SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 17th March, 2016

1. Prayers

2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Labour Institutions Bill, 2016 (SB. 161) -*First Reading.*
Sen. Suleiman Nazif *(Bauchi North).*

2. National Farm Settlement and Youth Empowerment Bill, 2016 (SB. 165) -*First Reading.*
Sen. Matthew Urhoghide *(Edo South)*

3. Consumer Protection Council Act CAP C25 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 169) - *First Reading.*
Sen. Clifford Ordia *(Edo Central)*

4. Occupational Safety and Health Bill, 2016 (SB. 200) -*First Reading.*
Sen. Duro Faseyi *(Ekiti North)*

5. National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 227) - *First Reading*
Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)* Sen. Obinna Ogba *(Ebonyi Central)*

6. Chartered Institute of Management Accountant Bill, 2016 (SB. 236) - *First Reading.*
Sen. Barnabas Gemade *(Benue North East)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Act No. 15 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 176).
Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Act No. 15 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 176)".

1. Concurrence with the House of Representatives
Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*
"That the Senate do concur with the House of Representatives Resolutions on the Report of the House delegation to Kogi State on the illegal removal of the Speaker of the Kogi State House of Assembly and approve the resolutions therein".

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i. In view of the fact that the Kogi State House of Assembly cannot perform its legislative functions due to intractable crises and volatile security situation in the state, National Assembly hereby invoke the powers conferred on it by Section 11(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to take over the legislative functions of the state House of Assembly pending the restoration of normalcy in the Assembly.

ii. Declare that the impeachment proceedings embarked upon by five (5) members of the Kogi State House of Assembly is null and void.

iii. Condemn the role played by the Nigerian Police in subverting the provisions of the constitution by providing cover for only five (5) members out of the twenty(20) members of the Kogi State House of Assembly to commit illegalities and

iv. Direct the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to seal the Kogi State House of Assembly complex until the matter is resolved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act No. 6 2010 and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 231) -*Second Reading.*
Sen. Tijani Y. Kaura *(Zamfara North).*

2. A Bill to strengthen the Independent National Electoral Commission by giving it more powers, and providing for the substitution of candidates after the conduct of primary elections in the event of death; and for related matters, 2016 (SB. 234) -*Second Reading.*
Sen. Muhammad Ubali Shitu *(Jigawa North East)*

3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for measures to address climate change with a view to assisting to achieve a sustainable future for the country; to set targets to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions within Nigeria to promote the use of renewable sources of energy; to promote business and community understanding about issues surrounding climate change; to facilitate the early development of policies and programmes to address climate change; and for other purposes, 2016. (SB. 108) -*Second Reading.*
Sen. Isah H. Misau *(Bauchi Central)*

MOTIONS

1. Demise of Senator Lawrence Adekunle
Sen. Biodun Olujimi *(Ekiti South)*

The Senate;

Notes with sadness the death of Distinguished Senator Lawrence Adekunle Agunbiade on the 9th of February 2016 at a ripe age 78;

Aware that as a young man, he worked with PWD HQ Lagos, and then at NEPA as a clerical officer. He traveled for studies in the UK and became the first black man to be employed by Lloyds groups Inc;

Further aware that on his return to Nigeria he set up his Insurance brokerage firm in Ibadan and became quite successful. He was the first Nigerian to obtain a Chellerams Franchise which led to the establishment of LACO Group and then LACO Departmental Store, the biggest supermarket chain in the southwest at that time;

Recalls that Senator Agunbiade was a member of the 2nd Republic Senate and represented Ekiti South Senatorial district in the then Ondo State. He was the only opposition Senator from the South West of Nigeria, and served as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Police Affairs;

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Recalls further that he was a councilor in Ekiti South LGA of then Ondo State, and was a national leader of the defunct NRC where he contested for the position of National Chairman. He was a former National Financial Secretary of the defunct UNCP and the former Director General of President Olusegun Obasanjo Campaign Organization in 1999. Senator Agunbiade was the pioneer Ekiti State PDP Chairman and in his later years a leader in the ACN and APC;

Aware that he was a member of the IOD (Institute of directors) and was later appointed the Chairman of Wema Bank PLC, by the UPN government. Senator Agunbiade was consulted on National and state matters and remained a symbol of unity until his last day;

