SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 28th January, 2016

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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. *Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND*
   Sen. Binta Masi Garba *(Adamawa North)*
   "That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND in respect of a motion on the new JAMB Policy on Admission" – *To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

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 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)".

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 Engr. Adamu Suleiman Yakubu against the National Universities Commission (NUC) for alleged unlawful Dismissal from service".

3. *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. Salahudeen Balarabe Yakubu against the Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA) for alleged wrongful disengagement from the service of the Authority".

4. Report of the Committee on Aviation
   The need to Publish Accident Investigation Reports
   Sen. Hope Uzodinma *(Imo West)*
   "That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Aviation in respect of the motion on the Need to Publish Accident Investigation Reports".

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MOTIONS

1. **Unwholesome Practices by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Ltd. under the direction and control of the Bureau of Public Enterprises.**
Sen. Mohammed Hassan *(Yobe South)*
Co-Sponsors:
Sen. Dino Melaye - Sen. Abubakar Kyari Sen. Ali Wakili
Sen. Shehu Sani Sen. Albert Bassey

The Senate;

Notes that Transmission Company of Nigeria ("TCN") is saddled with the vital responsibility of providing the critical power transmission services for the power industry and the entire nation;

Notes that TCN is a company owned by the Federal Government of Nigeria ("FGN") and in the power sector reform the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) transferred the management of TCN to Hydro International Nigeria Ltd. ("Manitoba") under a management services contract prepared by BPE;

Further notes that Manitoba is a company incorporated under and subject to the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and carrying on business in Nigeria with FGN and paid in millions of Dollars of scarce public funds;

Observes that it is a criminal offence as stipulated in Section 20(5) of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007 for any person or body corporate to refuse the acceptance of the Naira as the legal tender currency for payments for goods and services in Nigeria;

Worried that TCN is imposed with this burden, under the management service contract, of paying all taxes for the management contractors, while Manitoba does not pay taxes on the monies it is paid under the Management Services Contract;

Observes that Section 9(2) of the Companies Income Tax Act (CITA) Cap 21 LFN 2004, provides that tax shall be assessed and payable upon the profits of any company accruing in, derived from, brought into, or received in, Nigeria for services rendered;

Convinced that the management services contract prepared by BPE for the management of TCN is fraught with apparent illegalities and total violations of the laws of Nigeria;

Further convinced that these apparent illegalities would inevitably result in corruption, inefficiencies, waste of public resources, lack of transparency and accountability in the management of TCN;

Aware that the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) is a member Board of Directors of all the Distribution Companies(DISCOS) in Nigeria with the Director General as a signatory of the tripartite agreement between BPE, TCN and Manitopa signing on behalf of BPE and TCN and thereby abdicating the supervisory role it ought to play in the whole process;

Persuaded that there is now an urgent need to investigate these grievous matters in the overriding public interest and in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Power to:

(a) Investigate the entire circumstances surrounding the preparation, execution and implementation of the management services for TCN and all other related matters.

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(b) Investigate the roles of all persons involved in these matters, and where appropriate, determine the culpability of any person who, whether by commission or omission, has acted against the public interest.

(c) Ascertain the relevance of BPE on the Board of Directors of Distribution Companies in Nigeria

ii. *Further* mandate the Committee on Power to make appropriate recommendations concerning its findings in its report to the Senate.

2. Demise of Olubadan of Ibadan Oba Samuel Odulana Odugade I
Sen. Rilwan Adesoji Akanbi *(Oyo South)*

Co – Sponsors:
Sen. Buhari Abdulfatai
Sen. Olusola Adeyeye
Sen. Joseph Gbolahan
Sen. Donald Omotayo Alasoadura
Sen. Oluremi Shade Tinubu
Sen. Duro Samuel Faseyi
Sen. Monsurat Sunmonu
Sen. Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke
Sen. Kashamu Buruji
Sen. Gbenga Ashafa
Sen. Biodun Olujimi
Sen. Babajide Omoworare
Sen. Olanrewaju Tejuoso
Sen. Robert Ajayi Boroffice
Sen. Adeola Solomon Olamilekan
Sen. Fatimat Olufunke Raji-Rasaki

The Senate;

Notes with sadness and great sense of loss, the demise of OLUBADAN of IBADAN (Oba Samuel Odulana Odugade I) at the age of 101.

