



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

Tuesday, 10th January, 2017

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

1. Committee on Public Accounts
Sen. Andy Uba (*Anambra South*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Public Account on the Screening of the Nomination of Mr. Anthony Mkpe Ayine for Appointment as the Auditor-General of the Federation - *To be Laid.*
2. Report of the Committee on Marine Transport
Sen. Ahmed Sani (*Zamfara West*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Marine Transport on
 - a. National Inland Water Ways Authority Act. CAP N47 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 240); and
 - b. Nigerian Ports and Harbours Bill, 2016 (SB. 243) - *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy
Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)
Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (*Abia South*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy on the Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)

S/N	NAME	POSITION	ZONE
1.	Sanusi Garba	Vice Chairman	North West
2.	Nathan Rogers Shatti	Commissioner	North East
3.	Dr. Moses Arigu	Commissioner	North Central
4.	Dafe C. Akpeneve	Commissioner	South-South
5.	Prof. Frank Okafor	Commissioner	South East
6.	Dr. Musilliu O.Oseni	Commissioner	South West

MOTIONS

1. The Planned Closure of the Abuja Airport.

Sponsor: Sen Hope Uzodinma (Imo West)

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Ike Ekweremadu (Enugu West)

Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (Abia South)

Sen. Abdullahi A. Gumel (Jigawa North-West) Sen. Fatima Rasak (Ekiti Central)

Sen. Baba Kaka Bashir Garbai (Borno Central)

The Senate:

Notes with concern the decision of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, (FAAN) to close the NNAMDI AZIKWE International Airport, Abuja for Six Weeks, beginning from March 6, 2017;

Informed that the essence of the said closure is to carry out repairs on the only runway at the airport which is reported to be in a deplorable state;

Worried that a Six weeks outright closure of a major and the only airport in the nation's Federal Capital can trigger untold hardships on International and Local air travelers and consequently dent the nation's image;

Concerned that a complete shot-down of the airport will impact negatively on international trade and related activities, with a multiplier effect that can exact further pressure on an already recessed national economy;

Aware of the logistics and security challenges the diversion of Abuja bound flights to Kaduna will throw up, including endangering the lives and properties of international and local air travelers who will be forced to travel by land from Kaduna to Abuja;

Satisfied that all the options have not been exhausted to avoid the shutdown of the only airport at our national capital for six weeks, including the option of a technical package to allow skeletal air operations at the airport while most repair work on the runway is executed at night;

Aware that major repairs in the past have been carried out without closure of the Airport, one more major repair without closure will afford the government the needed time for the construction of a Second Run-way as a permanent solution;

Determined to explore all other possible options that can avert the planned total closure of a strategic National port as Nnamdi Azikwe Airport for Six Weeks with all its attendant consequences, including breach of international conventions and treaties,

Accordingly resolves to:

Invite the Minister of Transportation, Minister of State, Aviation, Minister of Works, Power and Housing, and Minister of FCT, the Chief of Air staff and the Managing Director, FAAN and NAMA to meet with this Distinguished Senate and provide details on the planned closure as well as to explore other options that can avoid a total closure of the Airport.

2. The Recent Killings in Southern Kaduna.

Sponsor: Sen. Danjuma La'ah (Kaduna South)

The Senate:

Notes that since 2011 various communities in Southern Kaduna Senatorial District of Kaduna State have been consistently attacked by Herdsmen resulting in deaths, injuries, loss of properties and displacements of the communities;

Further notes that Southern Kaduna Senatorial district is a zone of peaceful communities that accommodate all Nigerians and foreigners alike and not hostile to any one or groups;

Aware that on the 23rd December, 2016 and even as we speak, communities of Ambam, Gaska, Dangoma, Tsonje, Pasankori, Gidan Waya and Farin Gada of Jama'a and Kaura Local Government Area has been under serious attack by the herdsmen resulting in several deaths, injuries, and wanton destruction of properties worth billions of naira;

Concerned that the killings of citizens of Southern Kaduna amounts to serious violations of the right to life, right to security of human persons, to the respect of the dignity inherent in human being and right to property not only guaranteed by the 1999 Constitutions as Amended but also of the African Charter on human and people's right and the international convention on Civil and Political Right which Nigeria is a party;

