SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 24th February, 2016

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

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

1. National Unity and Peace Corps (Est. etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB 183) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Binta Marsi Garba *(Adamawa North).*

MOTION

1. 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 bouquets which have 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 others;

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

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 headedness 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 investigate and consider summoning the Nigeria Broadcasting Commission (NBC) and the Consumer Protection Council (CPC).

ii. *Mandate* the Committee on Information to organise a public hearing for all stakeholders including relevant civil societies to foster a way forward.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Accounts and Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions.
Abuse and Mismanagement of the Treasury Single Account (TSA)
Sen John Owan Enoh *(Cross River Central) Sen.* Andy Uba *(Anambra South)* Sen. Rafiu Adebayo *(Kwara South)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance in respect of the motion on the abuse and mismanagement of the Treasury Single Account (TSA)".

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 PC Bartholomew Joseph against the Nigeria Police Force for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Force".

3. *Report of the Committee on Marine Transport*
Sen. Ahmed Rufai Sani, CON *(Zamfara West)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Marine Transport in respect of the motion on Apapa Ports Gridlock".

4. Report of the Committee on Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organizations
Interactive Session with Civil Society Organisations on the 2016 Budget
Sen. Rose Oko *(Cross River North)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organizations on the National Assembly Interactive Session with Civil Society Organisations on the 2016 Budget".

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. 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)*

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2. 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 related matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 38) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose Oko *(Cross River North)*

3. 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)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 24th February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
2.	ICT and Cybercrime	Wednesday, 24th February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
3.	Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 24th February, 2016 (*Budget Defence*	1.00pm	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
4.	Finance	Thursday, 25th February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building

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