



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

Thursday, 9th November, 2017

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Conference Committee Report
Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Bill, 2017 (SB. 257)
Sen. Fatimat Raji-Rasaki (*Ekiti Central*)
-That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee Report on the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Bill, 2017 (SB. 257) -*To be Laid.*
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Alarming increase in the rate of deaths of victims of snake bites due to scarcity of Anti-Snake Venom.

Sponsor: Sen. Joshua Lidani (*Gombe South*)

The Senate:

Notes the alarming rate of deaths of victims of snake bites especially in the snake belt states of Borno, Adamawa, Taraba, Gombe and Plateau due to unavailability of anti-snake venom;

Worried that within the past 3 weeks alone 91 victims have died as a result of inability to get treatment;

Observes that there are only three snake bite treatment centers established by the Federal Government in the North, namely Kaltungo in Gombe State, Zanko Langtang in Plateau State and Bambur in Taraba State catering for the numerous victims of snake bites which are highly prevalent in the area;

Worried that the Federal Ministry of Health which used to supply the anti-venom to the three centers stopped doing so since last year;

Aware that the Gombe State Government had been supplying the anti-snake venom worth 8.5 Million every quarter to the treatment center at Kaltungo but because of the numerous patients coming from the neighboring States, the quantity of anti-snake venom has been inadequate and patients have resorted to buying from pharmaceutical shops at exorbitant rates;

Alarmed that the suppliers of the anti-snake venom who used to import them from UK and South Africa have been unable to import these vaccines adequately and consequently patients have resorted to traditional means which are unsafe and unreliable;

Disturbed that an ampoule of anti-snake venom costs N35, 000 and not less than 3 ampoules dosage are required for the treatment which is unaffordable by most of the peasant farmers in those areas;

Notes that the harvest season records high incidence of snake bites because the snakes come out of the holes and attack farmers harvesting crops on the ground;

Aware that sometime in the 1990s the Federal Government in a partnership with the United Kingdom, the ECHITAB group and the University of Liverpool and Costa Rica agreed to undertake a research into the snake bite and production of suitable anti-snake venom with a view of transfer of technology towards local production of the anti-venom;

Notes that the Government of President Olusegun Obasanjo had approved the establishment of the factory for production of anti-snake venom in Gombe State but nothing has been done in furtherance of that approval;

Disturbed that all anti-snake venom are imported into the country and no pharmaceutical company is producing them in Nigeria,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Health to as a matter of urgency procure sufficient quantity of anti-snake venom and supply them to the treatment centers at Kaltungo, Langtang and Bambur;
- ii. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Health to investigate the failure of Ministry of Health to supply anti-snake venom to the treatment centers and other Health centers; and
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Health to initiate step towards the establishment of local production of the anti-snake venom.

2. The Death of 26 young Nigerian girls' en route Italy.

Sponsor: Sen. Rose O. Oko (Cross River North)

The Senate:

Notes the mass exodus of our young boys and girls illegally attempting to emigrate to Europe especially to Italy and Spain;

Further Notes that these journeys are through the perilous and hazardous Sahara desert and the Mediterranean Sea;

Alarmed that most of these young persons have under gone several hazards ranging from the searing heat and biting cold of the Sahara desert, the marauding Tuareg bandits, assaults, abuse and rape; and the dangerous sea waves often on rickety rubber boats;

Further Alarmed that this has led to deaths of several of them almost every other week;

Concerned that as at May, 2017 it was reported that about 10, 000 Nigerians had perished along the Sahara desert - Libya - Mediterranean Sea route;

Horried that on Monday, 6th November, 2017 international and national media reported the gruesome story of the dead bodies of twenty-Six (26) young Nigerian girls of ages 14 -18 discovered in a Spanish war ship "CANTABRIA" carrying 375 migrants. 23 of them had been on a rubber boat with 64 others;

Even more horrifying is the suspicion that they had been sexually abused and murdered;

Notes that Italian prosecutors who have begun investigation into their death have arrested an Egyptian and a Libyan as suspects;

Worried that this mass exodus of our children from the relative safety and security of home to the often cold hands of death have arisen and are increasing as a result of the economic hardships at home including the unemployment situation in Nigeria;

Strongly believes that it is time to go beyond the mere feeling of horror to taking pro-active, urgent and emergency measures to address the root causes of the exodus, including massive enlightenment on the dangers that it portends;

Believes that an inter-agency cooperation and collaboration is urgently needed by government to address this problem,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Condemn in the strongest terms the murder of 26 young Nigerian girls in the Mediterranean sea en route Italy;*
- ii. *Commend the Italian Authorities for immediately stepping into the matter with the hope of resolving the murders;*
- iii. *Call on the government to set up an inter-agency committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigerian Immigration Service, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and any other relevant agencies to immediately work out a strategy to stem the tide of illegal migration to Europe;*
- iv. *Call on government to declare a state of emergency on unemployment in the country and come out with more pro-active measures to engaging our teeming youth;*
- v. *Mandate the Committees on Diaspora, Foreign Affairs and Special Duties to investigate the unfortunate incident and report back to the Senate within 4 weeks; and*
- vi. *Observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the 26 young Nigerian girls murdered in the Mediterranean Sea.*

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts
Approval of Ogun State Development Policy Operation (DPO) loan of US\$350million.
 Sen. Shehu Sani (Kaduna Central)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the Ogun State Development Policy Operation (DPO) loan of US\$350million from the World Bank
2. Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters & Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes
Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB. 376)
 Sen. David Umaru (Niger East) and Sen. Utazi Chukwuka (Enugu North)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters & Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes on the Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB. 376) - *Adjourned Consideration 26th October, 2017 (Clause 109).*
3. Report of the Committee on FCT
2017 FCT Appropriation Bill (SB. 550)
 Sen. Dino Melaye (Kogi West)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on FCT on the 2017 FCT Appropriation Bill (SB. 550).

4. Report of the Committee on Niger Delta
Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 544)
 Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi (*Delta North*)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Niger Delta on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 544).
5. Report of the Committee on Industries
Nigerian Automotive Industry Development Plan (Fiscal Incentives Assurances and Guarantees) Bill, 2017 (HB. 896)
 Sen. Sam O. Egbu (*Ebonyi North*)
 -That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Industries on the Nigerian Automotive Industry Development Plan (Fiscal Incentives Assurances and Guarantees) Bill, 2017 (HB. 896).
6. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 445)
 Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal Colleges of Education Act CAP F8 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 445).
7. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 386)
 Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 386).
8. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 387)
 Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 387).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under-Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Thursday, 9 th November, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Thursday, 9 th November, 2017 (Retreat)	9.00am	NAF Conference Centre Plot 496 Ahmadu Bello Way, Gwarimpa, Abuja
3.	ICT and Cybercrime	Thursday, 9 th November, 2017 (Meeting with Stakeholders)	10.00am	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
4.	Culture and Tourism	Thursday, 9 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
5.	Privatization	Thursday, 9 th November, 2017 (Oversight Trip)	2.00pm	Front of Senate Building Senate New Building
6.	Public Procurement	Thursday, 9 th November, 2017	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
7.	INEC	Thur. 9 th – Sun. 12 th November, 2017 (Oversight Trip)	10.00am	Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport

8.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
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