SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 16th February, 2016

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Public Officers Protection Act CAP P41 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 156) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Peter Nwaboshi *(Delta North)*

2. FCT Civil Service Commission (Est. etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 177) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Phillip Aduda (*FCT)*

3. National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Est, etc) Bill, 2016 (SB. 222) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Babajide Omoworare, CON *(Osun East)*

4. Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act 2011 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 223) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader).*

5. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill, 2016 (SB. 224) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader).*

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. *Report of the Committee on Public Accounts*
   Sen. Andy Uba *(Anambra South)*
   "That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the Annual Report of Auditor -General of the Federation of Nigeria for the year ended 31st December, 2008" – *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 in respect of a Petition from PC Bartholomew Joseph against the Nigeria Police Force for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Force" – *To be laid.*

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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 in respect of a Petition from contract staff of Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited (TEPNG) against Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited for unlawful disengagement from service" -*To be laid.*

4. *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 in respect of a Petition from Mrs Iroezi O. Chinyere against the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia for unlawful Dismissal from service." -*To be laid.*

5. *Report of the Joint Committees on Finance, Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions and Public Accounts*
Sen. John Enoh (Cross River Central)
Sen. Andy Uba (Anambra South)
Sen Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim (Kwara South)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committees on Finance, Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions and Public Accounts in respect of the Motion on the Abuse and Mismanagement of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) Regime" -*To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. 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. Akanbi Rilwan Adesoji
Sen. Sunmonu Monsurat J.A.
Sen. Bala Ibn Na Allah
Sen. Godswill Akpabio
Sen. Akpan Bassey Albert
Sen. Sabi Abdullahi Aliyu
Sen. Bukar Mustapha
Sen. Yahaya A. Abdullahi
Sen. Aliyu S. Abdullahi
Sen. Kashamu Prince Buruji
Sen. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan
Sen. Mohammed Adamu Aliero
Sen. Mohamed Nazif
Sen. Adeyeye Olusola
Sen. Tinubu Oluremi Shade
Sen. Dariye Joshua Chibi
Sen. Hunkuyi Suleiman O.
Sen. Ndume Mohammed Ali
Sen. Abaribe Enyinnaya H.
Sen. Alimikhena Frances A.
Sen. Uba Andy E.
Sen. Abdulfatai Buhari
Sen. Melaye Dino
Sen. Ohiare Abdulsalami
Sen. Nwaboshi Peter
Sen. Marafa Kabir Garba
Sen. Sani Ahmed Rufa'i
Sen. Enoh John Owan
Sen. Ahmed Lawan
Sen. Dada Joseph G.
Sen. Tejuoso Olanrewaju A.
Sen. Ibrahim Adedayo Rafiu
Sen. Kurfi Umar Ibrahim
Sen. Sabi Abdullahi
Sen. Malam Ali Wakili
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. Danjuma Goje
Sen. Manager James Ebiowou
Sen. Abu Ibrahim
Sen. Oko Rose Okoji
Sen. Binta Masi Garba
Sen. Kaura Tijjani Yahaya
Sen. Bassey Gershom
Sen. Mohammed U. Shittu
Sen. Isa Hamman Missau
Sen. Abdullahi Ibrahim
Sen. Lafiagi Mohammed S.
Sen. Efiong Nelson Asuquo
Sen. Barnabas Gemade
Sen. Baba Kaka Bashir

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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;

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 graduate 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.

