SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 16th December, 2015

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, National Planning and Appropriations
2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium-Term Expenditure *Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP).*
Sen. John Owan Enoh *(Cross River Central).*
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, National Planning and Appropriations on the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)"- *To be laid.*

2. Report of the Committee on Aviation
The need to Publish Accident Investigation Reports
Sen. Hope Uzodinma *(Imo West)*
"That the Senate do receive Report of the Committee on Aviation in respect of the motion on the Need to Publish Accident Investigation Report" - *To be laid.*

3. Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Aviation
The Worrisome and unstable position of Nigerian Aviation Industry
Sen. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso *(Kano Central)*
"That the Senate do receive Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Aviation in respect of the motion on the Worrisome and Unstable Position of Nigerian Aviation Industry" - *To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

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2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium-Term Expenditure *Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP).*
Sen. John Owan Enoh *(Cross River Central).*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, National Planning and Appropriations on the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)".

2. Report of the Joint Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions and Information Communication Technology (ICT) & Cybercrime
Electronic Transactions Bill, 2015 (SB. 15)
Sen. Rafiu Ibrahim Adedayo *(Kwara South)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions and Information Communication Technology (ICT) & Cybercrime on the Electronic Transactions Bill, 2015 (SB. 15)".

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MOTIONS

1. Ailing Ajaokuta Steel Company, a threat to Nigerian Industrial Growth.
Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)*

The Senate;

Notes with serious concern the limited growth of the manufacturing sector in Nigeria due to the absence of functional Steel Industry in the country;

Notes also that the problem has continued to stall rapid development of skill and technology required to drive industrial growth;

Aware that the development of iron and steel is a key ingredient in the industrialization and development of infrastructures while the steel sector in developed economies is the highest employer of labour and is treated as strategic because of the positive multiplier effect of its employment;

Worried that despite the abundance of natural raw materials such as Limestone, Ore and Coal required for the production of primary steel, Nigeria's Iron and Steel sector remains comatose, having only negligible production;

Recall that Nigerians quest for industrialization necessitated the establishment of the Ajaokuta Steel Company following the discovery of good iron ore deposits in Itakpe in 1973 which led to the formal signing of the global contract for the implementation of the Ajaokuta steel project between the Federal Government of Nigeria and Messrs Tyajzhpromexport, TPE, of the defunct USSR on July 13, 1979 during the reign of then military Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo. It was originally programmed for completion in 1986, but a combination of factors including policy inconsistency and massive corruption were responsible for not meeting the said deadline;

Aware that in 1986, the then President signed a new protocol agreement on the project with the same Tyajzhpromexport, TPE, rescheduling its completion date to 1989. This target date was equally never met and operations at ASCO and NIOMCO had to be halted in 1992 even when the project was said to have reached 98 per cent technical completion;

Astonished that the same Tyajzhpromexport, TPE which had a frustrating encounter with the Nigerian authorities on the Ajaokuta Steel Company, did commissioned and delivered on schedule similar steel projects in China and other countries, where steel development have had significant impact in the advancement of their economies;

Saddened and troubled that in spite of the huge amount of monies expended so far by successive governments over the years, the Ajaokuta Steel complex is still bedeviled by multifarious challenges, and the project is being used as campaign rhetoric, yet the project remained a mere vision while the rot continues. The nation continues to moan under the enormous burden of unemployment but spends over ₦500 billion annually on steel importations;

Convinced that the steel sector if properly developed can easily rival the oil sector as the country in the past nine years had spent over ₦2.1 trillion to import steel into the country.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. *Urge* the Federal Government to recognize the need and urgency in getting the Ajaokuta Steel working as it would create employments for local crafts men, disabled at home and in Diaspora, professional of all fields;

ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to undertake the immediate rehabilitation of rail-line and dredging of the Water ways linking the Ajaokuta Steel;

iii. *Direct* the Committee on Power and Steel Development to undertake a holistic assessment of why the Ajaokuta Steel Complex and other Steel Plants in Nigeria are not working and advance recommendation for their effective Takeoff.

