SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 14th April, 2016

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Transport Commission (Est. etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 242) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Andy Uba, MFR *((Anambra South)*

2. Sheriffs and Civil Process Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016(SB. 244) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. James Manager *(Delta North)*

3. JAMB Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016(SB. 245) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Joshua Lidani *(Plateau North)*

4. Nigerian Customs Service Bill, 2016(SB. 246) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu *(Imo East)*

5. Customs and Excise Management Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 247) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Wakili *(Bauchi South)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to amend the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 and other related matters, 2016 (SB. 249) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Isah H. Misau *(Bauchi Central)*

2. A Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act CAP C15 LFN 2004 and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 248) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi *(Delta North)*

3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the establishment of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science, and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 126) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha *(Taraba South).*

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act and other matters related thereto, 2016 (SB. 194) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Chukwuka Utazi *(Enugu North)*

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CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

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. Regina Poto against Diamond Bank Plc. for Alleged forced disengagement from the service of the bank".

MOTIONS

1. The use of substandard or used tyres on Nigerian roads.
Sen. Shehu Sani *(Kaduna Central)*

The Senate:

NOTES with grave concern the incessant road accidents that occur in Nigeria associated with tyres as a result of the use of substandard tyres or second-hand tyres popularly called "tokunbo";

AWARE that the Standards Organisation of Nigeria is saddled with the responsibility of ensuring standards and quality control in the Nigeria;

ALARMED with the rate and frequency of the occurrence of road accidents; lives and properties lost as a result of these accidents;

WORRIED that from 2010 to date, statistics has shown that 5000 precious lives have been lost on Nigerian roads as a result of tyre burst due to low quality or over-use. Used tyres popularly called "tokunbo" are notorious for bursting on roads largely because they have been corroded by rain and sea spray during long trips from Europe or over-stay at ports;

MORE WORRIED that substandard or "tokunbo" tyres have over-flooded Nigerian markets due to the activities of unpatriotic tyre manufacturers and importers. Tyre manufacturers have largely engage in buying old and fairly used tyres to recap or regrade them and sell to innocent Nigerians;

DETERMINED to change these unwholesome practices and ensure a relatively low tyre accident-free country.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Urge the Standards Organisation of Nigeria to immediately and strictly enforce the provisions of Section 17 of the SON Act which prohibits the violation of the Mandatory Industrial Standards Order;

ii. Urge the Standards Organisation of Nigeria to partner with the Nigerian Customs Service to intensify boarders and ports checks where the substandard tyres are brought into the country and ensure speedy clearance of imported tyres form the ports; and

iii. Urge the Federal Roads Safety Commission and Vehicle Inspection Officers to conduct a quick check on all tyres in use in Nigeria.

2. The Abduction of Chibok School Girls – Two years after.
Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)*

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Mohammed Ali Ndume
Sen. Isa H. Misau
Sen. Biodun Olujimi

The Senate:

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Saddened about the long absence of the Chibok girls abducted by the Boko Haram insurgence from Chibok community two years ago;

Notes that 14th of this month (today) makes it 730 days, 17,520 hours and 1,051,200 minutes that our Chibok school girls have been under captivity. It would be recalled that on the night of 14–15 April 2014, 276, girls were kidnapped from Government Secondary School in Chibok, Borno State, the responsibility for the abduction was claimed by Boko Haram. Luckily, 57 of the schoolgirls managed to escape making 219 still missing;

Notes also that on October 17, 2014, hopes were raised that the 219 remaining girls might soon be released after the Nigerian army announced a truce between the insurgents and government forces. The announcement coincided with the sixth-month anniversary of the girls' capture and followed a month of negotiations held in Saudi Arabia. However, the announcement was met with doubt (and later proved futile) as this was not the first time the government had claimed a breakthrough in negotiations with the insurgents;

Notes further that outside of propaganda videos created by the Islamist militant group, none of those girls has been seen since and the families of the missing girls have been traumatized because of their daughters' absence;

Aware that the abduction has taken a toll on the people of Chibok, particularly the families of the missing girls. An association of parents of the abducted schoolgirls, said 18 mothers and fathers have died since the mass abduction, while 4 members of the Bring Back Our Girls group who were earnestly waiting for the return of these girls have died without realizing their dreams of seeing the girls alive and back;

