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ON

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT, CAP R9, LFN 2004**

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1.0 Introduction:

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at its sitting on Thursday, 10th November, 2016, read the River Basin Development Authority Act CAP R9 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016, the Second Time and referred same to the Committee on Water Resources for further legislative action.

2.0 Objectives of the Bill:

The Bill seeks to:

- a. create an additional River Basin Development Authority to cater for some States of the South East;
- b. divide the existing Anambra – Imo River Basin Development Authority into two, (Imo River Basin Development Authority to cater for Imo and Abia States; and Anambra River Basin Development Authority to cater for Anambra, Enugu and Ebonyi States);
- c. change the nomenclature of the Chief Executive of River Basins Development Authorities from General Manager to Managing Director;
- d. align the jurisdiction of the various River Basins Development Authorities for ease of reference and administration;

- e. Provide the legal basis for some of the existing River Basin Development Authorities that had no law creating them, e. g. Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority comprising of Kwara and Kogi States with headquarters in Ilorin

3.0 Highlights of the Committee Activities on the Bill:

Upon receipt of the notice of referral, the Committee met and resolved to organize a public hearing on the Bill. The Committee held a two-day public hearing on the Bill on **Tuesday, 5th and Wednesday, 6th of December, 2017** with subsequent mark-up sessions.

4.0 Amendment of sessions:

The proposed amendment to the act covers the following sections:

- a. Section (1) – (3) amendments;
- b. Section (4) Remuneration, new insertion;
- c. Section (6) amendment;
- d. First schedule, [Section 1 (1)] amendment;
- e. Second Schedule, [Section 2(2).] amendment

5.0 Recommendations:

After deliberation on the various sections proposed for amendment in the River Basin Development Act, Cap R9, LFN 2004, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- a. Section 1-3 proposed for amendment was retained as proposed;
- b. The Committee retained the proposed insertion of New Section 4 "Remuneration" as the existing Act did not provide for such;
- c. Section 6, now Section 7 in the proposed amendment was retained as it only changes the nomenclature of the "General Manager" to "Managing Director".
- d. First Schedule, Section 1(1), Item No. 1, the existing Anambra – Imo River Basin Development Authority, replacement was proposed as: "Anambra RBDA". Area of Operation "The whole of Anambra, Enugu and Ebonyi States, Headquarters – Enugu".
- e. First Schedule, Section 1(1), proposed New item was inserted as: No. 6 "Imo River RBDA". Area of operation "The whole of Abia and Imo States, Headquarters – Owerri". The Committee retained the proposal of additional River Basin Development Authority to cater for some States of the South East;

6.0 Conclusion:

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, on behalf of Members of the Committee and my humble self, I want to express our appreciation to you for affording us this rare opportunity to serve this Distinguished Senate and by extension, our beloved country, Nigeria.

I hereby present the details of our recommendation for your consideration and approval.



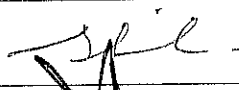
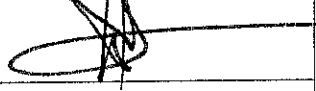

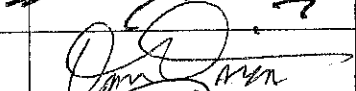

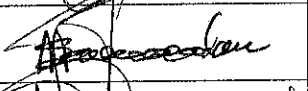
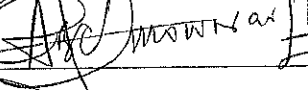
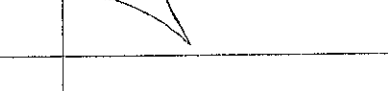
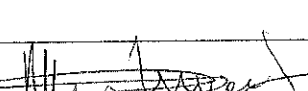
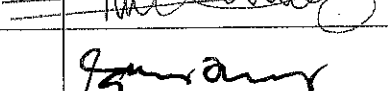
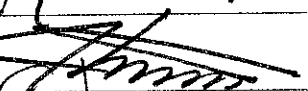
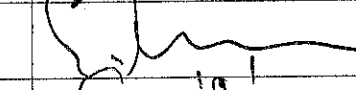
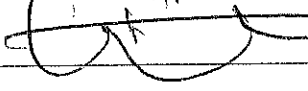

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