Aware that a total number of eight hundred and eight (808) persons were killed in 53 villages across the four Local Government Areas in the affected areas while 57 people were injured, farm produce estimated at 5.5 billion Naira was destroyed and a total of 1,422 houses and 16 churches were burnt during the attack;

Aware also that the last one year has witnessed a harvest of killings by these marauding herdsmen with several cases of massacre in Agatu in Benue State, Uzo Uwani in Enugu State, with several attacks in Taraba, Delta and Edo States to mention but a few;

Observes that this deliberate systematic killing demands the awakening of Nigerians across the country to avoid a repeat of what happened in Darfur Region of Sudan;

Worried that Nigerian collective humanity is being debased as exemplified by the killings in Southern Kaduna,

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Observe* a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the deceased victims of the attacks.
 - (ii) *Call* on the Federal Government to take urgent measures to secure the right to life, right to security and dignity of human persons and right to property of citizens of Southern Kaduna and to prevent further attacks by herdsmen and other unknown perpetrators;
 - (iii) *Urge* the Federal Government to carry out an effective investigation into the circumstances surrounding the killings and to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice, and to provide reparation to victims;
 - (iv) *Urge* the Federal Government to provide a frame of security for the protection of life to protect the life of those individuals at risk from unwarranted attacks;
 - (v) *Call* on the Federal Government to rebuild the ravaged city of Southern Kaduna; and
 - (vi) *Urge* the Federal Government to establish a Joint Security Patrol of Military, Police, Civil Defence and Civilian JTF for constant Patrol and surveillance of the affected areas.
3. Urgent need to halt the Incessant Flight Cancellations, Delays and ill Treatment of Passengers by Airline Operators in the country.

Sen. Bala Ibn Na Allah (*Kebbi South*)

The Senate:

Notes with deep concern the rising level of flight delays and cancellations that have become prevalent in the aviation industry lately;

Observes with dismay that this practice is bringing untold hardship on the ordinary aviation consumer with very little compensation or consequential restitution for lost man-hours and the impact on the overall health of the economy;

Observes that in some instances passengers have been made to wait for 9 hours and more at the airport only to be informed that their flights have been cancelled;

Further observes that a lot of the hardship and economic losses occasioned go unquestioned, with some of the largest domestic airline operators as the biggest offenders;

Dismayed that it has become a norm for flights to be cancelled or delayed and when a flight is on scheduled it is celebrated. The airline carriers due to this norm are no longer apologetic for their actions but will rather treat passengers with perfunctory apology;

Aware that some of the reasons that have been given for this problem include; the lack of some basic equipment and facilities which include faulty Instrument Landing System, landing aids, airfield lighting, perimeter fencing, adequate fire cover, screening machines, CCTV and even passenger facilitation equipment like flight information display system and seats for departing passengers;

Also aware that investigations have revealed that only five airports have efficient and well-lit airfield lighting which include Lagos, Kano, Port Harcourt, Abuja and Katsina. Without airfield lighting, airplanes cannot land in an airport in the night;

Mindful of the current aviation fuel scarcity which has forced airlines to cancel 50 per cent of their flights as the product is rationed by oil marketers. For months now, airlines have experienced disruptions in their flights due to inadequate supply of Jet A1. This has adversely affected the airlines, the passengers and the nation's economy in general;

Conscious that other reasons may be exacerbating the challenge including poor management, lack of enough aircrafts in their fleet lack of maintenance facilities, inability to access funds for expansion of their airlines, lack of feasibility study before embarking on airline business, lack of financial discipline, management, indiscipline, introducing charges that cannot be explained and government policies, which often time somersault thereby affecting the operations of airlines;

Observes that failure to arrest and put a stop to this problem brings about dwindling confidence of passengers on domestic airlines which leads to limited business travels and harm severely the already struggling Nigerian economy,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on aviation to thoroughly investigate the root causes of this challenge in the aviation industry with a view to halting the observed inimical practices in the industry;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Aviation Authority of Nigeria to immediately put in place the necessary regulatory mechanisms to arrest the dwindling fortunes in the industry; and
- iii. *Urge* the Consumer Protection Commission (CPC) to take necessary steps to protect the rights and privileges of Nigerian consumers in the economy as a whole.

