SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 27th April, 2016

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with objective, timely and non-partisan analysis needed for Economic and Budget decisions and other related matters, 2016 (SB. 222) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Babajide Omoworare *(Osun East)*

2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Waterways Authority Act CAP, N47, LFN 2004 and to Enact the National Inland Waterways Authority Act to provide for the Management, Regulation and Development of the National Inland Waterways and to promote Private Sector participation in the development of the National Inland Waterways in Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 240) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Andy Uba, MFR *(Anambra South)*

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)*

4. A Bill for an Act to make Provisions from Freedom from Hunger and the Right to adequate food of acceptance quality; the right of every child to Basic Nutrition and for Connected purposes, 2016 (SB. 71) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Theodore A. Orji *(Abia Central)*

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. *Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters*
Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Frivolous Petitions Bill, 2016 (SB. 143)".

2. *Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters*
Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters in respect of a Motion on the Differences in the Content of Section 18 of the Armed Forces Act CAP. A20 LFN 2004 and 2010 respectively".

MOTIONS

1. 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).

2. 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Army	Wednesday, 27th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
2. Special Duties	Wednesday, 27th April, 2016	1.30pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
3. Peace and Reconciliation	Wednesday, 27th April, 2016	12.00noon	Committee Room 4.15 Senate New Building
4. Agriculture and Rural Development	Wednesday, 27th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
5. Agriculture & Rural Development and National Security & Intelligence	Wednesday, 27th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
6. Appropriations	Thursday, 28th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
7. Marine Transport	Thursday, 28th April, 2016	1.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
8. Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Thursday, 28th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building

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