Notes also that HRH Oba Samuel Odulana Idugade I was born on the April 14, 1914 into Ladunni family Compound, at Oja-Igbo Ibadan, Oyo State, attended St. Andrew's School, Bamigbola in the present Lagelu Local Government and obtained a transfer to St. Peter's School, Aremo in January 1929 and completed his Middle School Education at Mapo Central School in December 1936 before proceeding to various institutions to strengthen his education via correspondence college, a trend that was common at that time.

Further Notes that HRH had a brief stint with the United Africa Company as a produce Clerk before taking up teaching at the Church Missionary Society Elementary School, Jago in the present Ona Ara Local Government in 1938.

Aware that HRH Oba Samuel Odulana's journey to the throne started with his appointment as the Mogaji (Head) of his Ladunni family compound, at Oja-Igbo in 1972 and became the Jagun-Olubadan Land in 1976.

Further aware that HRH earned an exemplary character award as a result of his hardwork and patriotism. He was put in charge of demobilization of returning soldiers in Lagos who fought 1945 World War and this climaxed into an immediate appointment with the Colonial Office Education Department in 1946.

Observes that HRH was a soldier who fought in the World War II, Oba Odulana Odugade was a seasoned civil servant and a thoroughbred politician who later became a minister in the first Republic.

Recalls that HRH Oba Samuel Odulana Odugade I was a former Minister of State for Labour and also former Parliamentary Secretary to the late Prime Minister, Alhaji Abubarkar Tafawa Balewa in the country's first independent cabinet and actively assisted in the establishment of both primary and secondary schools in various parts of the old western region of Nigeria in 1959.

Aware that the late Monarch led the Nigerian Parliamentary delegation to the London Constitutional Conference to restructure the then British Colonies of Rhodesia and Nyasaland now known as Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

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Convinced that the Late Olubadan left a Strong Stable, Cohesive, United and prosperous Ibadan land, which were the culmination of his Selfless-service and exemplary leadership qualities. His loss at this critical time in the life of the nation is no doubt a huge one, but trust that his legacies will continue to serve as reference point for peace and unity.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Observe* a minute silence in honour of the departed Former Minister of Labour, the OLUBADAN OF IBADAN LAND

ii. *Send* Delegation to condole with the family, people and government of Oyo State.

iii. *Cognizant* to his contribution to the Nation at large, urge the Federal Government to immortalize HRH Oba Samuel Odulana by naming a National or State monument after him as a mark of Honour.

3. The need to urgently seek the resuscitation of Collapsed and Ailing Industries as well as the establishment of new ones to rejuvenate the economy.
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin *(Kano North)*

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Mohammed Kwankwaso R.
Sen. Adeleke Isiaka Adetunji
Sen. Olamilekan Adeola S.
Sen. Jang Jonah David
Sen. Sani Shehu
Sen. Kyari Abubakar
Sen. Orji Theodore A.
Sen. Ordia Clifford A.
Sen. Oduah Stella Adaeze
Sen. Ideozu Osinakachukwu
Sen. Sunmonu Monsurat J.A.
Sen. Manager James Ebiowou
Sen. Nwaboshi Peter
Sen. Akpan Bassey Albert
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Sen. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan
Sen. Mohammed Aliero
Sen. Adeyeye Olusola
Sen. Tinubu Oluremi Shade
Sen. Dariye Joshua Chibi
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Sen. Ndume Mohammed Ali
Sen. Abaribe Enyinnaya H.
Sen. Alimikhena Frances A.
Sen. Uba Andy E.
Sen. Sekibo George T.
Sen. Akanbi Rilwan Adesoji
Sen. Ohiare Abdulsalami
Sen Abu Ibrahim
Sen. Godswill Akpabio
Sen. Sani Ahmed Rufa'i
Sen. Sabi Abdullahi Aliyu
Sen. Bukar Mustapha
Sen. Yahaya A. Abdullahi
Sen. Tejuoso Olanrewaju A.
Sen. Ibrahim Adedayo Rafiu
Sen. Kurfi Umar Ibrahim
Sen. Sabi Abdullahi
Sen. Kabir Ibrahim Gaya
Sen. Omoworare Babajide
Sen. Ashafa Bareehu O.
Sen. Useni Jeremiah T.
Sen. La'ah Danjuma
Sen. Ahmed Lawan
Sen. Ajayi Boroffice
Sen. Urhoghide Matthew
Sen. Abdulfatai Buhari
Sen. Melaye Dino
Sen. Danjuma Goje
Sen. Bala Ibn Na Allah
Sen. Marafa Kabir Garba
Sen. Oko Rose Okoji
Sen. Enoh John Owan
Sen. Ahmed Lawan
Sen. Dada Joseph G.
Sen. Abdullahi Ibrahim
Sen. Lafiagi Mohammed S.
Sen. Efiong Nelson Asuquo

