SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 4th November, 2015

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
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PRESENTATION OF A BILL

1. Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Act CAP N137 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB. 48) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Biodun Olujimi *(Ekiti South)*

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. *Report of the Inter Parliamentary Union World Conference of Speakers*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*
   "That the Senate do receive the report of the Senate President's participation at the Inter Parliamentary Union Fourth World Conference of Speakers" –*To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Demise of Senator (Dr) Haliru Dantoro, Mai Borgu, Emir of Borgu Kingdom
   Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi, *(Niger North)*

   Notes with a very great sense of loss, the demise of His Royal Highness Senator (Dr.) Haliru Dantoro Kitoro III, Mai Borgu –Emir of Borgu Kingdom which, sad event occurred on Friday, 30 October 2015 at the age of 77.

   Notes also that the late Emir was born August 1938 in the historic town of Old Bussa in present day Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State. He attended Old Bussa Elementary School (1945 -1949); Pakata Elementary School, Ilorin (1950); Baboko Senior Primary School, Ilorin (1950 -1953); Ilorin Middle School, Ilorin (1953 -1955). He also attended three programmes at the Institute of Administration, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1957 -1958, 1959 -1961 and 1969 -1970) in addition to many professional and policy related studies within and outside the country;

   Further notes that Mai Borgu was an accomplished public administrator, versatile bureaucrat, astute politician, business man and visionary leader whose commitment to the service of humanity will surely be missed. His life of public service span over fifty years. He began his work life as Council Secretary of the defunct Borgu Native Authority (NA), 1957 at the age of 19 and later became Local Government Secretary (1962 -1964);

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Observes that Mai Borgu was Chairman Borgu Emirate Council and Member Niger State Council of Chief (2000 -2015); former Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (1983); former Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Third Republic - 1992 -1993); former National Coordinator- Unity and Development Forum (UDF); former 3 -time Commissioner in Kwara State (1971 -1976); Ex-Chairman, Borgu Local Government Council (1976 -1978); former Chairman, Niger River Basin Development Authority (1977); former Chairman Nigeria Paper Mill Ltd Jebba, Kwara State (1981 -1983); 2-time Chairman Kwara State Printing and Publishing Corporation; Chairman Borgu Community Bank Ltd, and Member, Niger State Economic Council among others;

Recall that, following the overthrow of government in 1983, Mai Borgu as a Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, was detained at Ilorin Prisons for 15 months but was later released and cleared of any wrong-doing by the Justice Uwaifo Judicial Panel. Indeed, he was a man of impeccable character; bold, frank, courageous, a goal getter, bridge builder and a man of peace;

Further recall Mai Borgu's activities as a frontline nationalist and elder statesman who promoted the bond of unity and cooperation within the Nigerian polity. On 24th June 2006 Mai Borgu successfully conducted the joint turbaning of two former Heads of State, General Muhammadu Buhari GCFR (as he then was) and now President Muhammadu Buhari and General Ibrahim Babangida, GCFR as *Majen Borgu* and Mai Yakin Borgu respectively; this was generally applauded across the length and breadth of the nation as a service for unity. In furtherance of national unity, he equally turbaned their Excellences' former Governors Ahmed Bola Tinubu and His Wife Chief Mrs Senator Oluremi Tinubu as *Jagaban Borgu* and *Yun Jagaban* Borgu Kingdom respectively and Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu as *Baa Danide* and the late Chief Sunday Awoniyi as the *Baa Zukum* of Borgu Kingdom, among many other unity-induced title holders of Borgu Kingdom;

Further notes that he received many honours and was recipient of the National Honours of Commander Order of the Niger (CON); recipient of Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) *Honoris Causa* from the Igbinedion University Okada; National Patron of the Fisheries Society of Nigeria among many others;

Aware, that Mai Borgu had since been buried on Sunday November 1, 2015 in accordance with Islamic rites;

Accordingly, resolves to:

i. *Observe* one minute silence in Honour of late Senator (Dr.) Haliru Dantoro, Kitoro III, Mai Borgu, Emir of Borgu Kingdom;

ii. *Send* a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to commiserate and condole with his family, the people of Borgu Kingdom and the Government of Niger State; and

iii. *Name* the Federal College of Fisheries Technology located in New Bussa after him as a mark of Honour and Service to our great Country, Nigeria.

2. The Demise of Senator Gyang Nyam Shom Pwajok
Sen. Jonah David Jang (CON) *(Plateau North)*

The Senate:

Notes with grief the sudden death of Senator Gyang Nyam Shom Pwajok on 28th October, 2015 at the age of 49years;

Notes also that Senator G.N.S Pwajok was born on 15th day of March, 1966, in Jos, Plateau State;

Further notes that Senator Gyang Nyam Shom Pwajok attended the Jos Township Primary School, between 1972 to 1977, Saint Murumba College, Jos 1977-1982 and later to School of Preliminary Studies, Keffi; (1982-1984), the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1984-1987) and the Post Graduate School of the University of Jos, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Political Economy and Development Studies in 1991 at the young age of 24;

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Recalls with delight, Senator Pwajok's concern about the future of democracy in Nigeria which led him to actively engage in the formation of virile youth groups and platforms with clear focus on the problems of poverty and youth development in Nigeria. This led to his election as the National Social and Cultural Secretary of the Berom Youth Movement in 1994 and subsequently the Public Relations Officer of the National Youth Council;