Worried that the government secondary school where the kidnapping happened two years ago is now a pile of rubble. The school which was demolished is yet to be rebuilt, leaving Chibok and the towns around it without a school;

Worried also that the abduction of over 200 girls by Boko Haram has wrongly affected us as a people as could be seen in the international condemnation of the government's slow reaction to this unprecedented outrage committed against Nigerian womanhood. Never before has such criminal viciousness been perpetrated on Nigerian womanhood;

Concerned that as a parent, a Nigerian and a human being, it is a harrowing feeling knowing that these girls are still under the mercy of such a violent group of hoodlums. I can only imagine the emotional state of minds of the parents, guardians and relatives of the missing girls. I can only imagine the psychological torture of not knowing where your daughter, niece or friend is for the past two years. I can only imagine the life of servitude that these innocent teenage girls are going through in the hands of these murderous lunatics. I can only envision the unspeakable cruelties and atrocities that these dastard sect members must have been inflicting on the girls for the past two years;

Further concerned that the abduction has become a myth and their whereabouts an enigma. These girls have dreams and aspirations, and under the eyes of God and the laws of man, they have every right to pursue and transform such dreams to reality. Amongst the abductees is one Safiya Abdu. What is her crime? Seeking formal education in order to enhance the living conditions of her family, become a better person in life and to contribute positively to national development. Also abducted is one Esther Usman. Perhaps she has a dream of becoming the President like one of her role models – Joyce Banda, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf or the late Margaret Thatcher;

Notes that we cannot succeed as a government until those girls are released. In the words of Pastor Tunde Bakare "No citizen is important and no citizen is distinguished until all citizens are important and distinguished". Getting back the over 200 Chibok school girls into the society is important and a must for our security agencies.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Empathize* with the parents and the entire people of Chibok over this ugly incidence that took place in their community.

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ii. *Commend* the Bring Back Our Girls group for their doggedness in the campaign for the release of the Chibok girls.

iii. *Mandate* the Security Agencies to do everything humanly possible to ensure the release of the girls.

iv. *Invite* the National Security Adviser (NSA) and all the Security Chiefs to brief the Senate in a closed session on their efforts so far at recovering the abducted girls.

v. *Urge* the government to rebuild the Chibok Secondary School to alleviate the suffering of the student's resident in that community and its environment.

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;

Observe 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.

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 inland lock States.

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

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4. The Need to Prosecute Building Laws Violators
Sen. Nelson Effiong *(Akwa Ibom South)*

The Senate;

NOTES with great concern, the recurring problem of building collapse in this country, due to lack of strict enforcement of building codes by the authorities;

WORRIED that corruption and low rate of prosecution of offenders are some of the causes of this menace;

CONCERNED that from available records, between 1974 and 2010, 401 lives were reportedly lost from over 60 collapsed buildings in this country, while more lives were lost but were not recorded;

FURTHER CONCERNED that victims of building collapse do not normally get compensated;

DEEPLY WORRIED that although there is provision for summary trial of violators and offenders of building code in our laws, there is no record of persons prosecuted or sanctioned for incidence of building collapse either by the Ministry of Justice, the Nigeria Police or other law organs of government;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Call on the Federal government to, as a matter of urgency, set up a special court to prosecute building code offenders.

ii. Call on the Federal Government to make it mandatory for owners of private commercial buildings to obtain a comprehensive home owners' insurance on their property to protect the building against fire, collapse and other unforeseen acts of destruction.

iii. Mandate the Senate Committee on Land & Housing, to invite all agencies saddled with the responsibility of enforcing building codes compliance to brief it on the state of investigations into building collapse in the country and actions taken within the past five years.

iv. Urge the Federal Government to prosecute corrupt building regulation officials found to be culpable in any building collapse.

v. Urge the Federal government to direct professional bodies to withdraw licences of their counterparts who are culpable in any building collapse.

iv. Urge this eighth Senate to enact a law that will compel owners and /or developers of the offending property, in conjunction with the regulatory agency, if found to have connived with the builders or failed in its duty, to pay adequate compensation to the victims and their dependants

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Finance	Thursday, 14th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2. Sports and Youth Development	Thursday, 14th April, 2016	11.00am	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3. Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Friday, 15th April, 2016	11.00am	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
4. Communications	Tuesday, 19th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5. Employment, Labour and Productivity	Tuesday, 19th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building

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