The Senate;

Notes that the premise on which the present administration was elected was the irrevocable pledge that the country will be positively changed in order to bring succour to millions of impoverished Nigerians;

Believes that the change being referred to cannot be achieved unless there is a deliberate state policy backed with action, to change our economy from being dependent solely on oil export to the one that is industrialized;

Sad that the real sector of the economy is nearly dead due mainly to the closure of the greatest number of the nation's manufacturing concerns;

Convinced that in order to achieve a very sound economy, it is important and necessary that the nation's closed and/or ailing manufacturing entities in Kano, Lagos, Kaduna, Aba, Nnewi, Ibadan, Asaba, Onitsha, Gusau, Calabar, Ota, Ilorin, Katsina, Oshogbo, Jos, Maiduguri, Benin City, Port-Harcourt, Ikot Abasi, Ajaokuta, Aladja, etc. must be revived and sustained;

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Further Convinced that the government should approach and educate Nigerian Importers who have the financial wherewithal to invest their resources in the establishment of industries that will produce the products they usually import into the country in order to strengthen our economy;

Persuaded that there is now an urgent need to formulate a work-plan to woo foreign manufacturers whose finished goods are being imported into Nigeria by the Nigerian Importers to come and establish their factories in Nigeria;

Notes that it is also important that there is an urgent need to continue to sensitize and encourage our graduates, youths and others to establish micro or cottage manufacturing outfits to produce items like toothpicks, toiletries, handkerchiefs, etc. in order to boost the economy and further create jobs, etc.;

Accordingly resolves to;

i. *Mandate* the Senate Committees on Industries, Privatization and National Planning, to undertake an immediate inventory of all closed industries, establish why they collapsed, and proffer solutions on how to revive them and report back within a reasonable period of time as may be prescribed by the Senate.

ii. *Urge* the legislative and executive arms of government to set up joint consultative committee with a mandate to contact and woo foreign manufacturers to establish Nigerian branches of their factories.

iii. *Call* on the Federal Government to device ways and means by which it can persuade our high net-worth Nigerians to establish factories rather than to continue with their dependence on importation of foreign goods, and

iv. *Urge* the Federal Government to create an enabling policy that would entice our unemployed youths to embrace and set up cottage manufacturing concerns through the help and encouragement of the government.

4. Nigerians involvement in Global Drugs Trade

Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa *(Lagos Ashafa)*

The Senate;

Notes with serious concern the engagement of some Nigerians in Hard Drugs smuggling into Southeast Asian Countries and other parts of the world;

Notes that the Malaysian authorities have again issued a strong statement that 40 percent of the foreigners being arrested for drug offences are from Nigeria. So far, 30 out of 80 foreign students arrested in 2015 were Nigerians, in a country where drug trafficking attracts the supreme retribution;

Observes that in their desperation, these Nigerians are disguising as "University Students", colluding with drug syndicates (predominantly outside Nigeria) there to undermine the visa system and gain entrance into Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and other drug traffic routes. On getting there, they abandon the education agenda and get busy with their illicit and illegal drug business activities; trading in opiates, cocaine, heroin, cannabis and amphetamines. The Colleges/Universities have been told to keep a lookout for those who sign up for courses and do not turn up;