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2. The need for Legislative support to Government's anti-corruption drive.
Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha, CON *(Taraba South).*

The Senate;

Notes the serious damage done to this nation, Nigeria by corruption over decades.

Further notes that corruption has eaten so deep into our political, economic and social fabrics.

Aware that corruption has put us as a people and as a nation, permanently at the backward position in terms of development in the comity of nations;

Further aware that corruption has brought untold hardship to millions of Nigerians who are living below poverty level. Some have been rushed to their early graves, courtesy of corruption;

Worried that corruption has damaged our individual/ collective image externally. This posture has put our honourable and responsible citizens under serious suspicion by their foreign counterparts especially Nigerian business community who are partakers in import / export business and other Nigerians intending to travel abroad in pursuit of education, health, summer holidays etc. are made to face rigorous screening unnecessarily just because of the corrupt identity associated with the Nigerian state;

Also worried that this corruption is not only restricted to the political class, / public servants, even civil servants are involved and even worse off. Whereas the political class most at times share their loots with electorates (common man), is known in the Nigerian lexicon, the civil servants especially at the ranks of Permanent Secretaries, Directors and others, do siphon what they have looted abroad and dumped the funds into foreign banks;

Further worried most religions leaders who are supposed to be custodians of moral code are deeply infested with this deadly virus;

Further Observes that poverty which is a product of corruption does not know political party, religion, tribe, region or geo-politics;

Encouraged that the present administration of President Muhammadu Buhari is determined and committed to fight corruption in our society so as to pave way for the developmental change he intends to bring to Nigeria;

Observes that given the economic recession confronting the country due to the fall of oil price in the international market, there is a craving need to give legislative support to the efforts of Mr. President in his drive towards wipping corruption to a zero level in order to boost the economic profile of Nigeria;

Urges that the fight against corruption by President Buhari needs to cover all fabrics of Nigerian society, politics (all parties), civil service, academia private sector, artisan, traditional rulers, civil society etc. This will instill a new spirit of discipline as against moral corruption that has eaten deep into Nigerian State.

Accordingly Resolves to:

i. *Urge* the senate to mandate its Committee on anti-corruption, (Drugs and Narcotics), to liaise with the anti graft bodies namely EFCC and ICPC on how the legislature can best support them to deliver effectively on their mandate and report back to the Senate;

ii. *Urge* anti graft institutions (EFCC and ICPC) to operate independently, devoid of external influence in order to avoid been viewed as an instrument for political witch-hunt;

iii. *Direct* the committee on Judiciary to review all laws relating to economic/financial crimes and corruption, towards achieving speedy dispensation of Justice as it relates to corruption cases;

iv. *Urge* the Senate committee on Information and Education to embark on a deliberate civic education program for the citizenry, the youths in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions.

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CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the North-East Development Commission in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to address the devastation caused by insurgency and other connected matters, 2015 (SB. 31) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Kabiru Gaya *(Kano South)*

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish North-East Development Commission charged with the responsibility among other things to receive and manage fund from allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the settlement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of roads, houses and business premises of victims of insurgency and for other related matters, 2015 (SB. 163) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act to promote Commercial to promote Commercial Agriculture in Nigeria; ensure credit support for production, storage, processing of target commodities, market and enterprise development, provide concessionary funding for Agriculture and for other related matters, 2015 (SB. 17) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Andy Uba *(Anambra South)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
2.	Media and Public Affairs	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
3.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
4.	Niger Delta	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
5.	Trade and Investment	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
6.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	1.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
7.	Petroleum Resources (Downstream)	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
8.	Health, Agriculture and Rural Development	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015 *(Joint Committee)*	12.00noon	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
9.	Finance, Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions, and Public Accounts	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015 *(Joint Committee)*	2.30pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
10.	States and Local Government	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
11.	Interior	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.30pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
12.	Special Duties	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
13.	Public Procurement	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building

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14.	Capital Market	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	3.00pm	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
15.	Ecology and Climate Change	Wednesday, 16th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
16.	Ecology and Climate Change	Thursday, 17th December, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 331 Senate New Building

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