4. The Ban on the Importation of Vehicles through the Land Borders into the Country.

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

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Kabiru Gaya (Kano South)

Sen. Shehu Sani (Kaduna Central)

Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (Niger North)

Sen. Ali Wakili (Bauchi South)

The Senate:

Notes the recently announced policy of the federal government to stop the importation of vehicles into the country through the nation's land borders as from the 1st of January, 2017;

Further notes that it is reported that the ban would lead to the loss of about 500,000 jobs by the people engaged in the business of vehicles importation and handling services in the border areas and around the country;

Believes that the economy of border villages and towns that depends on the activities of vehicles importation shall be adversely affected to the detriment of all;

Observes that since the announcement, through the Nigeria Customs Service, Nigerians have spoken out, and they still do, that it is not economically expedient to ban the importation of vehicles through our land borders given the ramification of such a policy on the economy;

Concerned that the decision was ostensibly premised on the allegation that the importation of vehicles through the land borders no longer holds good prospect for revenue generation because of the large – scale evasion of import duties;

Convinced that rather than stop or suspend the importation of vehicles through our land borders as envisaged in the new policy, it would make better economic sense to allow for the importation of vehicles through one entry border post in each geopolitical zone that has international land border in the country. This will allow for better monitoring and control by the Customs Service, as the land border posts shall become fewer to handle by the Nigerian Customs Service compared to the current situation;

Further observes that since the Nigerian Customs Service is convinced that it has the capability of making sure that the government shall not lose its revenue when vehicles are imported through the designated sea ports, this senate believes that there is no reason why the Nigerian Customs Service shall not employ the same capability to ensure that every revenue belonging to the government is received by it from the importers of cars through the aforesaid land borders,

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Call* on the Customs Service to suspend further action on its policy of an outright ban on the importation of vehicles through our land borders as from 1st January, 2017;
- (ii) *Mandate* the Senate Committees on Customs to investigate the circumstances that led to the sudden decision of the federal government on the issue of the importation of vehicles through the land borders; and
- (iii) *Urge* the federal government to consider the regulation of vehicle importation by approving an entry point in each of the geopolitical zones that has international land border(s) in the country.

5. Urgent need to resolve the Ladoke Akintola University Strike.

Senator Munsurat Sunmonu (*Oyo Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that workers of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) have been on strike since 9th June, 2016 over non-payment of salaries;

Believes that the Academic Staff Union of Universities, Non-Academic Staff Union, and Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities in the university declared the strike to protest a persisting issue arising from lack of funds to run the institution and pay its workers;

Aware that LAUTECH is jointly owned by Oyo and Osun, the two states that constituted old Oyo State before Osun was excised in 1991 to form a separate state;

Recognizes that challenges in fulfilling the shared funding responsibility caused workers to shut down the institution, just before the students were scheduled to begin their second semester examinations;

Further notes that the strike is causing untold hardship and delay to the education, livelihood and future of the students of LAUTECH;

Further aware of the need to build confidence in public institutions particularly as regards education;

Further recognizes that the students have become innocent victims of the collateral damage of the strike and their futures are at stake,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Implore Oyo and Osun states to expedite action towards resolving the issues and keep the public apprised of steps being taken;
- ii. Encourage staff of LAUTEC to return to work in the interest of the students; and
- iii. Urge the students to exercise patience and not lose hope in public institutions.

6. Deplorable State of the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos.

Senator Obinna Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that many years ago, after football ceased to be a mere novelty exercise in Nigeria the Federal Government decided to build a National Stadium in Lagos. The goal principally, was to help improve the standard of the game and peradventure stimulate private participation in the sponsorship of football matches and other sporting events in the long run as it is done worldwide to achieve the aforesaid goals. Therefore, when the stadium was built in 1972, to among other things, host the *All African Games* in 1973, it had a capacity of 55,000, which was then reduced to 45,000 in 1999. It recorded the highest attendance of 85,000 during the final match of the African Cup of Nations in 1980 between Nigeria and Algeria, which Nigeria won and it was the first time ever that the country won the African Cup of Nations;