Worried that the involvement of Nigerians in this dangerous enterprise is tarnishing the image of the country. Our Nationals are viewed with suspicion and subjected to demeaning treatment at airports across the world as a result of this Negative perception;

Equally worried that the Federal Government has not swung into strategic action to curb the menace of drug couriers and their sponsors both in and out of Nigeria;

Aware that the NDLEA (National Drug Law Enforcement Agency) is doing its best within its powers as presently constituted;

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Further Aware that while the incidence of lifting of the drugs from Nigeria in itself has become few and far between, those involved have found a way of picking up the narcotic substances while in transit, considering that most flight from Nigeria to some of the countries at stake like Thailand and Indonesia are not direct flights.

Equally Aware that in April 2015, Indonesia, another Southeast Asian Country that imposes the death sentence on drug traffickers, executed four Nigerians despite pleas for leniency by Nigeria, the United Nations and Amnesty international. The four were among the 11 Nigerians facing execution for drug offences. In spite of this, some desperate Nigerians are not deterred. According to newspaper reports, the case for leniency was rendered impotent because, at that point, seven fresh cases of drug trafficking involving Nigerians had just emerged in Indonesia;

Aware also that apart from the cases in Malaysia and Indonesia, at least one Nigerian is on the death row in Singapore for drug-related offences. But the situation in China, which also punishes drug trafficking with death penalty, is alarming. Two Nigerians were executed in China in April, 2015 but 120 other Nigerians are still on the death row for drug-related offenses, with 74 of them being held in Guandong and Guanxi provinces. Harm Reduction International, a United Kingdom based NGO, said 33 countries impose the death penalty for drug related offenses;

Notes that the implications of the drug trade are staggering. Drug syndicates are destroying the lives of others, UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) reported that there were 183,000 drug- related deaths worldwide, with drug dependent users rising to about 39 million. Drug use is closely linked to violent crimes and terrorism in many parts of the world, Nigeria inclusive;

Worried that the scenario in Nigeria is also unnerving, in a 2012 report, the International Narcotics Control Board said that Nigeria, was a transit point for cocaine from Latin America destined for Europe;

Nigeria also topped the list of the countries involved in drug trafficking and drug use in West Africa's and also the list of drug couriers arrested in Europe in 2011 and 2012.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Urge* the Federal Government to restructure and reposition the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency to be able to meet the challenges of evasive drug traffickers using Nigerians to traffic drugs.

ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to urgently consider placing the NDLEA under the direct supervision of the Presidency as obtainable with the EFCC and ICPC as against being under the supervision of the Ministry of Justice.

iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to consider assigning Anti- Narcotics attachee's to our foreign missions in the most affected drug traffic/transit routes in order to effectively profile Nigerians in the diaspora with the aim of ensuring that Nigerians issued with the Nigerian passports abroad have no ties to international drug syndicates.

v. *Urge* the Nigerian Immigration Service to do more in the area of profiling and properly scrutinizing vulnerable Nigerians crossing our boarders to countries prone to the illicit drug trade in order to pro-actively prevent the incidence of Nigerians, particularly the young ones from engaging in narcotics trade.

5. Concern on Unwholesome Practices by Multichoice Nigeria (DSTV).
Sen. Isah Hamma Misau *(Bauchi Central)*

The Senate;

NOTES that Multichoice Nigeria, a subsidiary of South African-based Multichoice Africa, owners of DSTV pay television, has been known to dominate the Nigerian satellite television market, thereby enabling it to engage in negative and unhealthy trade practices;

FURTHER NOTES that in the past few years, DSTV has constantly been in the news over one legal battle after another from aggrieved subscribers, who are dissatisfied with the programming service and unreasonable subscription hikes across their various bouquet, which has led to growing public complains and petitions;

ACKNOWLEDGES that this motion is of public interest, as a lot of football loving Nigerians follow the English Premier League (EPL) on DSTV , with the company enjoying the monopoly of broadcast in the country;

