SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 13th January, 2016

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Urgent need to empanel the National Council on Public Procurement of Nigeria.
Sen. Theodore A. Orji, CON *(Abia Central) and* Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

The Senate;

Notes that the Public Procurement Act came into force since 2007;

Further notes that the good intention of the legislature in Nigeria in passing the said Act into law was to establish a Regulatory Authority for the monitoring and oversight of Public Procurement;

Harmonizing the existing government policies and practices by regulating, setting standards and developing the legal framework and professional capacity for Public Procurement in Nigeria;

Observes that SS 1 & 2 of the said Act are the soul in that it is the National Council on Procurement that gives life to the Act and gives meaning to the good intention of the legislature in passing the Act into law;

Notes that by S.15 (1) of the Act, all procurement of goods, works and services carried out by the Federal Government of Nigeria, shall be governed by the provisions of the procurement Act;

Notes that by S.2 of the Act, some of the very important functions of the Council include provision of thresholds for the application of the provisions of the Act, consider and approve policies on public procurement, approve changes in the procurement process to adapt to improvements in modern technology;

Further notes that whereas the Council supervises the Bureau and approves Directors for the Bureau, the Bureau has, as one of her objectives, in S.4 (d) of the Act, the attainment of transparency, competitiveness and professionalism in the Public Sector Procurement system;

Worried that since the passage of the Act in 2007 the National Council on Procurement has not been established;

Further notes that without the establishment of the National Council on Procurement, the Procurement Act is as good as a dead letter no matter the rhetoric;

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Observes that Cabinet Ministers are now in place, while the Minister of Finance is the Chairman of the Council, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice is also a member of the council, there is every need to empanel the National Council on Public Procurement to avoid erosion of public confidence in the procurement process.

Accordingly Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to as a matter of urgency, officially set up the National Council on Public Procurement to give life and meaning to the Public Procurement Act so as to achieve the laudable objectives for which the Act came into being.

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act to promote Commercial Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act 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, 2016 (SB. 17) – *Second Reading.*
   Sen. Andy Uba, MFR *(Anambra South).*

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. 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 consider the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Aviation in respect of the motion on the Worrisome and Unstable Position of Nigerian Aviation Industry".

2. *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 Maritime Professionals against the Ministry of Transport for an alleged plan to downgrade them and other employees of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)".

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
2.	Senate Services	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	3.00pm	Room 310- Chairman's Office Senate New Building
3.	Tertiary Institutions and Tetfund	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
4.	Gas	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
5.	INEC	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building

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6.	Science and Technology	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
7.	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	1.30pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
8.	Drugs and Narcotics	Wednesday, 13th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
9.	Sports and Youth Development	Wed. 13th & Thurs. 14th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
10.	Special Duties	Wed. 13th & Thurs. 14th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
11.	Special Duties, Establishment & Public Service,	Thursday, 14th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
12.	Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters,	Thursday, 14th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building

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