Convinced that Senator Agunbiade was a towering community figure, a Distinguished member of the Nigerian business community, an astute politician but most importantly a selfless, a compassionate philanthropist and a humanitarian par excellence who will be greatly missed for his contribution to humanity.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. Observe a minute silence in honour of Senator Lawrence Adekunle Agunbiade

ii. Condole with the family, people and government of Ekiti State

2. The Rising Cases of insecurity and Sea Piracy along our nation's Water Ways.
Sen. Nelson Efiong *(Akwa-Ibom South)*

The Senate;

Notes with serious concern the level of insecurity that has engulfed our water ways in this country; our water ways and canals have become escape routes for armed robbers after their robbery attack whilst our fishermen daily pass through terrible ordeal in the hands of sea robbers along the water ways in this country;

Aware that our water ways play major role in the sustenance of the economic development of our nation as they serve as economic gateway for traders who engage in maritime trading with countries like Cameroun, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe;

Further Aware that these water ways are used by various multinationals for their off-shore operations;

Disturbed that traders and fishermen are daily being dispossessed of their wares, money and outboard engines in broad daylight along the water ways without any Federal Security presence to protect them;

Further disturbed that on July 2, 2015, the pirates seized five boats loaded with crayfish worth millions of naira, forcefully collected large sums of money from fishermen and raped the women who were on the boat, some in the presence of their husbands, in Effiat Community of Mbo Local Government Area in Akwa-Ibom State;

Shocked that in the same month of July, while searching the traders in a boat, the pirates discovered money which a woman had hidden inside her baby's pampers on sighting them, they removed the money from the baby and threw the child into the sea to drown, in the presence of the mother;

Concerned that even with the Nigerian Navy's forward operations Base stationed in Ibaka, a coastal town along the water ways, the nefarious activities of these criminals have gone unchallenged;

Worried that the current trend now in Lagos State is a situation where dare devil armed robbers make do with our water ways and canals as escape routes after carrying out their dastard and nefarious robbery activities;

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Further worried that on the 14th day of October, 2015 in Lagos suburb of Festac Town at a simultaneous raid on 2 banks, robbers claimed the lives of an infant Baby Nmesoma, 14 months old; and her mother Jane, such brazen daylight robbery scenario was repeated at a bank along Admiralty Way, Lekki, Lagos and at the Ikorodu axis of the state.

Sadly notes that Ogun state is not also spared from the attacks, that on Thursday, 19th November, 2015 in Agbara, Ogun State about 40 dare devil armed robbers stormed a new generation bank, carted away millions of naira, killed 2 police officers and a nursing mother and escaped via the water ways around the areas;

Concerned that even with the Nigerian Navy's forward operations base I stationed in Ibaka, a coastal town along these water ways, the nefarious activities of these criminals have gone unchallenged;
Worried that if a strong and urgent action is not taken against these robbers, the economic activities along these water ways will grind to a halt, the consequences of which are better imagined.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Urge the Nigerian Navy, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Nigeria Police (Marine Police Command), State governments and all other relevant agencies to collaborate, tighten the security along our water ways and canals to prevent armed robbers from turning our water ways as escape route after robbery incidents; and put in place a practice strategy of tackling Sea Piracy and armed robbery on our water ways, creeks and canals.

3. Need for the establishment of Inland Ports at Onitsha, Enugu and other Land Lock States
Sen. Stella Oduah *(Anambra North)*

The Senate:

Notes that Inland water transport which is also referred to as domestic water borne transport, provides an efficient mode of transportation of persons, goods and services;

Further notes that the development of inland water transport in Onitsha, Enugu and Aba is induced not only by their geo-physical features, in which there are navigable land water ways, but also because their commercial and industrial activities are highly dependent on the exportation and importation of raw materials, machineries and equipment;

Observes that the existing maritime ports in Lagos, Port-Harcourt and Calabar are being over stretched and that the congestion of these ports constitutes serious security threat to lives and property, especially now that there is heightened security concern at crowded locations;

