SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 6th October, 2015

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2. Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrar (est., etc) Bill 2015 (SB. 25) - *First Reading.*
Sen. Francis Alimikhena *(Edo North)*

3. Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act CAP N118 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB. 27) - *First Reading.*
Sen. Babajide Omoworare *(Osun East)*

4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2015 (SB. 28) - *First Reading.*
Sen. Babajide Omoworare *(Osun East)*

5. Special Fund Accounts Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2015 (SB. 34) - *First Reading.*
Sen. Shaba Lafiagi *(Kwara North)*

6. Development Planning and Projects Continuity Bill 2015 (SB. 42) - *First Reading.*
Sen. Jibril Barau *(Kano North)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

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

Co-Sponsors

Sen. Godswill Akpabio
Sen. Ogola Foster
Sen. Bala Ibn Na'allah
Sen. Mohammed S. Lafiagi
Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe
Sen. Murray-Bruce Ben
Sen. Olaka Johnson Nwogu
Sen. Peter Nwaboshi
Sen. Robert Ajayi Boroffice
Sen. Biodun Olujimi
Sen. Gershom H. Bassey
Sen. Kabiru Gaya
Sen. Bassey A. Akpan
Sen. Francis A. Alimikhena
Sen. Ighoyota Amori
Sen. Hope O. Uzodinma
Sen. Donald Alasoadura
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker
Sen. George T. Sekibo
Sen. Matthew A. Urhoghide
Sen. David A.B. Mark
Sen. Uche L. Ekwunife
Sen. Andy E. Uba
Sen. John Owan Enoh
Sen. Clifford Ordia

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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.

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.

2. The Plight of New Nigerian Medical Doctors in Training
Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa *(Abia-North)*

THE SENATE:

AWARE that statistics on major killer diseases in Nigeria show that malaria, lower respiratory infections, HIV, diarrheal, meningitis, pre-natal conditions, cerebrovascular diseases (stroke), measles and tuberculosis are top on the list.

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NOTES that malaria alone is responsible for 20% of annual deaths in Nigeria, with pregnant women and children the worst affected; and 11% of child deaths worldwide happening in Nigeria, where close to 250,000 Nigerian Children die every year from malaria diseases.

NOTES also that Pneumonia and other lower respiratory tract diseases are responsible for 19% of all deaths in Nigeria, while Nigeria with the second largest people living with HIV suffered a death rate of 3.1% in 2015.

CONCERNED that UNESCO also confirmed that Nigeria's death rate of 18.8% from diarrheal is the worst result in Sub-Sahara Africa, with 16% of such deaths occurring among children under five years.

CONCERNED also that meningitis with a rate of 3% on overall death in Nigeria has very bad health consequences even after recovery, and in 2009 when a large outbreak of the disease affecting over 75,000 was reported in the Northern areas of Nigeria, close to 4,000 deaths were recorded.

WORRIED that over 140 people every day in Nigeria die from pregnancy and prenatal related conditions, making Nigeria the home of the highest maternal mortality rate in the world after India, and the highest in Africa, with 40,000 deaths occurring from every 500,000 pregnancies.

WORRIED also that measles and tuberculosis equally take heavy tolls on Nigeria's deaths, with the nation having the highest rates in Sub-Sahara Africa occurring here. Yet all these killer diseases can be checked by improvement in the ratio of doctors to the patient population and the involvement of more doctors in the early detection of diseases.

AWARE that Nigeria's average ratio of medical doctors to patients have remained at one doctor to 1,250 patients, when global statistics show substantial improvements in other countries, and with Cuba leading the pack with - one doctor to every 170 patients, Russia 1 doctor to 230 patients, Germany one doctor to 300 patients, United States one doctor to 230 patients and China one doctor to 950 patients.

INFORMED that our Nation is not doing enough to improve the health statistics and the death rates in our country even by African standards, these can especially be relevant to how we have addressed the important conditions and timeliness of the training of new doctors who can begin to take responsibilities in advancing performance of the health sector.

AWARE that an average of 2,000 new medical doctors are produced annually in Nigeria as they graduate from Medical Schools and are issued with provisional practicing licenses to last for two years.

Many of these immediately migrate outside the country to practice medicine, but those that choose to stay back have not been assisted to secure spaces for the one year mandatory Housemanship which qualifies the new doctors for full registration as medical doctors to practice in the country before proceeding for the NYSC. Instead, Chief Executives of Federal Government accredited Health Institutions for the training of House officers resort to filling less than 50% of approved quotas, while retaining the 100% funds expended by the Federal Government for such trainings.

NOTES that such unwholesome practices has kept several graduating medical doctors waiting on the loop for more than three years to have a space in a Housemanship training program that is advertised every two years. The result has been the emergence of frustrated class of locum doctors, working as contract doctors under very harsh and tedious conditions that encourage quackery and underperformance in dealing with the Nation's health challenges, especially the killer diseases. Our Health Sector and the increasing patients approaching high level of death row are the losers.