Notes also that the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos was at a time in this country, a national monument and a symbol of national pride, which has played host to several national, continental and international competitions, including the All African Games in 1973, Africa Cup of Nations in 1980, the FIFA Under-20 World Youth Championship in 1999 and the 2000 Africa Cup of Nations co-hosted by Nigeria and Ghana, etc;

Worried that this once iconic stadium and pride of the nation has become a shadow of itself where you can only see dead electronic scoreboards, non-functioning floodlights and the pitch in total disrepair. The last major competition that was held there was the final of the 2000 Africa Cup of Nations, jointly hosted by Nigeria and Ghana, where the rusty billboard, advertising a television station as the host broadcaster of the tournament is still seen in the premises of the stadium as a testament of its state of neglect;

Worried also that the stadium now serves as a parking lot for the smaller Teslim Balogun Stadium, which is located opposite it. At nights, under the cover of darkness, without functioning floodlights, it becomes home to shady characters and miscreants who loiter around its premises to carry out nefarious activities. Other indoor sporting facilities in the stadium are not any better; from the dirty-algae-infested swimming pool which has not been used for years and the worn-out tartan tracks, to the boxing gym, all are in need of urgent renovation and rehabilitation;

Observes that if all the national stadia along with all their facilities are maintained and updated with state of the art equipment, Nigeria will not be wasting colossal amount of money on overseas' trainings for our sportsmen and women. Also, it will afford the country the opportunity of not expending huge sums of money for the purpose of maintenance or construction of new stadia when the country is to host continental or international sporting events in the future;

Further Observes that the National Stadium Abuja is also in terrible state of disrepair due to the inability of the Federal Government to meet up its financial obligations with Julius Berger, the company hitherto responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the stadium,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency, renovate and rehabilitate the national stadium Surulere, Lagos with a view to revamping it to meet international standard for effective and efficient use so that such a monument that huge amount of money was spent to put together, will not be lying waste;*
- ii. Urge the Federal Government to empower the Federal Ministry of Youths and Sports through its department on Stadia and Facilities Management with adequate budgetary provisions for regular, routine and turnaround maintenance, refurbishment and rehabilitation of all national stadia in the country;*
- iii. Urge the Senate Committee on Sports and Social Development to, from time to time and as part of their mandate, embark on inspection/tour of all national stadia across the country as part of its legislative oversight responsibilities to ensure that the stadia are adequately maintained and rehabilitated by the relevant authority; and*
- iv. Mandate the Federal Government to as a matter of National interest hand over the management and maintenance of the stadium back to Julius Berger.*

7. Cancer Treatment Infrastructure Crisis.

Senator Duro Faseyi (*Ekiti North*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern the collapse of cancer treatment infrastructure and other support services in the designated cancer management health centres which was further confirmed by experts during the recent event commemorating Cancer Day in Nigeria;

Aware that out of the seven cancer designated hospitals in the country, cancer treatment equipment are not functioning in four of them namely: Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Idi-Araba, Lagos; University College Hospital, UCH, Ibadan; University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Nsukka (UNTH), Enugu and University of Benin Teaching Hospital, UBTH, Benin City;

Further Aware that the National Hospital, Abuja, Usman Dan - Fodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto and Eko Hospital, Lagos, which are the only three currently functional health centres for the treatment of cancer, are not running optimally, even as they are under pressure by patients who travel long distances to these centres in order to be placed on the long queues for treatment;

Worried that the collapse of cancer treatment infrastructure in most of the designated hospitals has denied well over 80 percent of the patient's access to radiotherapy and chemotherapy as basic means of cancer treatment;

Aware that due to the prevailing situation, there is an alarming death ratio of 4 out of every 5 cancer patient and out of an estimated 100, 000 new cases diagnosed annually, at least, 80, 000 patients die, representing 240 deaths on daily basis and 10 deaths every hour;

Further Aware that because of the dismal state of cancer treatment machines in Nigeria, many patients are compelled to travel outside the country in search of better health services at high cost, invariably constituting a huge drain on our foreign exchange reserve, which is inimical to the economy;

Observes and as affirmed by the World Health Organization (WHO) that cancer is one of the leading causes of death in Nigeria and that over 2 million Nigerians have some form of invasive cancer;

