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Tuesday, 17th November, 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 Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions*
   Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu *(Imo East)*
   "That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on a Petition from Usman Pindar and Nasir Ahmed against Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) for wrongful disengagement and unjustifiable refusal to re-instate them - *(To be laid).*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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).*

MOTION

1. **JAMB's New Admission Policy**
   Sen. Joshua M. Lidani *(Gombe South)*

   The Senate:

   NOTES: Joint Admission Matriculation Board (JAMB) is a Board created by an Act of the National Assembly in 1989 to administer a centralized admission system for Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Educations in Nigeria. The Board is a body corporate with perpetual succession which may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

   FURTHER NOTES, that by section 5 (1)(C) iii of the JAMBS' Act 2004 the function of the Board among other things, is the general control of the conduct of matriculation examinations for admission into all Universities, Polytechnics and College of Educations 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.

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

i. 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 admits.

ii. 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.

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria Act, 1973, and Re-enact the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria and for other Matters connected therewith, 2015; (SB. 14) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Uche Ekwunife *(Anambra Central)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 17th November, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 0.01
2.	Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 17th November, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building

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