Further recalls that after his National Youth Service (NYSC) in Imo State (1997-1988) he taught Government and History at Zang Secondary Commercial School, Bukuru (1989-1993) and was later engaged as a Lecturer with the Department of General Studies, of the Plateau State Polytechnic and became Head of Citizenship Education Unit, Secretary of the Departmental Research Committee as well as Editor of Plateau State Polytechnic Newsletter;

Observes that the Department of Political Science, University of Jos engaged him in 2003 as Lecturer thus providing him the opportunity to teach Public Enterprise Management, Political Economy, Public Administration, the politics of the World Economy, Theories of Rural Development amongst others at both undergraduate and Post graduate levels, where he distinguished himself as a promising scholar;

Aware that Senator G.N.S Pwajok during his stint at the Senate worked assiduously to unite the diverse people of his constituency and contributed immensely towards bringing sustainable peace to Plateau North. He also served as Vice-Chairman, Senate Committee on Marine Transport and Member, Aviation, Sure-P, Health and Solid Minerals Committees of the 7th Senate;

Observes that as a result of his commitment to public service, he served the people of his state in different capacities during the Jang Administration. He served in various capacities among which are:

i. Director General, Political, Research and Planning -2007-2011
ii. Member, State Budget Committee - 2007-2012
iii. Chief of Staff -2011-2012
iv. State Coordinator, Project support unit Millennium Development Goals- Dec 7th, 2010 – Feb 2011
v. Member, Economic Management Team -2008-2015
vi. Secretary, Review Committee on Energy in Plateau State
vii. Member of the Plateau Delegation to Agric-tech, in Israel -2009
viii. Participated in "Justice for Jos"- consultations on the Jos crises, facilitated by Advocates International, Washington DC, August 12-23, 2010.
ix. Was part of the Stakeholders Consultative meeting on "Redressing violence in the Home of Peace and Tourism"- organized by West Africa Network for Peace (WANEP) in collaboration with the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution with support from Swedish international Development Agency, -Feb. 2011

In 2007, the Association gave him an Award of Merit in recognition of his contribution to knowledge and service to Plateau State. He has been a recipient of several other awards;

Notes also that in similar recognition and appreciation of his contribution, fearlessness, courage and unflinching devotion to truth and commitment to youth mobilization and general warfare of the less privilege in the society;

Observes that he was the Peoples Democratic Party Governorship Candidate during the April general elections. He was survived by a wife and children;

Accordingly resolves to:

i) Observe one-minute silence in his honour;

ii) Send a delegation of to commiserate with his family, the people and Government of Plateau State.

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3. **Urgent Need to Curb the Soaring Rate of Unemployment in Nigeria**
Sen. Bassey Albert Akpan *(Akwa Ibom North-East)*

The Senate:

Worried by the soaring unemployment situation in Nigeria which was once again brought to public consciousness with the latest figures from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBC);

Notes that the figures from the National Bureau of Statistics reveal that unemployment rate in Nigeria increased to 8.2 percent in the second quarter of 2015 from 7.5 percent in the first quarter of 2015 and from 6.4 percent in the last quarter of 2014;

Disturbed that the latest statistics as released by the Bureau reveals that economically active population or working age comprising Nigerians within the age range of 15 to 64, is now 103.5 million increasing from 102.8 million in the first quarter of 2015 while the unemployed labour force now stands at 74 million Nigerian youths. This is truly a calamity.

Deeply worried that the rate of job creation in Nigeria is grossly inadequate to keep pace with the expanding working age and labour force population;

Concerned that in the last five years, about Two Trillion naira has been expended on Intervention funds by the Federal Government to boost the productivity of various sectors of the economy without any commensurate impact on employment generation;

Further concerned that with a projected population growth of 200 million by 2020, we project an unemployed population of about 100 million Nigerians or more. Where lies the economic future of this country;

Strongly believes that if the unemployed youths of this country are effectively engaged in gainful employment, Terrorism, kidnapping, armed robbery and other socio – economic and cultural vices will be drastically reduced as the saying goes, *'an idle mind is the devil's workshop'*;

Notes that the tousling unemployment rate which was practically demonstrated in the trampling of graduate job seekers to death at the last Immigration Service recruitment exercise, requires a more pragmatic step by both the public and private sectors to ameliorate the situation;

Believes that the Nation's quest to be among the top 20 economies in the world by 2020 is a mirage if urgent attention is not focus on employment generation and poverty reduction activities by all concerned.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Call on the Federal Government and sub – national governments to intensify their effort on employment generation activities in line with their various campaign promises;

ii. Strongly condemn the high rate of unemployment in the country considering the huge bailout intervention funds expended by government in various sectors of the economy over the years to boost domestic production capacity;

iii. Call for an urgent audit into the effective release, utilization and performance of the various intervention funds to the various sectors of the economy by the relevant government agencies;

iv. Urge the Federal government to take steps to boost entrepreneurial developments and employment capabilities of our economy.

v. Urge the Federal government to integrate entrepreneurship, savings and investment culture and education into the educational curriculum at appropriate levels.

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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 resume consideration of the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Legislative Agenda for the Senate" *(Adjourned Consideration – Thursday, 8th October, 2015).*

COMMITTEE MEETING

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 4th November, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
2.	Ad- hoc Committee on Import duty waivers, concessions & Grants	Wednesday, 4th November, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3.	Ad- Hoc Committee on Aviation	4th & 5th November, 2015	12.00noon	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
4.	Ad- Hoc Committee on AIDS LOANS & Debts	4th November, 2015	2.00p.m	Committee Room 428 Senate New Building
5.	Ad- Hoc Committee on Works	4th November, 2015	2.00p.m	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building

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