Further Observes that, the last time cancer treatment machines were procured by the Federal Government for the designated health centres was 8 years ago and more so, the machines were almost obsolete at the time of procurement;

Further Worried that, if urgent and radical steps are not taken by Government to confront this situation, Nigeria faces a huge risk of recording many cancer induced deaths; this has adverse implications on the social and economic life of the country,

Accordingly Resolves To:

- I. *Condemn* in the strongest terms the deplorable state of cancer treatment arising from the collapse of cancer treatment infrastructure in the designated hospitals;
- II. Mandate the Senate Committee on Health to invite the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health and the Heads of the seven designated health centres for the treatment of cancer, for explanations and clarifications as a measure towards grappling with this challenge;
- III. *Urge* the executive to declare a state of emergency in the management of cancer cases, as well as embark on prompt repair of the collapsed equipment while also taking urgent steps to procure modern machines (at least two in each of the designated health centres) and re-training the relevant personnel; and
- IV. *Urge* the executive to establish integrated and comprehensive cancer treatment centres in each state of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) equipped with the latest cancer treatment technology for enhanced value and cost-effectiveness.

8. Need for the Re-construction and Dualization of the Makurdi-9th Mile Trunk "A" Federal Highway.

— Senator Chukwuka Utazi (*Enugu North*)

The Senate:

Notes that road infrastructure is critical for economic and commercial development and is one of the most visible signs of government responsiveness;

Further Notes that the Makurdi-Otukpo-Otukpa-Obollo Afor-Opii (Nsukka)-Ninth Mile Federal Trunk "A" Highway is a 252-kilometre road that connects Benue State, in the North Central region to Enugu State in the South East;

Observes that the Highway, constructed in 1978, is the only major highway that connects the South-East to the Northern part of Nigeria. The road bifurcates at Ninth Mile Corner and feeds the dual carriage ways, with one linking up to Onitsha and from thence to Benin and Lagos, and the other linking Enugu and from thence to Aba and Port-Harcourt. With the passage of time, the Federal Government felt sufficiently concerned about the volume of traffic and decided to expand, into dual carriage ways, the Ninth Mile to Onitsha and Ninth Mile to Port-Harcourt roads;

Concerned that it is anomalous that the two roads that receive traffic from the Makurdi/Ninth Mile road have been dualized, yet the road that feeds them still wallow in the status of a single lane road;

Informed that the road is arguably the only Trunk "A" highway of such importance and volume of traffic that has remained a single lane. The sheer volume of traffic on the two dual carriage roads that this single lane road feeds is a pointer to the kind of burden this long-suffering single-lane road has borne over the years;

Worried that large sections of the road, especially at Ugbokolo, Orokam, Amalla, Obollo-Afor, Orba, Opii, Ogbede, Affa, Ebe, Ukannah, Egede and around Ama Breweries in Ninth Mile have become dangerous craters that cannot be called a road. It is unimaginable that a Federal Trunk "A" road is in such a deplorable state. Charred carcasses of vehicles are a common sight on the road;

Concerned that the high level of road crashes and the carnage that happen on the road on a daily basis should be a source of constant worry to the government;

Informed that during festive periods, FERMA, the Federal Road Maintenance Agency would scrap and re-surface specific segments of the road but even that recourse can no longer work as large segments of the road have totally collapsed, making the road impassable;

Concerned that travel time between Makurdi and Ninth Mile used to be 194 minutes, (about three hours) but with the total collapse of the road, travel time now averages nine (9) long hours;

Disturbed that armed robbers, taking advantage of the totally deplorable state of the road, have become a law unto themselves, ambushing, robbing, dispossessing and killing commuters at will. On September 29, 2016, a gang of armed robbers attacked some passengers on the road and raped some female passengers to coma;

Notes that the state of the road requires immediate reconstruction and dualization to reduce the unacceptable level of accidents and robbery on the road;

Notes that the importance of the road lies not only that it is the gateway from the North to the Eastern part of Nigeria, but also that commercial and other economic activities, especially the evacuation of agricultural and industrial produce is seriously threatened. For instance, the conveyance of cattle, the evacuation of yams, beans, onions, tomatoes, etc from the North to the South; and the haulage of petroleum products, palm oil,

motor spare parts, other products and other resources from the large markets in Onitsha and Aba, that move from the South to the North are gradually grounding to a stop because of the total state of disrepair of that road;

