SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 8th December, 2015

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Bill, 2015 (SB. 78) - *(First Reading)*
   Sen. Theodore A. Orji *(Abia Central)*

2. National Alternative Energy Commission (Est. etc) Bill, 2015 (SB. 83) - *(First Reading)*
   Sen. Ben Murray-Bruce *(Bayelsa East)*

3. Ecclesiastical Court (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2015 (SB. 96) - *(First Reading)*
   Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)*

4. Lobbying Disclosure Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (SB. 99) - *(First Reading)*
   Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)*

5. Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Bill, 2015. (SB. 137) - *(First Reading)*
   Sen. Nneji Athan Achonu *(Imo North)*

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

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 Mrs Esther M. Amuta against the National Agency for Food, Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) for alleged Gross Injustice against her" - *To be laid.*

2. *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 Corporal Abdullahi Tanko against the Nigeria Police Force for alleged dismissal from the Force" - *To be laid.*

3. *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 Mr. Salahudeen Balarabe Yakubu against the Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA) for alleged wrongful disengagement from Service" - *To be laid.*

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4. Report of the Committee on Finance
Screening of a nominee
Sen. John Owan Enoh *(Cross River Central)*
"That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Finance on the screening of DR. WILLIAM BABTUNDE FOWLER for appointment as Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)" – *To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. *Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions*
Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu *(Imo East)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on a Petition from Mr. Nnoke Chinedum against Macmillan Nigeria Publishers Limited on the non-payment of part of his monthly emoluments and other entitlements after the termination of his appointment.

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to amend the National Open University Act No 6 1983 to provide for the inclusion of ICT as another means of providing tuition towards the advancement of learning throughout Nigeria by the National Open University and for other connected purposes, 2015 (SB. 66) – *Second Reading.*

MOTIONS

1. Incidents of incessant bomb attacks in Public Places.
Sen. Rabiu M. Kwankwaso *(Kano Central)*

The Senate:

Concerned that Economic and Peace Institute in its Global Terrorism Index 2015 has identified Nigeria as a country that has witnessed the largest increase in terrorist deaths as Boko Haram is responsible for half of all global deaths attributed to terrorism;

Notes that many of our security service personnel have paid the supreme sacrifice in their quest of ensuring our country become safe once again and therefore commend their gallantry and the recorded successes currently achieved by the Federal Government towards combating terrorism;

Notes that while government and security operatives are relentless towards securing the lives of Nigerians; the general public also needs to be security conscious especially in crowded areas;

Further notes that the ability to prevent a terrorist attack does not depend on the government alone. The people need to be vigilant, look out for suspicious behavior, vehicles and packages in and around public places;

Convinced that sensitizing the people on simple but important tips could save lives during emergencies. Also greater reliance on human intelligence gathering will allow authorities to apprehend the criminals before they have the chance to launch their attacks.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Commend* the Federal Government and Nigeria Armed Forces for the re-enforced determination in the fight against terrorism and the successes recorded in the last six (6) months;

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ii. *Commiserate* with the victims and families of the 51 people that lost their lives as well as those that sustained various degrees of injuries by sending a delegation to condole the Governments and people of Kano and Adamawa States;

iii. *Observe* a minute silence in memory of victims of the terrorist attacks.

iv. *Urge* NEMA and other relevant government agencies to embark on mass media sensitization campaigns on the need for the general public to be more vigilant as well as the kind of measures to be taken in times of bomb attacks in public places;

v. *Urge* States, local governments and other government agencies to ensure that emergency exits are provided in all markets and public buildings.

vi. *Urge* the Federal Government to revive the public Security Communications System programme piloted in Lagos and Abuja through the installation of CCTV's and metal detector scanners in public places, this will assist the security agencies to combat terrorism.

