeria: Obajana - Kabba road, Kabba - Isanlu - Ilorin road, Iyah - Ayetoro - Kwi - Abuyi - Essan road, Igara - Iyamoye - Omo road, Aba - Ikot-Ekpene - Itu - Calabar highway, Zaria - Guzzau road, Tegina - Mokwa - Kotangora - Rijau - Rofia - Wawa - Kausima road, Sunmau - Oyo - Ogbomoso road, Damasak - Mallam Fatori - Cross Kauwa road, Maiduguri - Monguna - Marte - Dikwa road, Kukawa - Gudunbali - Damasak road, Kaduna Marabanjos - Pambeguwa Lere - Jos road, Zaria - Samaru - Funtua road, Conjestion of traffic on Aya - Nyanya - Mararaba road, Benin - Ore - Shagamu road, Zaria - Katsina - Kano road, Ninth Mile - Nsuka - Makurdi - Lokoja - Abuja road, Enugu - Port-Harcourt road, Enugu - Abakiliki - Calabar road, Enugu - Onitsha road, Onitsha - Owerri - Aba road, Bauchi - Kari - Maiduguri road, Warri - Patini - Yanegoa road, Jos - Makurdi - Oturkpo road, Argungu - Kangiwa - Kamba - Bunza - Kalgo road, Sokoto - Jega - Yawuri - Kontagora road, Lokoja - Okene - Benin road, Lagos - Shagamu - Ibadan Expressway, Hadeja - Nguru - Gashua - Bayamari road;

Observes that several trillions of naira has been spent on road construction and rehabilitation in Nigeria since democracy returned to Nigeria in 1999 with minimal or no impact on our roads;

Observes that the collapse of the road infrastructure has virtually cut off many parts of Nigeria, with its attendant negative impact on trade and commerce;

Observes that the collapse has led to a decline in agricultural activities, adversely affecting the movement of agricultural produce from rural area and across the country, resulting in a slide in the country's agricultural output and economy especially now the country need to diversify its economy;

Notes with sadness concomitant loss of lives as a result of the bad state of the roads, as evidenced by the chilling statistics reeled out by the Federal Road Safety Commission which is a price too high and too prohibitive to pay for the failure of governance.

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Accordingly resolves to;

i. *Urge* the Federal Government to reorganize the Federal Ministry of Works and its agencies especially the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) with a view to re-positioning them for the onerous task of rebuilding of the roads.

ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to undertake the immediate rehabilitation and the dualization of major highways and interstate roads across the country.

iii. *Direct* its Committee on Works, when constituted to embark on audit of all road projects in Nigeria with the view to producing raw data for further necessary legislative action.

iv. *Further direct* its Committee on Works to liaise with the appropriate government Agencies to ensure the rehabilitation or completion of all abandoned and on-going road projects across the country.

2. Flood and Erosion Disaster in Awka, Isuanaocha, Obosi and Other Communities of Anambra Central.
Sen. Uche Ekwunife *(Anambra Central)*

The Senate,

Notes the serious damage caused by flood and erosion in Awka, Abatete, Isuanaocha, Obosi and other communities of Anambra Central as widely reported in both Electronic and Print media.

Further notes that the flood which was caused by torrential rainfall took lives of innocent Nigerians, leaving many families bereaved and homeless;

Aware that the rain of Tuesday, 28th July 2015 was more devastating as over 30 residential buildings were destroyed; many school buildings were brought down, farmlands were washed away, roads were cut off making it impossible for commuters to gain access to their homes; and market stalls containing valuable goods and properties worth millions of naira were destroyed;

Also aware that about ten communities in Anambra Central which include Ogidi, Abatete, Alor, Ideani, Enekwasumpu, Awada, Odume, Awka, Amawbia, Isuanaocha, Okpuno and others have been ravaged by erosion, landslide and flood within the last three weeks;

Further aware that the families of those that lost their lives in the said erosion, landslide and flood disasters mentioned above, are yet to get support from the Federal Government;

Worried that the many victims involved in the 2012 Nationwide flood and erosion disasters in Anambra State are yet to recover from the havoc caused by the menace;

Concerned that many families and communities displaced by the said disasters are now helpless while many have abandoned their homes for safety in other neighboring communities;

Resolves to:

i. *Urge the* Ad-hoc committee on Works to visit the affected communities and assess the extent of damages.

ii. *Mandate* the Ecological Fund office to immediately pay visits to the affected communities, raise Bill of Quantity and put up measures to remedy the most critical cases.

iii. *Call* on National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and necessary support to the victims.

iv. *Urge* Anambra State and Local Government Management Agencies to provide palliative measures to the victims pending when the Federal Government comes up with its intervention.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Ethics, Privileges & Public Petitions	Tuesday, 4th August, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
2.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Works	Tuesday, 4th August, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building

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