



**SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER**

Wednesday, 13th November, 2019

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2019 (SB. 75) - *First Reading*
Sen. Gyang, Istifanus Dun (*Plateau North*).
2. Criminal Code CAP C38 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 92) - *First Reading*
Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (*Rivers West*).
3. Federal College of Forestry Technology and Research, Akamkpa (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 99) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (*Cross River South*).
4. Public Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 109) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*).
5. Public Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 158) - *First Reading*
Sen. Sankara, D. Abdullahi (*Jigawa North-West*).
6. National Land Drainage Bill, 2019 (SB. 135) - *First Reading*
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*).
7. Electronic Transactions Bill, 2019 (SB. 155) - *First Reading*
Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (*Ogun Central*).
8. Federal College of Education Marama, Borno State (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 156) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (*Borno South*).
9. Federal University of Agriculture and Technology Oke-Ogun, Oyo State (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 159) - *First Reading*
Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*).
10. Federal College of Crop Science and Food Technology Lere, Kaduna State (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 160) - *First Reading*
Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (*Kaduna North*).
11. South East Development Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 161) - *First Reading*
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*).

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts

Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (*Edo Central*)

-That the Senate do receive the report of the of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the Issuance of ₦10.069 Billion Promissory Notes Programme to Kogi State Government and a Bond Issuance to settle inherited Local Debts and contractual obligations of the Federal Government- Refund to States for Projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government - *To be Laid*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Inauguration of the National Assembly, to ensure the smooth transfer of legislative power from the out-going National Assembly to in- coming National Assembly and for this purpose establish the National Assembly Inauguration Committee, designate a certain and definite day for convening and inaugurating the National Assembly; and for related matters, 2019 (SB. 4) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (*Benue North East*).
 2. A Bill for an Act to establish the Modibo Adama University, Yola and to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for other related matters, 2019 (SB. 51) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*).
 3. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal Polytechnic Aba to provide full-time courses in technology, applied science management and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the general administration of such polytechnics and for other matters, 2019 (SB. 10) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule(*Abia Central*).
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MOTIONS

1. The menace of Child Trafficking in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (*Kano North*)

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (*Kano Central*)
Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*)
Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*)
Sen. Mandiya, Bello (*Katsina South*)
Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (*Kaduna North*)
Sen. Sani, Uba (*Kaduna Central*)
Sen. Mohammed, Sabo (*Jigawa South-West*)
Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (*Gombe North*)
Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (*Gombe Central*)
Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda (*Sokoto North*)
Sen. Lawali, Hassan Anka (*Zamfara West*)
Sen. Na'allah, Bala Ibn (*Kebbi South*)
Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (*Kebbi Central*)

Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*)
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)
Sen. Barkiya, Abdullahi Kabir (*Katsina Central*)
Sen. Tanimu, Philip Aduda (*F.C.T Senate*)
Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella (*Kaduna South*)
Sen. Hadejia, Hassan Ibrahim (*Jigawa North-East*)
Sen. Sankara, D. Abdullahi (*Jigawa North-West*)
Sen. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs (*Gombe South*)
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East*)
Sen. Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi (*Zamfara North*)
Sen. Mohammed, Hassan (*Zamfara Central*)
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern the trafficking of children across the country for the purpose of forced adoption, domestic service, prostitution and other forms of exploitative labour is becoming a widespread phenomenon;

Aware that there are reported cases where children were kidnapped in the states of Gombe, FCT, Kano, etc and were sold to some willing buyers and some of the captives have been forcefully adopted by the Kidnappers in some parts of this country;

Aware that some of these children have been rescued by security Agencies and reunited with their parents, but it is estimated that several others are still with their kidnappers; and

Worried that if this trend is not nipped in the bud, it is capable of bringing about a child slavery system in the entire country thereby destroying our future generation and negatively affecting the image of our country within the comity of Nations.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committees on Women Affairs and Youth Development as well as that of Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to conduct an investigative hearing on child trafficking in the country with a view to proffer solutions, and to submit their report within two weeks; and
 - ii. *Implore* all the Agencies that are responsible to curb and eliminate child trafficking and trafficking in persons to be more effective in the discharge of their duties.
2. Urgent Need to address the menace of piracy and banditry in the Gulf of Guinea and Nigeria's internal waters.