2. The Urgent Need to Re-Assess Nigeria's Foreign Policy Objectives in Line with Emerging Economic Realities.
Sen. Stella Oduah *(Anambra North)*

The Senate;

Notes that prior to Nigeria's Independence in 1960, our fundamental foreign policy principles have remained unchanged. Rather, every succeeding administration in the country has come up with new circumstantial mechanisms aimed at achieving our foreign policy goals;

Notes further that the fundamental principles and objectives of Nigeria's foreign policy invented by the first Prime Minister of Nigeria - Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, have remained unaltered irrespective of the different changes in government till date. These leaders demonstrated serious commitment to these guiding principles of our foreign policy which is clearly spelt out in Section 19(a-e) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) which includes;

- The promotion and protection of our national interest, promotion of African integration and support for Africa unit;
- Promotion of international co-operation for the consolidation of universal peace and mutual respect among all nations and elimination of discrimination in all its manifestations;
- Respect for international law and treaty obligations as well as the seeking of settlement of international disputes by negotiation, mediation, conciliation, arbitration and adjudication; and;
- Promotion of a just world economic order.

Aware that Nigeria has played several pivotal roles based on her foreign policy thrust for African countries and the world at large, like ending apartheid in South Africa, bringing about peace and stability in Liberia, Guinea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia and in many other African countries just to mention but a few;

Further aware that at the international scene, Nigeria is one of the major troop-contributing nations to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations around the world and is globally recognized for her readiness and commitment, which participating in UN Peacekeeping Operations in the Congo called "Operation des Nations unies au Congo" in 1960;

Worried that notwithstanding our nation's vital roles in Africa and the world at large, some of our citizens who reside in some of these countries are treated with disdain. So many of our nationals are being killed or maimed for reasons that are despicable. The xenophobic attack by South Africans against Nigerians who live and conduct legitimate businesses in their midst is still fresh in our minds;

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Moreso, from Kenya to the Maghreb and across Southern Africa, discrimination against Nigerians and other non-nationals have been on the rise, as can be seen in various international media reports;

Concerned that Section 14(b) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) states that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government. This shows that the welfare and security of lives of all Nigerians wherever they are resident in the world shall be the core responsibility of the government of the day through our foreign missions abroad;

Further concerned that many Nigerians living abroad face harsh economic conditions from their host countries and sometimes, their efforts to get relief from our foreign missions abroad don't usually get the much needed attention.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and any other relevant Committees to investigate several alleged maltreatment and killing of Nigerians abroad as well as take into consideration the Doctrine of Diplomatic Reciprocity in its activities and report back to the Senate within (4) weeks;

ii. *Urge* the Federal Government (Executive) to reassess our foreign policy objectives in a hostile, unstable and competitive global environment which operates on the principle of survival of the fittest to ensure that Nigerian investors/businessmen are accorded the right of first refusal especially in those countries where Nigerian fought tirelessly for their liberation, emancipation, freedom, peace and security;

iii. *Implore* the Federal Government to, going forward, imbed Nigerian's economic interest as vital component of our foreign policy objectives especially in countries where the nation invested her enormous human and material resources to restore security, peace, stability and democracy as the era of our Father Christmas Diplomacy is certainly over.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Rules and Business	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
2. Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
3. Culture and Tourism	Tue. 8th & Wed. 9th Dec. 2015	4.00p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
4. Aviation	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	12.00noon	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
5. Interior	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	2.30pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
6. Education (Basic &Secondary)	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015 *(Interactive Session)*	2.30p.m	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
7. Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	1.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
8. National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building

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9.	Cooperation, Integration in Africa & NEPAD	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
10.	Federal Capital Territory	Tuesday, 8th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
11.	Health	Wednesday, 9th December, 2015	3.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
12.	Science and Technology	Wednesday, 9th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
13.	Privatization	Wednesday, 9th December, 2015	2.00p.m	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
14.	Finance, Banking, Insurance & other Financial Institutions and Public Accounts	Wednesday, 9th December, 2015 *(Joint Committee)*	2.00pm	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
15.	Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions	Thursday, 10th December, 2015	1.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building

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