SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 25th February, 2016

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. 2015 FCT Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill 2016 (SB. 225) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

2. Nigerian Airforce Institute of Technology Bill, 2016 (SB 180) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Duro Faseyi *(Ekiti North).*

3. Postgraduate Physiotherapy College of Nigeria (Est. etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB 204) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Sam Anyanwu *(Imo East).*

4. Foreign Exchange (Control and Monitoring) Bill, 2016 (SB 181) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. John Enoh *(Cross River Central).*

5. National Land Reform Commission (Est. etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB 184) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Abdullahi Adamu *(Nasarawa West).*

6. Credit Bureau Services Bill, 2016 (SB 205) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Rafiu Ibrahim Adebayo *(Kwara South).*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Nigerians involvement in illicit global drugs trade and increase in domestic drug abuse by Nigerian youth.
   Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa *(Lagos East)*

   Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Ahmed Lawan	Sen. Binta Masi Garba	Sen. Enyinaya Abaribe
Sen. James Manager	Sen. Biodun Olujimi	Sen. Joshua Lidani
Sen. Ben Murry-Bruce	Sen. Abdullahi Adamu	Sen. Kabir Marafa
Sen. Olamilekan Solomon Adeola	Sen. Oluremi Tinubu	Sen. Rafiu Ibrahim
Sen. Philip Aduda	Sen. Ajayi Boroffice	Sen. Isiaka Adeleke
Sen. Abu Ibrahim	Sen. Abdullahi Gumel	Sen. Babajide Omoworare
Sen. Suleiman Hunkuyi	Sen. Samuel Anyanwu	Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege

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Note with serious concern the engagement of some Nigerians in the usage and muggling of Hard Drugs 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 don't 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;

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 flights 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 eleven 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 (HRI), a United Kingdom based NGO, said 33 countries impose the death penalty for drug related offenses;

Further aware that drug trafficking is not only a challenge in the international sense of the word but also that the usage of different harmful narcotic substances including the abuse of prescription medicines by different demographics of the society (particularly the Youth), constitute a major problem in our society;

Notes that across the length and breadth of Nigeria, East, West, North and South, the incidence of young Nigerians abusing substances including Codeine, Rochephenol, Tramadol, Heroin, Cannabis Sativa (Indian Hemp) and even different grades of crack cocaine have become prevalent;

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;

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Worried that young Nigerians are being distracted and derailed by the high prevalence of drug abuse/trafficking and as such have become willing tools for crime/ criminal syndicates who find it easier to brainwash young Nigerians in their state of alternative reality or what they refer to as 'Highness';

Further 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 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 Nigerian Police Force, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and the Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria to develop a collaborative approach towards curbing the incidence of drug use and abuse within the country.

iii. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Drugs and Narcotics to consider an urgent amendment of Section 23 of the Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria Act, to include the sale of prescription pills over the counter as an offence punishable by the Act.

iv *Mandate* 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.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. 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".

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 contract staff of Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited (TEPNG) against Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited for unlawful disengagement 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 in respect of a Petition from Dr. George Uboh against the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde for alleged Financial Crimes and Corruption".

4. *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 Iroezi O. Chinyere against the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia for unlawful Dismissal from service by the Centre".

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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)*

2. 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.	Finance	Thursday, 25th February, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Co-operation Integration/NEPAD	Thursday, 25th February, 2016	1.00pm	Room 0.31*(Chairman's Office)* Senate New Building

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