Regrets that due to over congestion in the existing maritime ports and the bureaucracy associated with the clearing of goods, a lot of precious time which would otherwise have been committed to other productive economic engagements is often wasted;

Worried that there have been causes of avoidable loss of lives and destruction of goods due to movement by road of containers and heavy equipment carrying trucks;

Acknowledges that inland water transport not only reduces traffic jams on road transportation and the slowing down of economic activities, but also decreases the cost of transportation in the movement of oil, rice, sugar, cement, fertilizers and heavy equipment, thereby providing an alternative cheap and reliable means than other modes of transport;

Further acknowledges that inland water transport generates a lot of revenue for the Federal and State Governments, which revenue is channeled towards the development of other sectors, including health and education infrastructure and the creation of employment and job opportunities for Nigerians, thereby ensuring engagement of workers and reduction of social problems induced by unemployment.

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Accordingly resolves to:

i. Urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Transport to establish inland ports in Onitsha, Enugu and other lock states.

ii. Urge the Federal Government through the Nigerian Shippers Council to carryout appropriate feasibility studies for the purpose of establishing inland ports in Onitsha, Enugu and other lock States.

iii. Mandate the Committees on Transport and Works to ensure full compliance with prayers (i) and (ii) above.

4. The Need for Effective and Efficient Pipeline Protection and Surveillance by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).
Sen. Bassey Albert Akpan *(Akwa Ibom North-East)*
Co-sponsors: All members of Senate Committee on Gas

The Senate:

Recalls that Gunmen suspected to be militants on January 28, 2016 attacked a pipeline belonging to Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC), located at Brass Local Government Area (LGA) of Bayelsa State;

Also recalls that the 24 inch Escravos to Warri Gas pipeline belonging to Nigerian Gas Company (NGC) as well as pipelines belonging to Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) and Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) were bombed a few weeks ago by oil pipeline vandals within Delta State in the Niger-Delta region;

Further recalls that a few months ago, suspected oil pipeline vandals blew up a high pressure gas pipeline belonging to the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC), a subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in the same Delta state;

Concerned that this gas supply pipeline supplies gas from Escravos to Lagos - Olorobun, Ibeshi - Omotosho - Egbin - Obajana industrial locations, Ikorodu, agbara Industrial Layout as well as the West African Gas pipeline to Ghana;

Deeply concerned that this incident has led to the loss of over 300 mmscf of gas daily and a related loss of over 600 - 800 MW of the nation's electricity generation capacity which has resulted in a drastic power supply from 4,883.9 MW to 2,665.90 MW currently;

Disturbed that this renewed vandalisation of pipelines have a tremendous and devastating impact on domestic oil and gas supply in the country and a major threat to government efforts towards industrialisation and creation of employment;

Wonders why the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) has expended Billions of public funds on several pipeline protection and surveillance activities across the country without reducing the menace of pipeline vandalisation in the country;

Worried that the Petroleum Production and Distribution (Anti -Sabotage) Act Cap 353 LFN 1990, Act Cap. P12 LFN 2004 enacted to curb this menace has not been effectively enforced by the various government agencies to curb this menace;

Persuaded that this renewed activities of pipeline vandals and miscreants will if not checked reduce the industrial output of the country which might in the long run affect the revenue projection of the Federal government and the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Economy;

Convinced that the huge funds expended by the Federal government on Niger-Delta Amnesty programme is justified and wonders the reason for this renewed agitation;

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Deeply worried that the resuscitation of militancy in the Niger-Delta region, considering its negative impact on the economy of the country in the past, will worsen the already dwindling current economic situation faced by the country;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Commend the prompt response by the relevant security agencies at the various explosion sites to avert a more devastating environmental situation in the affected areas;

ii. Strongly condemn the vandalisation of oil and gas pipelines and other facilities in the Niger-Delta region by miscreants and vandals;

iii. Call on all relevant security agencies as well as the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), to ensure and intensify surveillance on all oil and gas facilities and bring to justice anyone or group involved in this act of economic sabotage;

iv. Urge the relevant Senate Committees to review the existing Petroleum Production and Distribution (Anti - Sabotage) Act with a view to bringing into effect a detailed prescription of the law on pipeline vandalism as an act of economic sabotage;

v. Mandate the Senate Committee on Gas to carry out a thorough investigation into the pipeline protection and surveillance activities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

5. Closure of National Arts Gallery in Abuja.
Sen. Peter Nwaboshi *(Delta North)*

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern the inefficient management and operation at the National Commission for Museum and Monuments in Abuja.