CONCERNED that the complaints include arbitrary increase in the subscription charges, refusal to adopt the pay as you use model applicable in other climes where Multichoice operates, moving major games from low subscription bouquets (COMPACT) to high subscription bouquets (premium); poor service delivery and absence of toll free lines for customers' complaints amongst other;

NOTES that many concerned Nigerians are aggrieved and in constant demand to stop DSTV's arbitrary price hikes, noting that recent increase in DSTV subscription is outrageous and totally unacceptable;

AWARE that following the high number of complaints, the Consumer Protection Council (CPC), commenced investigation into the operations of the Digital Satellite Television (DSTV) , operated by Multichoice Nigeria Limited, over alleged consumer rights violations, in line with its mandate to provide redress for consumer abuse;

NOTES that according to the notice of investigation, Consumer Protection Council (CPC) observed that "These complaints in effect allege that the DSTV service does not conform with international best practice and is specifically designed to exploit Nigerian consumers who have suffered losses by not being able to fully enjoy or receive the benefit or actualize the full purpose for which they purchased or subscribed to the service";

AWARE that the previous intervention by the 7th House of Representatives did not achieve the desired result as the company continues to operate in a manner that seems above the law;

NOTES that it is imperative for this hallowed chambers to intervene with a view to addressing the perceived high handedness of the pay TV company; while also making sure that the regulatory agencies of government are made to be alive to their responsibilities;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Direct* the Senate Committee on Information to undertake an immediate investigation into this matter; consider summoning the Nigeria Broadcasting Commission (NBC) and the Consumer Protection Council (CPC); organise a public hearing for all stakeholders including relevant civil societies and report back to the Senate within a reasonable time as prescribed by the Senate.

6. Need to Revive and Resuscitate River Basin Development Authorities (RBDAs)
Sen. John Owan Enoh (*Cross River Central)*

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Orji Theodore A.
Sen. Nwogu Olaka Johnson
Sen. Kashamu Prince Buruji
Sen. Amori Ighoyota
Sen. Kurfi Umar Ibrahim
Sen. Useni Jeremaiah T.
Sen. Effiong Nelson Asuquo
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Sen. Akpan Bassey Albert
Sen. Sunmonu Monsurat J.A
Sen. Ibrahim Adedayo Rafiu
Sen. Sabo Nakudu
Sen. Oko Rose Okoji

The Senate;

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Aware that Nigeria has vast arable lands, abundance of water and river basin resources to induce all-year-round farming activities, yet she is still entrapped in rain-fed agriculture, and one seasonal farming period that cannot satisfy the current food needs of her citizenry;

Further Aware of the historical fact that the Federal Government of Nigeria created eleven (11) River Basins Development Authorities (RBDAs) in 1976 to provide water for irrigation and domestic water supply, improvement of navigation, recreation facilities and fisheries project, which purposes, have not been realized or fulfilled after 39 years of their existence;

Further Informed, that other statutory mandates of the RBDAs aimed at stimulating the setting up of large plantations and industrial complexes capable of bringing the private and public sectors into joint business partnerships have been largely unattainable;

Notes that the intention of using River basin authorities as development modules to bridge the gap between rural and urban communities by taking development to the grassroots, and discouraging migration from the rural parts of Nigeria to the urban centres, has remained a mirage;

Informed that the Federal Department of Fisheries (FDF), was established in 1976 to collaborate with the RBDAs to promote fishery development by providing financial and technical assistance to small, medium and large-scale fish-farmers to reduce dependence on imported fish products, but Nigeria still expends billions of dollars in importing several millions of tons of fish annually as a result of lack of progress in this regard;

Further Notes that several factors that have contributed to the non-fulfillment of the objectives of the RBDAs and FDF include policy discontinuities, changes in government, inadequate funding due to the Federal Government's dwindling revenue and lack of diligence and understanding in handling agricultural matters, especially the utter neglect of small and medium-scale farmers, and displacement of communities;

Worried of the facts that several States located within the river basins had made concerted efforts to partner with their respective river basins in joint ventures that would add value to their respective agricultural programmes, grow their Agricultural Sectors and contribute to the completion of certain irrigation and dam projects, and that most of such efforts failed to materialize;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Urge* the Minister of Water Resources and senior officials charged with responsibility for water resources in the Federation to focus critically on the factors militating against the performance of the RBDAs, and proffer critical insight into how government can harness the transformative capacity of RBDAs to fulfill the objectives for which they were created.

ii. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Water Resources to carry out physical inspection and assessment of the state of affairs of the eleven (11) River Basin Development Authorities, and report its observations, findings and recommendations to the Senate not later than 8 weeks from the date of this Resolution.