ACCORDINGLY RESOLVES TO:

1. *Invite* the Federal Ministry of Health, the National Universities Commission (NUC), The Provost of Colleges of Medicine, and the Nigerian Medical Council (NMC), Chief Medical Directors (CMDs) of Federal and State Medical Institutions to address the National Assembly on the plight of new medical doctors awaiting Housemanship/Residency, and indicate the clear road map they plan to go in solving this plight of locum doctors.

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2. *Urge* the Federal Government accredited Health Institutions for the training of House officers, to enforce the utilization of their full quota, and if possible seek for an increase to ensure speedy absorption of temporary licensed medical doctors for training as house officers.

3. *Urge* the Federal Government to authorize the Nigerian Medical Council to consider the accreditation of more centers for the training of House Officers.

3. Demise of a Technocrat and Administrator, Dn. Dr. Gamaliel Offoritsenere Onosode *OFR* (1933-2015)
Sen. Ighoyota Amori (*Delta Central)*

The Senate,

Saddened by the news of the demise of an erudite technocrat, boardroom guru, disciplined civil servant and corporate administrator, Dn. Dr. Gamaliel Offoritsenere Onosode *OFR* at the age of 82;

Observes that the late Dn. G. O. Onosode was an accomplished Urhobo man, born in Sapele, Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State on 22nd May, 1933 and died on the 29th September, 2015;

Notes that Dn. Onosode had his early education at the Baptist School, Oginibo in Ughelli South Local Government Area, Delta State from 1940 - 1946, Government College, Ughelli Delta State from 1947 - 1952 and the University College, (now University of Ibadan) 1952 -1957;

Aware that this erudite technocrat emerged in the 1970s, as one of Nigeria's leading educated chief executives, when he was at the helm of NAL Merchant Bank of Nigeria (1973-1979) and had over the years, risen to become a leading boardroom player in Nigeria's corporate environment;

Aware too that he was also a former presidential adviser to President Shehu Shagari and a former president of the Nigerian Institute of Management;

Observes that Dn. Onosode was a former presidential candidate of the All Nigeria People's Party in 1998;

Observes too that Dn. G. O. Onosode served in the following capacities -

- Chairman of Dunlop Nigeria Plc (1984– August 2006),
- a former chairman of Cadbury Nigeria Plc (1977–1993), Chairman, Presidential Commission on Parastatals (1981), Chairman, Nigeria LNG Working Committee and Nigeria LNG Limited (1985–90), Chairman, Niger Delta Environmental Survey (since 1995),
- Chairman of Zain Nigeria and Chairman of the Board of Vee Networks Limited (trading as Vmobile),
- Chairman of the Delta State Think-Tank on Development
- Presidential Adviser on Budget Affairs and Director of Budget (1983),
- a Fellow of the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank,
- a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Management, of which he was President (1979–82),
- also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria, having been elected to membership of its Board of Fellows in 1998,
- immediate past and inaugural President of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers,
- immediate past Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Uyo and immediate past and inaugural President & Chairman of Council of the Association of Pension Funds of Nigeria,
- an Honorary Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters and holds Honorary D.Sc. degrees of Obafemi Awolowo University (1990), the University of Benin(1995), and the Rivers State University of Science and Technology (2003) as well as Honorary D.D. degree of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso (2002), and
- a member of the inaugural Provisional Governing Council, and rose to become the pro chancellor and chairman of Bowen University, Iwo;

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Aware also that Dn. Gamaliel Onosode was awarded the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR), pioneer recipient of the Ughelli Descendants Union Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and recipient of the Faculty of Arts University of Ibadan Golden Jubilee Distinguished Alumnus Merit Award 2001, was admitted to the Honour Roll of Mellanby Hall, University of Ibadan, in 1982;

Observes too that Dr. Onosode became the Chairman of the Niger Delta Environmental Survey, a non-governmental organisation that conducted scientific studies on environmental and social impact assessment of oil exploration in the Niger Delta, in 1992;

Aware that Dn. Onosode was a devout Christian, who started and pastored the Good News Baptist Church in his Sitting Room on 1st February, 1984 - 1988 and was the inaugural chairman, Global Missions Board of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, (Nigeria's oldest degree awarding theological institution); and

Notes with sadness that the demise of Dn. Dr. Onosode is a big loss, not only to Urhobo nation, Delta State but to Nigeria as a whole.

Accordingly resolves to:

1. *Urge* the Senate to observe a minute silence in honour of this great technocrat and enviable administrator; and

2. *Urge* the Senate to send a high powered delegation to the family of late Dn. Onosode and the good people of Delta State.

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

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)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Ad- hoc Committee on Import duty waivers, concessions & Grants	Tuesday, 6th October, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
2.	Ad- hoc Aviation	Tuesday, 6th October, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
3.	Ad- hoc Power, Steel Dev. & Metallurgy	Tuesday, 6th October, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building

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