Sponsor: Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (Akwa-Ibom South)

Co- Sponsors:

Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (Delta Central)

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (Abia South)

Sen. Sekibo, George Thomson (River East)

Sen. Suswan, Gabriel Torwua (Benue North East)

Sen. Odua, Stella Adaeze (Anambra Central)

Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa Ibom North East)

Sen. Oko, Rose Okoji (Cross river North)

Sen. Ekpenyong, Christopher Stephen (Akwa Ibom North West)

Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang (Cross River Central)

Sen. Diri, Douye (Bayelsa central)

Sen. Balogun, Kola Ademola (Oyo South)

Sen. Osinowo, Sikiru Adebayo (Lagos East)

The Senate:

Commend the Federal Government of Nigeria (the Navy and NIMASA); for their fight for the reduction of piracy and banditry activities in the Gulf of Guinea and Nigeria's waters;

Aware that the International Maritime Bureau for Piracy Reporting and the United Nations had categorized the Gulf of Guinea as the most dangerous waters in the world in 2018, 57 of the 156 reported incidents of pirates and armed banditry occurred in the Gulf of Guinea; and 41 of the incidents took place in Nigeria's waters. So far, 21 of the 78 reported incidents of this global menace happened in Nigeria in 2019;

Observes that the Regional Maritime Security Institute has noted that 50% or more of piracy and banditry attacks on the Gulf of Guinea are unreported;

Notes that due to the fight to reduce piracy and armed banditry in Nigeria's international waters and the activities of the Navy in Bayelsa and Rivers State creeks, the pirates and armed bandits have been forced to now move further inward to terrorize local fishermen, traders and transporters in Oron coastal area of Nigeria extorting money, stealing goods, snatching boats, raping women/girls, kidnapping for ransom, and taking the hostages to their camps in the creeks;

Further notes that despite the efforts of the Navy, piracy and armed banditry is now common in Nigerian internal waters especially along the Oron coastal area making the waters perilous for fishermen, traders and transporters. The menace of the pirates and bandits who have made the creeks of Akwa Ibom State their habitation has led to untold story of woes, hardship, kidnap and deaths among the fishing communities, traders and transporters, it has crippled the local economy of the area and led to further instability in the Niger Delta region;

Worried that if the activities of the pirates and armed bandits continue, more lives would be lost and the tales of rape, deaths, goods and boats snatching, kidnapping for ransom would go on, reducing fellow Nigerians to hunted humans in their own country;

Distressed that a large section of Nigerians who depend on the waters for their livelihood are at the mercy of pirates and bandits;

Recalls that NIMASA had initiated operation Deep Blue Sea Project which aim to effectively combat piracy and armed banditry by establishing a permanent Maritime Police. The establishment of Maritime Police would go a long way in effectively policing piracy and armed banditry. The Project is still in the planning phase and no law for the establishment of the Maritime Police has been made. NIMASA is reliant on Secondment of personnel from the Navy and other services. The full implementation of the Deep Blue Sea Project will curb the menace of piracy and armed banditry in the Gulf of Guinea and Nigeria's internal waters;

Reminded that the right to life is a fundamental right and that every Nigerian is entitled to security and dignity of the human person. To underscore the importance of this motion, we are aware that NIMASA/NIGERIAN Navy is hosting a global maritime security conference here in Abuja, where about 38 countries are gathered to discuss the challenges of maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea Region and develop tailored solutions as well as coordinate efforts at strengthening regional and international collaboration to extinguish maritime threats in the region; and

Believes therefore that the ongoing conference will not just be a "talk shop" in Abuja but that decisions from the conference should be implemented to curb this menace.