7. Recent weather condition and its adverse effects and challenges on the Nigeria airspace.

Sen. Monsurat Sunmonu *(Oyo Central)*
Co – Sponsors:
Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi *(Niger North)* Sen. Abubakar Kyari *(Borno North)*

The Senate;

Notes the recent weather condition and its adverse effects and challenges to aircraft flying within Nigerian airspace.

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Notes that Harmattan is a cold-dry and dusty trade wind, which blows over the West African sub-region, with the North-Easterly wind blowing from the Sahara Desert into the Gulf of Guinea between the end of November and the middle of March.

Aware that Nigeria is directly affected by this natural occurrence and the sand/dust being blown from the Sahara Desert.

Observe that the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) has forecasted severe dust from now until March 2016.

Concerned that Harmattan haze i.e. the heavy amount of dust in the air can severely limit visibility on the ground and even more so at higher altitudes, particularly inhibiting visibility of pilots of aircraft.

Worried that aircraft flying over Nigerian airspace daily are affected by limited visibility during the months of Harmattan.

Concerned that it is of upmost importance that adequate measure must be taken now to ensure that aircraft operators get adequate departure, en route and destination weather information before embarking on any flight and that aircraft operators excise maximum restraint when adverse weather is observed and ensure that flight operations are scheduled with adequate weather information from Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) to minimise delay or cancellation of flights.

Accordingly Resolves to:

i. Mandate the Senate Committee on Aviation to ensure proper and adequate oversight of the Aviation sector to safeguard the lives of passengers on flights within Nigerian airspace.

ii. Invite the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and heads of other relevant agencies for explanations and clarifications of measures being taken towards safeguarding the lives of passengers.

iii. Direct airline operators to ensure that they only make use of the official information being made available by government agencies such as Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) among others.

iv. Urge aircraft operators to only take off, land or fly when suitable flying weather is forecasted in order to ensure the safety of passengers.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to amend the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (Est. etc.) Act 2011 to align it with the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, restore the Sovereignty of Naira as the national Currency, ensure transparency of its Funding and entrench parliamentary accountability and for other related matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 38) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose Oko *(Cross River North)*

2. A Bill for an Act to amend the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (Number of Judges) Act No. 15, 2003 to make provision for increase from seventy five (75) and for related matters, 2016 (SB. 176) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Joshua Lidani *(Gombe South)* Sen. Andy Uba *(Anambra South)* Sen. David Umoru *(Niger East)*

3. A Bill for an Act to amend the Deep OffShore and Inland Basin Sharing Contract Cap D3 LFN 2004 and for other matters connected thereto, 2016 (SB. 119) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Theodore A. Orji *(Abia Central)*

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 (SB. 81) - *Second Reading.*
Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji *(Ebonyi South)*

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Public Accounts	Thursday, 28th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
2. Petroleum Resources (Downstream)	Thursday, 28th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
3. Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions	Thursday 28th January, 2016 *(Interactive Session)*	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
4. Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday 28th January, 2016	1.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
5. Sports and Youth Development	Thursday, 28th January, 2016	10.00am	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
6. Gas	Thursday, 28th January, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 231 Senate New Building
7. Water Resources	Thursday, 28th January, 2016	2.00pm	Room 0.29 Chairman's Office
8. Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants	Monday, 1st February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
9. Customs, Excise & Tariff	Tuesday 2nd February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
10. Local and Foreign Debts	Tuesday 2nd February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
11. Environment	Tuesday 2nd February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
12. Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tuesday 2nd February, 2016	1.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building

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