SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016

1. Prayers

2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings

3. Oaths

4. Announcements (if any)

5. Petitions

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the Federation:
Accounts of the Federation of Nigeria:
Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader).*
"That the Senate do receive the Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the Federation on the Accounts of the Federation of Nigeria for the year ended 31st December, 2014 in accordance with section 85(2) and (5) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended" - *To be laid.*

2. Report of the Conference Committee on MTEF
2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium-Term Expenditure *Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP).*
Sen. John Owan Enoh *(Cross River Central)*
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)"- *To be laid.*

3. Report of the Committee on Appropriations
2016 Appropriation Bill, 2016 (SB. 212)
Sen. Danjuma Goje *(Gombe Central)*
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the 2016 Appropriation Bill, 2016 - *To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (Establishment, Etc.) Act 2010, to reduce from 30 percent to 10percent charge deductible from electricity generation companies, electricity distribution companies and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 89) - *Second Reading.*
Sen. David Umaru (Niger East)

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2. 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)*

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Commission for conciliation and Arbitration, National Labour Council, the Office of the Registrar of Trade Unions, etc. to administer the provisions of Labour Laws in Nigeria and for matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 161) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Suleiman Nazif *(Bauchi North).*

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the establishment and operation of a program to enable certain persons to receive protection in relation to certain inquiries, investigations or prosecutions and for matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 157) - *Second Reading.*
Sen. Isiaka Adeleke *(Osun West)*

MOTIONS

1. Demise of Senator Onyekachi Amadi Okoroafor (1944-2016)
Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa
Co-Sponsors:
Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe
Sen. Theodore Orji
Sen. Abu Ibrahim

The Senate:

Notes with regret the sudden demise of Senator Onyekachi Amadi Okoroafor who passed unto glory in the early hours of Saturday February 27th, 2016 after a brief illness;

Recalls that the late Senator attended Church of Scotland Mission School Ekoi, Edda Ejikewu; Hope Waddell Training Institute Calabar and later bagged a B.sc degree in Mechanical Engineering from George Washington University (Washington D.C) and M.SC Energy System and Material from the same University;

Recalls further that the late Senator was a Member of several professional groups such as Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria (COREN) Nigeria Society of Engineer, (NSE) Associate Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and Nigeria Institute of Management (NIM);

Notes that the late Senator started his working experience between 1962-1970 with Eastern Nigeria Ministry of Agriculture 1967-1977 as Mechanical Engineering Consultant in charge of piping, flow controls, material selections and Energy Systems with Stanley Consultant Inc. Muscatine, Iowa (USA) between 1984-1996 and Key Stone Valve (NIG) Ltd as the Managing Director/Chief executive -Leader in Flow Control Technology in Nigeria involved in Distribution Installation and Maintenance of flow control Equipment and Accessories in Nigeria;

Recall that as an astute business man he later established Oktec Nigeria Ltd as a Chief Executive involved in maintenance, installation, specification of control equipment in Nigeria from 1996 till date;

Aware that between 1992-1993 he was elected into the Senate under the platform of the National Republican Convention (NRC) representing Abia Central;

Aware further that Senator Okoroafor was a founding member of Liberal Convention in Nigeria and also served as the State Chairman between 1985/1987, founding member, Nigeria Republican Convention where he held various positions at the state and national level between 1988/1994, founding and frontline member of NADECO (1994/98), founding member of Alliance for Democracy (AD) as the State Chairman between 1998-1999 and between November 1999-2015 as a Chieftain of PDP representing PDP as a National Delegate in all Conventions;

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Aware that between 2001/2006, he served as a Pioneer Federal Commissioner representing South East Zone in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) were he distinguished himself as a true representative of the zone;

Notes that he also served as a Chairman and member of various board of Governmental parastatals such as Member Board of Directors International Glass Industry (IGI) Aba 1987/89, Member of the Board of Mechanical Agric Research, Kwara State (2006/2007) Chairman Governing Council of Federal Polytechnic Offa, Kwara State., where he brought his tenacity to bear as an astute Administrator transforming the Hitherto Moribund Institutions into enviable height;

Observes that the late Senator was a detribalized Nigerian whose political leaning cuts across ethnic, religious and parochial interests;

As an activist, he was a selfless and courageous statesman;

Recalls that his relentless demand for the revalidation of June 12 election which was adjudged the freest and fairest election won by Chief M.K.O Abiola led to his incarceration in a prison with the likes of Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu, Ameh Ebitu, Polycap Nwite and Rev. Nwaulu to mention but a few;

Aware that the late Senator was a kind hearted philanthropist who offered scholarships and job opportunities to many;

Observes that his demise is a monumental loss not only to his family, the Igboland, but to the entire country Nigeria;

Senator Okoroafor is survived by his wife (Flora) and children. Until his death, he was a devoted Christian and a good family man.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. Observe a minute silence in honour of late senator Onyekachi Amadi Okoroafor;

ii. Send a delegation to commiserate with his family, the people of Abiriba and Government of Abia State and attend the burial.

iii. Urge the Abia State Government to grant him a State Burial

2. Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability.
Sen. Mustapha Bukar (Katsina North)

The Senate;

Notes with dismay that the impact of the National Programs for socio-economic development and the associated CBN interventions have been negligible and ineffectual due to poor conception, insufficient coverage, lack of awareness, poor implementation framework, lack of stakeholder buy-in commitment, and dearth of rural infrastructure to support the strategy, amongst others;

Recalls the strong correlation between poverty, gender and literacy and financial inclusiveness and that the bulk of financially excluded reside in remote locations of which 60% of them are female while 40% have little or no formal education;

Further recalls that the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) was launched on 2nd October, 2012 and the various CBN-anchored interventions towards improving the levels of financial inclusion in the country have already come on stream;

Observes that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by Nigeria alongside 193 other countries in September 2015, will not be attainable by the 2030 timeline if a significant proportion of our population have little or no access to financial services that support economic empowerment;

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Equally Aware that financial inclusion contribute to National Economic Development by boosting savings, investments, exports, foreign exchange earnings, production of goods and services, viability of the financial services industry, thereby promoting social security and stability;

Worried that locally-driven social initiatives and programmes will fall significantly short of achieving their objectives if the primary targets who are mainly in the financially excluded segment of society are unable to access such benefits, thereby pushing them further into poverty.

Accordingly Resolves to:

i. Urge the Federal Government to invest in enabling infrastructure in the Telecommunication and Power sectors to facilitate extending financial services to the Financially Excluded segments of the society;

ii. Direct the Committees on Banks, Medium and Small Scale Enterprises (MSSE) to liaise with the relevant Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to prioritize financial Inclusion by designing suitable programmes and strategies to extend the current frontiers of Financial Inclusion to cover all regions and segments of the society.

iii. Urge the CBN to take proactive measures to enhance financial inclusion through increased rural banking and financial services, especially in the disadvantaged states and local governments, by, for example, specifically requiring all Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) to develop and extend suitable products and channels to financially excluded segments of the society within 24 months.

iv. Direct its Committee on constitutional review to consider enshrining Financial Inclusiveness as a basic citizens right under Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants	Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
2. States and Local Government Administration	Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3. Establishment and Public Service	Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
4. Industries	Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5. Information and National Orientation and Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
6. Primary HealthCare and Communicable Diseases	Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
7. Defence and Army	Tues. 22nd & Thurs. 24th March, 2016		*OVERSIGHT VISIT*

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