



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

Tuesday, 11th April, 2017

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

1. Marriage Act CAP M6 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 189) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*).
2. National Social Integration Bill, 2017 (SB. 313) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Isah Hamma Misau (*Bauchi Central*).
3. Maritime Piracy Bill, 2017 (SB. 364) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako (*Adamawa Central*).
4. Federal Polytechnic, Daura (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 465) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Mustapha Bukar (*Katsina North*).
5. Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Oke-Ogun, Oyo State (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 466) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Abdulfatai Buhari (*Oyo North*).
6. Federal University of Agriculture, Umuhuali Nkalagu, Ebonyi State (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 468) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Obinna Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*).
7. National Electoral Offences Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 469) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Abubakar Kyari (*Borno North*).

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:
 - a. Petition from Dr. Edet A. Ukpong against the National Pension Commission over Alleged Non-Payment of his Federal Pension since 2009; and
 - b. Petition from Insp. Solomon Ojo Dalley against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for Unlawful Dismissal from the Force - *To be Laid*.
2. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND
Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (est. etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 295)
Sen. Barau Jibrin (*Kano North*)

-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND on the Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (est. etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 295) -*To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

1. Confirmation of Nomination.

Senate Leader

That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-n-C on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as members of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in accordance with Section 2(2)(a) of the NDDC Act, 2000.

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE
1.	Lucky Orimisan Aiyedatiwa	Non-Executive Director	Ondo
2.	Hon. Chuka Ama Nwauwa	Non-Executive Director	Imo
3.	Nwogu N. Nwogu	Non-Executive Director	Abia

MOTIONS

1. Harmonizing the different versions and copies of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in circulation into one authentic whole.

Senator Chukwuka Utazi (*Enugu North*)

The senate:

Recognizes that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria came into force on May 29, 1999 with eight Chapters, Three Hundred and Twenty Sections and Seven Schedules;

Aware that the Constitution of any Country is the *grand norm* from which all other laws, instruments and institutions derive their authority, legitimacy and powers;

Aware that since 1999, the Constitution has successfully gone through three alterations, in July 2010, November 2010 and March 2011 respectively and in each case, amending various provisions to bring them in conformity with contemporary democratic practice and realities;

Concerned that these alterations are printed as separate provisions and there has not been an attempt to embed and graft them into the Constitution as one whole living document;

Worried that there are different versions of the original 1999 Constitution and of the three alterations, with various copies in circulation. Worried that the Constitution is the heart-beat of the nation and its provisions should not be subjected to the caprices of printers or allowed to have different words and structure;

Aware for instance that in some versions, Section 84 ends with subsection (6), while in other versions, the same Section 84 ends with subsection (7) while the first alteration has provided for subsection (8) of Section 84. This is also true of Section 66 (1) (h), which was deleted by Section 2 of the First Alteration Act, but which some versions of the constitution still retain. There are many other mix-ups and this creates confusion for Lawyers, Judges, Law Students, other Practitioners, Legislators at the various levels, those who consult our Constitution to determine the state of the law, and the general public;

Concerned that the existence of various versions of the Constitution makes it an unreliable source of law, whittles down its force as the fundamental authority for all laws in Nigeria and does not make for certainty of its provisions, dilutes its potency in the hierarchy of laws and makes it susceptible to misinterpretation by mischief-makers who may want to take advantage of the situation,

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to liaise with the National Judicial Council, the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation and the Law Reform Commission to constitute a Law Review Committee to withdraw the copies of the different versions of the Constitution in circulation and authorize the printing and distribution of the authentic, consolidated Constitution of the Federation with the different alterations embedded where they belong to make the Constitution one whole document to guide the generality of the Nigerian populace and the International community.

2. Urgent need for the Nigerian Police Force and other Security Agencies to intervene in the increased rate of kidnapping in the Lagos East Senatorial District and secure the waterways.

