SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 20th April, 2016

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
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5. **Petitions**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contract Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 252) *First Reading.*
   Sen. Ben Murray-Bruce *(Bayelsa East)*

2. Warehouse Receipts Bill, 2016 (SB. 253) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Sam Egwu *(Ebonyi North)*

3. Piracy Bill, 2016 (SB. 254) - *First Reading.*
   Sen. Nelson Effiong *(Akwa-Ibom South)*

4. National Centre for Disease Control Prevention (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016 (SB. 256) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Theodore Orji *(Abia Central)*

5. Federal Competition Bill, 2016 (SB. 257) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Andy Uba *(Anambra South).*

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Governance and Institutional Framework for the Petroleum Industry and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 237) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Omotayo Donald Alasoadura *(Ondo Central)*

2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Poverty Eradication Commission and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 23) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Ibrahim Gobir *(Sokoto East)*

3. A Bill for an Act to prescribe punishment for Acts and Conduct that are undemocratic by elected officials and or person and other matters connected therewith, 2016. (SB. 51) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Bala Ibn Na'Allah *(Kebbi South).*

4. A Bill for an Act to amend the National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act CAP N4 LFN 2004 by increasing its membership and functions for strategic operation and interest and to vest in the Authority powers to establish farm settlements across the country for the purpose of attaining food sufficiency and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 12) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa *(Abia North)*

MOTIONS

1. Need for the establishment of Inland Ports at Onitsha, Enugu and other Land- Locked 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 properties, 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 land-locked states;

ii. Urge the Federal Government through the Nigerian Shippers Council to carryout appropriate feasibility studies for the purpose of establishing inland ports in the concerned states; and

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

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;

Aware of the strong correlation between poverty, gender, 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;

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 Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions and Industries 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 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 the Committee on Constitution 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).

3. Outbreak of gastroenteritis epidemic in Ohafia and some parts of Umunneochi Local Government Areas of Abia North.
Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa *(Abia North)*

The Senate:

EAGER to improve access and the health conditions of Nigerians, including those in the rural areas - through the provision of adequate basic health care facilities and maintenance of robust preventive primary health care policies, as provided in the 2014 National Health Act.

NOTES with serious concern, a thickening health time-bomb, in the epidemic of gastroenteritis now spreading across Ohafia communities of - Elu, Ebem and Amaekpu; as well as in some parts of Umunneochi Local Government Areas, especially surrounding the Hausa communities of - Lopanta, Lopaukwu and Leru, - all arising from the deplorable and inhuman sanitary conditions, open toilet defecations and the growing

avalanche of overflowing and unmanaged human waste - which rapidly produce bacterial toxins and viral infections that affect our citizens.

WORRIED about the imminent spread of the epidemic of gastroenteritis into many other areas and the increasing loss of lives in the already affected areas; and conscious that these areas are heavily populated settlements, at the crossroads of highly mobile human and vehicular traffics that transverse the entire South-South and South-East regions, and are gateways to other areas of the Nation, so that an epidemic incubated in these affected areas can easily become dangerous health time-bombs, capable of spreading far and beyond other areas of the Nation.

FULLY AWARE that an epidemic of gastroenteritis such as we have in the affected areas come with strangulating vomiting, nausea and diarrhea which pose serious health hazards and threaten the lives of all citizens, especially our vulnerable children who are prone to developing the deadly gastric reflux diseases. All these conditions retard the pursuit of stable economic well-being of ordinary citizens in the rural areas.

CONSCIOUS that all the negative impacts of the epidemic of gastroenteritis and its other associated ailments are now fast spreading in Elu, Ebem and Amaekpu communities of Ohafia, as well as throughout the Hausa communities of Lopa-nta, Lopa-ukwu and Leru in Umunneochi Local Government Area.

Accordingly Resolves to:

i. To call on the Center for Disease Control, and the Primary Health Care Development Agency to urgently provide the necessary health care facilities to ameliorate the spread of the epidemic, as well as provide better public toilet facilities for all.

ii. To urge NEMA to as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials to the incapacitated citizens of the affected areas.

iii. To direct the Senate Committee on Primary Health Care and Communicable Diseases to embark on on -the- spot- assessment of the affected communities and report back to the Senate.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Communications	Wednesday, 20th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
2. Trade and Investment	Wednesday, 20th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
2. Land Transport	Wednesday, 20th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
3. Ecology and Climate Change	Thursday, 21st April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
4. Navy	Thursday, 21st April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 3.04 Senate New Building
5. Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Legal Matters	Thursday, 21st April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
6. Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Thursday, 28th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building

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