Notes also that Abuja, which is the capital of Nigeria and as such is supposed to lead the way in the management of national museum and monuments and it is appalling that presently, there is no National Museum exhibiting the nation's arts and monuments in Abuja.

Observes that presently, the National Commission for Museum and Monuments is in the Federal Secretariat, CBD, Abuja, having moved from Cotonu Street, Wuse Zone 6, Abuja, and there is no national museum gallery exhibiting our national art works, thus denying citizens and others from visiting to learn more about our national arts and culture and this does not place the nation in good light at all.

Wonders where the Nation's rich art works are kept presently and the condition under which they are kept, as they may deteriorate or even be tampered with or stolen.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Urge National Commission for Museum and Monuments to open without further delay, the National Arts Gallery for the exhibition of our national arts and monuments for people to visit for the purpose of learning and tourism.

ii. Direct the Committee on Culture and Tourism to investigate the reason behind the closure of the National Arts Gallery in Abuja and find out the present location and condition of the art works and monuments and report back to the Senate within one month.

6. Urgent need to decongest the Nigerian Prisons
Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu

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The Senate;

Notes with concern the problem of congestions in the Nigerian Prisons that have continued to confront the nation's criminal justice system.

Notes further that the problem of prison congestion in Nigeria has become a major challenge that constitutes an environmental hazard to the lives of inmates.

Aware that the prison inmates comprise of those whose trial proceedings have been determined and consequently sentenced to imprisonment, and inmates on awaiting trial list.

Observes that the overpopulation in the Nigerian prison is caused by a steady rise in the figure of persons awaiting trials which constitute over 70% of the total inmates recorded in the prisons across the country.

Aware that remanding someone in prison custody on awaiting trial beyond the time he or she would have ordinarily spent if sentenced for the offence he or she is charged is an infringement of the fundamental rights of the individual guaranteed under section 35 of the 1999 constitution (As Amended)

Aware further, that the provision of section 35 of the 1999 constitution (As Amended) demands that an accused must be brought before a competent court within a reasonable time or be released from custody two to three months from the date of arrest.

Concerned that majority of the inmates on the awaiting trial list have been in Prison custody for years without their trial proceeding further in Court after being remanded or the prosecutor of the criminal matter involving the detainee deliberately abandoned the accused in custody thus creating overcrowding in the prisons.

Worried that the congestion in the Nigerian prisons caused by the rising number of detainees on awaiting trial portends a great danger to the life of inmates as much as it negates the fundamental rights of citizens guaranteed in the constitution. Again the prison environment and treatment of inmates should reflect human values and sensitivity to life and justice.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. Urge the Chief Justice of the Federation and the Comptroller General of Prison to immediately conduct an exercise into the records of inmates in the Nigerian Prisons to ascertain, identify and review the cases of inmates under the awaiting trial list who have been dumped in the prison custody without the due and diligent prosecution of their cases beyond the period provided for in the constitution for the purposes of granting them freedom.

ii. Urge the Attorney General of the Federation and Chief Justices of the States to exercise their constitutional right by setting free inmates whose trials have lingered or discontinued for lack of evidence or follow up by the prosecutor.

iii. Urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation and the State Governors to exercise their prerogative of mercy by decongesting the prisons of inmates whose detention are manifestly unlawful and those who have been in detention for periods longer than they would have served if convicted for the alleged offences they are charged for in order to save our prisons from becoming a breeding grounds for epidemic.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants	Thursday, 17th March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
2. Federal Capital Territory	Thursday, 17th March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 231 Senate New Building

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3. Gas	Thursday, 17th March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 3.05 Senate New Building
4. Petroleum (Upstream)	Thursday, 17th March, 2016 *(Emergency Meeting)*	2.00pm	Committee Room 3.28 Senate New Building
5. Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Thursday, 17th March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 231 Senate New Building
6. States and Local Government Administration	Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building

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