Accordingly resolve to:

- i. *Urge* NIMASA to quickly fast-track the implementation of the Deep Blue Sea project for the protection of Nigeria's waters as it would go a long way in arresting the menace of the pirates and armed bandits;
 - ii. *Urge* the Federal Government of Nigeria to bring forward a Bill on the Deep Blue Sea project for quick passage into law, that will integrate NIMASA, Nigerian Navy and Nigerian Police;
 - iii. *Urge* the Federal Government of Nigeria through NAVY to deploy more naval personnel on the Oron coastal area to check the activities of the pirates and bandits immediately; and
 - iv. *Urge* the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation to prosecute pirates and armed bandits in accordance with the Anti-Piracy Act to serve as deterrent.
3. The need to revisit the Suspension Order placed on the Supply of petroleum products to Border Towns by the Comptroller General of Nigerian Customs Service (NCS).

Sponsor: Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*)

Co-sponsor: Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (*Osun East*)

The Senate:

Aware of the remarkable progress made by the federal government in stopping the activities of smuggling, since the closure of all land borders in the country;

Further aware that while the country has made some laudable progress in this regard, it appears there is no sustainable framework that has been put in place to ensure the proper coordination and implementation of this directive and its horrid impact on communities and residents living across the border;

Recalls that on Thursday 7th of November 2019, Nigerians woke up to another directive from the Comptroller General of the Nigeria Customs Service, that no petroleum product should be supplied to any filling station within 20 kilometres to the borders;

Notes that following a detailed investigation by the PUNCH NEWSPAPER as published on Tuesday November 12, 2019 (pg 2), the order has created a huge scarcity of Petroleum products in the border towns of Ogun, Lagos, Adamawa, Katsina and Sokoto states, particularly in communities like Ilase, Ajegunle, Idiroko and Agosasa, among others, in Ipokia Local Government Area of Ogun state;

Further notes that this directive is a knee jerk approach to a modern day problem, as it is obsolete, when compared to the array of technological solutions that can be explored to rid the country of the menace;

Concerned that as a result of this, many filling stations within 20 kilometres in Ipokia have been shut FORCEFULLY by the Federal Government's task force on border closure, brutalizing and ILLEGALLY harassing residents in the process thereby, violating their rights to personal dignity as enshrined in Section 34(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended);

Further concerned that as a direct import of this order, petrol is now sold for as high as N600/per litre, an astronomical rise from its normal price of N145;

Aware that there are a number of proven technological innovations that can be explored to check, manage and curtail this acts without resulting to manual blanket approaches as it is being the practice at the moment;

Worried that if this situation is not properly addressed as soon as possible, it would further compound an already bad situation created by the prolonged border closure and thus, exerting more hardship on the people;

Further worried that if necessary palliative measures are not put in place, the problems that will result from the ban will most certainly affect every aspect of businesses, transactions, as health centers are already being grounded by the relative scarcity of petroleum products occasioned by this suspension; and

Alarmed by the negative consequences the prolonged suspension could bring to bear on the lives of our already suffering people.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Call* on the Comptroller General of the Nigerian Custom Service, to urgently explore the use of modern technological devices in the tracking, management, and scheduling of petroleum trucks that undertake business along the border towns;
- ii. *Initiate* a comprehensive audit of all petroleum stations and suppliers across the border communities, in a bid to closely monitor their movement by mandating each moving truck to have a tracking device that is monitored by the Nigeria Customs service in a wholesome manner;
- iii. *Mandate* the senate committee on customs to summon the Comptroller General of the Nigerian Customs Service, with a view of working out a viable economic framework/policy that could further mitigate the sufferings of the people, and communities across the border areas;
- iv. *Ensure* a steady supply of petroleum products through the identified suppliers and registered filing stations across all the border towns and communities as a temporary palliative measures; and
- v. *Initiate* a holistic policy approach, with the same vigour on the Nation's waterways

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 13 th November, 2019	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Police Affairs	Wednesday, 13 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
3.	Joint Committee on FERMA, Petroleum Downstream & National Planning	Wednesday, 13 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
4.	Marine Transport	Wed. 13 th & Thu. 14 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
5.	Petroleum Downstream Sector	Thursday, 14 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	Customs, Excise and Tariff	Thursday, 14 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
7.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Monday, 18 th November, 2019	1.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
8.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Tuesday, 19 th November, 2019 (Interactive Meeting)	12.00noon	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
9.	Power	Wednesday, 20 th November, 2019 (Joint Committee Meeting)	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building