SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 30th September, 2015

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   Sen. Barau Jibril *(Kano North)*

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7. Intestate Succession Bill 2015 (SB. 54) – *First Reading*
   Sen. Matthew Uroghide *(Edo South)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Congratulations to Nigeria and Nigerians on her 55th Independence Anniversary:
   Sen. Ali Ndume (*Senate Leader*)

   The Senate;

   NOTES that on Thursday 1st October, 2015, Nigeria will mark her 55th Independence Anniversary having attained Independence from Britain on October 1, 1960;

   APPRECIATES that from May 29, 1999 till date, Nigeria at 55 has had the longest reign of democratic government in her political history;

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AWARE that while we may have had our challenges as a nation, we are moving forward as one nation indivisible in character and aspiration;

ACKNOWLEDGES that we have a task to ensure that the labours of those who made this independence possible and those who work tirelessly to keep us united will not be in vain;

AGREE that while we have come this far, our vision of the future must be kept bright with hard work and dedication;

REMEMBER our heroes of independence and democracy, those whose blood and sweat got us this far and celebrate them even today;

CHARGE ourselves to continue to demonstarate commitment to our unity and oneness as a nation of free citizens;

Accordingly resolves to:

CONGRATULATE the President, C-in-C, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, the Government and people of Nigeria on the 55th Independence Anniversary of Nigeria;

2. Demise of Olu of Warri
Sen. James E. Manager *(Delta South)*

Co-Sponsors

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Notes with a great sense of loss, the demise of His Majesty, Atuwatse II, the Olu of Warri, which sad event took place on the 4th September, 2015 at the age of 61. His Majesty was born on 26th September, 1944 at Ode-Itsekiri in Warri South-West Local Government Area of Delta State. His Majesty, Atuwatse II attended Hussey College, Warri and thereafter, proceeded to Early College of Higher Education, London from 1976-1979 where he obtained his BA(Hons) in Law and City of London Polytechnic (now Guild Hall University, London) for his Masters in Business Law.

Further Notes that before his coronation, the Olu of Warri had worked as a Partner in Emiko and Associates; as a Councilor, Warri Local Government Management Committee and as a Member, Warri Local Government Area Development Fund Management Committee.

Recalls that Prince Godwin Edomi was crowned OGIAME ATUWATSE II, THE OLU OF WARRI on 2ND MAY, 1987 and ever since he had been an embodiment of unity and peace in the Kingdom under his domain.

Recalls that following his coronation, he had served in the State as Permanent Vice-Chairman of the Old Bendel State Council of Traditional Rulers (1987-1991). Chairman-Delta State Council of Traditional Rulers (1995-1997), Member-Delta State Security Council (1995-1997) and Chairman-Delta State Council of Traditional Rulers from 2012 till his demise.

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Further Recalls that at the Federal Level, he served as member of the Constituent Assembly in Abuja-(1989), Chancellor-University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Member-Joint Committee of Traditional Rulers and Leaders of Thought, Member-Foreign Affairs Committee of Traditional Rulers and Leaders of Thought, Member-Committee on University Crises (1996), Member-Committee on the Future of Higher Education in Nigeria, Member- Committee on Vision 2010, Chancellor-Federal University of Technology, Minna 2001-date of his demise, Member-Committee on National Identity Card and Voters Registration Exercise, Member-Natural Rulers and Eminent Persons Forum for Peace in Nigeria (2000-date of demise).

Observes that Ogiame Atuwastse II was an Honorary citizen of the City of Beverly Hills, California in the United States of America. He also had the award of LLD (Honoris Causa) University of Nigeria, Nsukka, D.Litt (Honoris Causa) Federal University of Technology, Minna and as a Community Leader and a Statesman of good repute, he was honoured with the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) in December, 2004.

Aware that the Royal family has presented Prince Ikenwoli Gbesimi Emiko, the immediate younger brother of the deceased OLU as the new OLU Elect.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Observe one minute silence in honour of late OGIAME ATUWATSE II, the OLU OF WARRI.

ii. Send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to commiserate and condole with his family, the people of Warri Kingdom and the Government of Delta State

iii. Congratulate and wish the new Olu Elect a peaceful reign.

4. Jambs' New Admission Policy
Sen. Joshua M. Lidani *(Gombe South)*

NOTES that the Joint Admission Matriculation Board (JAMB) was established to among other things to administer a centralized admission system for Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education in Nigeria;

NOTES also, that the same Board was empowered by its enabling legal regime by section 5 (1)(C) (iii) to among other things, conduct matriculation examinations for admission into all Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education and also include the placement of suitable qualified candidates in the tertiary Institutions having taken into account, the preferences expressed or otherwise indicated by candidates for certain tertiary Institutions and courses;

AWARE, that JAMB at its 2015 Combined Policy Meeting held on July 14, 2015 in Abuja, announced the adoption of a policy whereby candidates of Universities with surplus applicants for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) are reassigned to other Universities with lower number of candidates than their capacities;

OBSERVES: that the benefits of the policy according to JAMB is that

a. It will be beneficial to needy Universities, that is Universities with lower number of candidates than their capacities as this will ensure that those Universities will have more candidates to admit.

b. Candidates will have better chances for admission in the Universities they are re-assigned to contrary to situations where they would have to wait for admission in the Universities of their first choices which may not materialize and hence forfeit admission for that session.

CONCERNED, that following the announcement of the new policy, the Board was faced with series of massive protest by parents and candidates of and some Organizations like the Association of Tutorial School Operators of Nigeria over the JAMB new Admission Policy and numerous other stakeholders;

FURTHER CONCERNED, that the new policy runs contrary to the letters and spirit of section 5(1) (c) iii of the JAMB Act which requires that JAMB should take into account preferences of the candidates in their choices of Schools and the consequent confusion surrounding the directive that only candidates whose names are forwarded to the University by JAMB are eligible for Post UTME screening and others would have to go back to JAMB website to find out their new Institutions;

WORRIED, that although the Federal Ministry of Education has suspended the implementation of this policy, it is observed that JAMB is still going ahead with implementation thus creating more hardship for parents and uncertainty in the education sector;

FURTHER WORRIED, that some of the candidates are posted to private Universities whose fees are beyond the means of the student parents or guardians and in some cases students are posted to Universities located far away from their places of abode thus placing additional financial burden on their parents.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Urge* JAMB to revert to the status quo ante.

ii. *Urge* JAMB to consult widely with Parents Teacher Associations, ASUU and all others stakeholders in the education sector with a view to coming out with a friendlier holistic, comprehensive and sustainable admissions policy.

iii. *Direct* the Senate Committee on Education to inquire into circumstances surrounding the JAMB policy including all allegations of favoritism and generally, review the power of JAMB vis a vis admissions.

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