2. Non-payment of allowances to Nigerian students studying abroad.
Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*

The Senate;

Notes with dismay the non-payment of allowances to Nigerian students studying abroad based on the Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) Scholarship Award Scheme in Russia and other forms of Scholarships in other parts of the World;

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Notes that the Bilateral Education Agreement Scholarship Award Scheme particularly, the largest Federal Government Scholarship Scheme agreement entered into between the Federal Government of Nigeria and the following countries namely – Russia, China, Ukraine, Cuba, Hungary, Egypt, Morocco and Algeria, etc., for the purpose of training Nigerian students in various specialised areas of academic pursuits as a result of which the Federal Government of Nigeria, sent a total of Three Hundred and Seventy Five (375) students to Russia and over Four Hundred (400) to other countries that are parties to the Bilateral Education Agreement and other forms of scholarship award scheme;

Further notes that under the Bilateral Education Agreement Scholarship Award Scheme, the Federal Government of Nigeria is under an obligation to cater for the upkeep of such students that secured the scholarship award by providing a monthly upkeep allowance of $500; medical insurance of $200 and winter clothing allowance of $250, in addition to the sum of $2000 per student being provision for flight ticket upon completion of studies;

Aware that the Federal Government has failed, neglected and or refused to honour its own part of the agreement to pay these allowances to our students from 2013 till date and these students have been left to their fate with no apparent means of livelihood, which has resulted in some of the students taking into various criminal activities to survive;

Observes that because of the failure of the Federal Government of Nigeria to honour the Bilateral Education Agreement Scholarship Award Scheme by not paying these allowances, the students have endured various forms of hardships, which have reached its crescendo in 2015, the results of which are: forceful eviction of Nigerian students from their accommodation due to inability to pay their rents; hardships arising from various forms of ailments due to inability to access medical care; consistent threats of deportation due to lack of funds to renew expired travelling documents; inability to purchase return flight tickets by those that have completed their studies, amongst other forms of undignified treatments meted out on them;

Concerned that despite repeated demands and appeals to the appropriate authorities, such as the Federal Ministry of Education, the Nigerian Embassy in Moscow, among others, none of these allowances have been paid to these students by the Federal Government of Nigeria;

Aware that most of these students were awarded these scholarships based on their excellent academic performances and should not be frustrated by the Federal Government of Nigeria and thereby encouraging them to take to criminal activities just to earn a living as the laws of the Host Countries in most instances, particularly, in Russia, do not permit foreign students to work;

Aware also that the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, as amended, in section 14 (2) (b) provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of the government, it therefore becomes imperative for this administration to uphold the provisions of the Constitution and apply it to the current situation, giving the fact that these students were sent abroad by the Federal Government of Nigeria and should not be allowed to suffer unjustly.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Condemn the non-payment of allowances to Nigerian students studying abroad who are beneficiaries of the Bilateral Education Agreement Award Scheme and on other forms of scholarship awards, granted by the Federal Government.

ii. Urge the Federal Government to take immediate steps to ensure prompt payment of all outstanding allowances to the 375 students that are beneficiaries of the BEA scholarship award and the over 400 other students who are being sponsored in other parts of the world by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

iii. Urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to consider the possibility of employing a Russian scholarship benefactor graduate at the Nigerian Embassy in Russia as an "education attachee" who understands the plight of these students and will oversee the procurement and payment of the students' monthly stipends.

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iv. Mandate the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to meet with the Minister of Education and the Chairman of the Federal Scholarship Board in order to proffer a lasting solution to the incidence of non-payment of scholarship to students studying abroad.

vi.

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 in respect of a Petition from Mrs. Patience Edaire against the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, Ogun State on her wrongful disengagement from service".

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 in respect of a Petition from Mr. Olugbenga Odusanya, GMD/CEO COOD Resources International Limited against the Nigeria Customs Service for alleged wrongful disposal of four containers of imported automotive oils and additives".

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. 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)*

2. 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, 2015 (SB. 119) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Theodore A. Orji *(Abia Central)*

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and Matters Connected Therewith, 2015 (SB. 81) - *Second Reading.*
Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji *(Ebonyi South)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 16th February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
2.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Tuesday, 16th February, 2016	1.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
3.	Niger Delta	Wednesday, 17th February, 2016	12.00noon	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
4.	Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND	Wednesday, 17th February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
5.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Wednesday, 17th February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
6.	Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions	Thursday, 18th February, 2016 (*Budget Defence)*	12.00noon	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
7.	Solid Minerals	Thursday, 18th February, 2016	11.00am	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
8.	Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 24th February, 2016	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building

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