Concerned that while Nigeria makes efforts to attract the much-needed investments to stimulate the weak economy and create jobs, the state of the infrastructure is a prime consideration for investors and therefore the state of this road directly discourages investors from the area. For instance, Ama Breweries is the largest and most modern Brewery in Nigeria and its location not only should bring associated investments, but should also attract other investments into a cluster, but unfortunately, the major road for the evacuation of the products of the Brewery is in total disrepair thereby causing economic lockjaw in the area,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Works to designate the road for immediate dualization;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to allocate adequate funds in the 2017 budget, currently being prepared, for the reconstruction and dualization of the Makurdi-Otukpo-Obollo Afor-Opia (Nsukka)-9th Mile Federal Trunk A Highway;
- iii. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Works to ascertain the level of disrepair of the road with a view to making recommendations to the Senate; and
- iv. *Urge* the Police and Other Security Agencies to increase their surveillance on the road to protect innocent commuters from the marauding activities of armed robbers and other criminal elements.

9. Urgent need to Re-organise Pension Transitional Arrangements Directorate (PTAD).

Senator Gbolahan Dada (Ogun West)

The Senate:

Notes that Section 42 of the Pensions Reforms Act 2014 established an Extra Ministerial Department called Pension Transitional Arrangements Directorate (PTAD);

Further notes that the said PTAD is a Department under Federal Ministry of Finance and the Minister of Finance is responsible for the appointment of management team of PTAD by virtue of the provisions of the said Pensions Reforms Act 2014;

Aware that one of the functions of PTAD as provided under Section 45(b) of Pensions Reforms Act 2014 is to prepare and submit the monthly payroll of pensioners to the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation for direct payment from the budgetary allocation maintained with the Central Bank of Nigeria to Pensioners' bank accounts;

Further aware that the Director General of PTAD named Nellie Mayshak was suspended by Minister of Finance sometime in March 2016 over alleged fraud and the said Director General is yet to be replaced or recalled from suspension up till date;

Informed that some of the responsibilities of PTAD includes addressing pensioners' complaints bothering on non-payments of monthly pension, short payment of pension and gratuities, removal of names on pension payment vouchers, non-payment of harmonised pension arrears, irregular payment of federal pensions and non-receipt of pension after retirement among others;

Further informed that after the suspension of the said Director General of PTAD, the agonies of Pensioners in the Country increased and Pensioners are presently going through untold hardships leading to sudden death and illness of some hapless Pensioners who queued endlessly waiting for their entitlements to be paid after serving their fatherland;

Worried that if nothing urgent is done to arrest the situation and reorganise PTAD in view of prevailing circumstances, Pensioners will continue to suffer endlessly before getting their monthly pension from the appropriate authority;

Further worried that if Pensioners continue to experience difficulties in getting their monthly pension, public service will no longer be attractive to young and vibrant Nigerians and those already in the system may be tempted to believe they would suffer the same fate as the current Pensioners upon retirement and begin to engage in nefarious activities with a view of escaping the present trauma of today's Pensioners,

Accordingly Resolves to:

- (a) *Urge* Federal Government to re-organise Pension Transitional Arrangements Directorate (PTAD) in view of prevailing circumstances; and
- (b) *Direct* Joint Committee on Finance and Establishment & Public Service to invite the Minister of Finance to explain to the Joint Senate Committee on steps taken to re-organise Pension Transitional Arrangements Directorate (PTAD) in view of the suspension of the Director General and the Ministry's plans towards alleviating the sufferings of pensioners and report back to Senate.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Joint Committees on Petroleum Resources Upstream, Downstream & Finance	Tuesday, 10 th January, 2017 (Committee meeting)	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
2.	Works	Tuesday, 10 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3.	Joint Committees on Petroleum Resources Upstream, Downstream & Finance	Wednesday, 11 th January, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 0.22 Senate New Building
4.	Works	Wednesday, 11 th January, 2017 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Committee Room 213 Senate New Building
5.	Industries	Thursday, 12 th January, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
6.	Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND	Thursday, 12 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building