SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 29th September, 2015

1. **Prayers**
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3. **Oaths**
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5. **Petitions**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The Outbreak of Cholera in Nigeria and Resurgence of Ebola Virus Disease in Liberia and Threat to the Sub Region.

Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji *(Ebonyi South)*

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Kabir G. Marafa	Sen. Robert Boroffice, CON	Sen. Nwaoboshi Peter
Sen. Obinna Ogba	Sen. Joshua Lidani	Sen. Mau Ohuabunwa
Sen. Uche Ekwunife	Sen. Fatimat Raji-Rasaki	Sen. Hope Uzodimma
Sen. Gilbert Nnaji	Sen. Andy Uba	Sen. Ahmad Rufai Sani, CON
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu, CON	Sen. Biodun Olujimi	Sen. Philip T. Aduda, MFR

The Senate;

NOTES, with serious concern the recent outbreak of Cholera in some states of the country such as Ebonyi, Plateau, Rivers, Bayelsa, etc. The outbreak as at July, 2015 had claimed more than 135 lives in the affected states.

NOTES also, a recent World Health Organisation's warning that the threat of a cholera outbreak is a major public concern in Nigeria and some developing countries due largely to insecurity and internal displacement.

AWARE that lack of portable drinking water and toilet facilities is a precondition for the outbreak of cholera and other preventable diseases.

AWARE Also, that IDP camps especially Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Abuja and many other communities in the country lack good drinking water and functional toilet facilities, hence making the inhabitants vulnerable to the outbreak of epidemic diseases.

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CONCERNED about the resurgence of Ebola Haemorrhegic fever, commonly known as Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in some African countries, especially Liberia after about two months the country was certified Ebola free by the World Health Organisation.

FURTHER CONCERNED, that Ebola Virus Disease is an epidemic with an average fatality rate of about 50% whose rate varied between 25% to 90% in the past, according to the World Health Organisation.

WORRIED that WHO July 29th, 2015 Ebola report update shows that over 2000 contact persons are quarantined and monitored in three West African countries of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

MOSTLY WORRIED, that the Nigerian public do not imbibe standard personal hygiene practices such as regular hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, and other preventive practices.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) *CALL* on relevant Federal and State ministries and agencies to as a matter of urgency provide portable drinking water and toilet facilities to various IDP camps and cholera ravaged communities across the country;

(ii) *URGE* the Federal Government to strengthen surveillance operations across entry points, IDP camps and communities in Nigeria to prevent possible re-occurrence of cholera and Ebola epidemics;

(iii) *CALL* on relevant government agencies to step up public enlightenment campaigns on personal hygiene, prevention and treatment of Cholera, Ebola virus, and other preventable diseases.;

(iv) *URGE* the Federal and State governments to equip health and treatment centers in Nigeria and strengthen the capacity of health workers for outbreak investigation, risk assessment, contact tracing and clinical care.

2. The Need for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation to Substantially Increase the Allocation of Refined and Imported Petroleum Products to Warri, Port-Harcourt and Calabar Depots.
Sen. Chukwuka Utazi *(Enugu North)*

The Senate:

AWARE that the Downstream Sector of the Petroleum Industry is concerned with the supply and distribution of petroleum products to Government and Private Depots and Tank Farms from which the products are trucked to filling stations across the country for sale to the consuming public.

NOTES that following a high incidence of vandalism of petroleum products pipelines under the supervisory custody of the Petroleum Products Marketing Company (PPMC), a subsidiary of NNPC, across the country, especially those pipelines under System 2e comprised of Depots in Port-Harcourt, Aba, Calabar, Enugu and Makurdi, PPMC made some operational adjustments which entailed the use of Government and Privately-owned Coastal Depots and Tank Farms for the storage and distribution of petroleum products to Major and Independent marketers across the country for retail to final consumers in the supply and demand chain.

OBSERVES that NNPC via PPMC has mostly used coastal Depots in Lagos and environs for storage and distribution of petroleum products across the country triggering a situation where private operators in the Downstream Sector jostle for spaces in the Apapa – Lagos axis for the erection of Tank Farms to enable them have access to the products with the attendant congestion and traffic upheavals.

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OBSERVES that as a consequence of NNPC's preference of Lagos as their distribution hub, almost all major and Independent Marketers now troop to Apapa/Lagos to lift petroleum products resulting in the recurring damages to roads, innumerable road crashes caused by the movement of heavy tankers and the attendant loss of countless lives and property, perennial waste of man-hours caused by vehicular gridlocks on the highways and within the cities where these vehicles operate.

INFORMED that Major and Independent petroleum products Marketers from the North East, North West, North Central, South East and parts of the South South zones of the country who, were they offered an option, may have calculated the logistics of distance and may have preferred lifting from the Coastal depots and Tank Farms in Port Harcourt, Calabar and Warri are left with no option but to embark on the long distances to Lagos and environs for these products.

RECOGNISING that a determined repair of the vandalised petroleum products pipelines under System 2e that links Aba, Enugu and Makurdi Depots would diversify the economic choices of downstream operators who may wish to make use of the facilities

WORRIED that NNPC has not shown sufficient enthusiasm in the repair of those pipelines as it has shown in the consistent repair of vandalised pipelines in other parts of the country.

COGNISANT of the danger posed to the environment, the populace and the economic life of Lagos with the recurring tanker accidents as a result of congestion and gridlocks as attested to by many stakeholders and has been a subject of a motion on the floor of this Senate and therefore recognising the need to obviate this source of danger to our people.

AWARE that increasing the supply of petroleum products to other lifting points across all the coastal lines of this country is not only an economic issue but of security importance as well.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. URGE the NNPC to, as a matter of urgent public importance, increase the allocation of refined and imported petroleum products to Depots and Tank Farms in Warri, Port-Harcourt and Calabar Depots to about 70% of national consumption need.

ii. URGE the NNPC to prioritise the repair and renovation of vandalised pipelines from Port-Harcourt linking Aba, Enugu and Makurdi Depots for immediate resumption of operations in these facilities.

iii. CALL on the Security Services to step up security surveillance of petroleum products pipelines throughout the country.

iv. URGE the Federal Government to adequately fund the NNPC to enable it replace the outdated pipelines currently in use with modern pipes with in-built wave-lengths for ease of surveillance.

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. *Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Legislative Agenda for the Senate*
Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Legislative Agenda for the Senate".

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CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, Cap N129, Law of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Enact the Nigerian Railway Act, to Provide for the Regulation of the Railway Sector, and for Related Matters 2015 (SB. 01) - *Second Reading***
Sen. Andy Uba, MFR *(Anambra South)*

2. **A Bill for an Act to Facilitate the use of Information in Electronic form for conducting transactions in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes (SB. 15) - *Second Reading***
Sen. Hope Uzodimma (*Imo West*).

COMMITTEE MEETING

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 29th September, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building

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