Senator Gbenga Ashafa (*Lagos East*)

The Senate:

Notes with urgent and grave concern the recent increase in the activities of criminal syndicates who specialize in kidnapping/militant activities in and around communities in the Lagos East Senatorial District, Particularly Epe, Ikorodu, Ibeju Lekki Local Government Areas;

Concerned that the activities of these criminals have forced law-abiding residents of coastal/riverine communities of the affected communities to flee their communities and livelihood out of fear;

Further Concerned that on Friday, 7th April, 2017 One Mr. Ademola Salami, a 42 Year Old plank dealer was kidnapped in Ise community in Ibeju Lekki area of Lagos East Senatorial District by Seven dare devil abductors, who escaped in a gunboat via the river. The abductors have now demanded the sum of 100 million Naira as ransom for his release;

Notes that the situation has deteriorated so much that prominent citizens of Ise community, including HRM, Kabiyesi Onise of Ise, Oba Ganiyu Adegbesan had to vacate the community due to high level of insecurity in the area;

Disturbed that for the past seven years, a divisional Police station commissioned in Ise had been a ghost-of itself as no police officers were deployed there until the recent attack;

Recalls that the Tribune Online Newspapers of 23rd February, 2017 reported the case of two sand dredgers who were kidnapped in Ibeju Lekki by kidnappers who also stormed the community in a gunboat;

Further recalls that between April and July, 2016 there were reports of Militant activities in some communities in Ikorodu, including Elepete, Agbede, Ishawo and Igbo-Olomu, which led to the death of residents. These Militants were equally reported to have stormed the communities through the coastal waters using gunboats;

Alarmed that the recent kidnap incidents has assumed a totally new and disturbing dimension in the sense that just yesterday, 9th April, 2017 an army Captain, identified as Muhammed, four policemen, and a civilian lost their lives after suspected militants attacked Ishawo, in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State. The late security operatives were responding to a distress call after the militants stormed and kidnapped some residents on Woodland Estate, close to the Ishawo creeks in about 10 Speedboats;

Observes that the activities of these criminal syndicates have caused untold hardship to the people of Lagos East Senatorial district and the intervention of the Federal Government is urgently required,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Advise* the Federal Government to direct the inspector General of Police to immediately instruct the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, to immediately beef up the strength of the task force already on ground in order to effectively secure all the affected creeks and communities;
- ii. *Advise* the Federal Government to direct the inspector General of Police to immediately make available sufficient helicopters for aerial surveillance and gunboats to the Marine Police

department of the Lagos State Police Command to enable the State Command effectively tackle the activities of the Militants; and

- iii. Urge the Army, Navy and other security agencies to assist the Nigeria Police Force in its quest to rid Lagos State, particularly the creeks in Lagos East Senatorial District of criminal syndicates making use of its waterways to perpetrate crime.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions

Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*)

-That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Petition from TRLP Law on behalf of Senator Buruji Kashamu against NDLEA, Former Chairman NDLEA Mr. Ahmad Giade and the Attorney-General of the Federation for the alleged intention to abduct Senator Buruji Kashamu and forcefully transport him to the USA without recourse to due process;
- b. Petition from Hyacinth Ahuruonye against the Nigerian Police Force (NPF) for alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Force;
- c. Petition from Collins Chinonyerem Udeogu against the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) for alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Corporation; and
- d. Petition from Ex-Cpl. Kamal Haruna against the Nigerian Police Force (NPF) for alleged Unjust Dismissal from the Force.

2. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and other Parts of the Country

Sen. Kabiru Gaya (*Kano South*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and other Parts of the Country.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Local Government Act No. 8 of 1976 and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 365) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi (*Delta North*).
2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal University of Education, Zaria and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 400) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*).
3. A Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala and for other related matters, 2017 (SB. 386) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Baba Kaka Bashir Garbai (*Borno Central*).
4. A Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry and other related matters, 2017 (SB. 387) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Gbenga Ashafa (*Lagos East*).
5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, CAP C4 LFN, 2007 to ensure Transparency and Accountability in the operations of the Bank and subject its intervention advances to the approval of the National Assembly and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 64) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose Oko (*Cross River North*).
6. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Gumel and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 417)
Sen. Abdullahi A. Gumel (*Jigawa North East*).

7. A Bill for an Act to Promote the Protection of Personal Information Processed by Public and Private Bodies; to Introduce Information Protection Principles so as to Establish Minimum Requirements for the Processing of Personal Information and other matters connected thereto, 2017 (SB. 310) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*).
8. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria and for other matters connected thereto, 2017 (SB. 396) - *Second Reading*.
Sen. Chukwuka Utazi (*Enugu North*).
9. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Federal Entrepreneurship Centres at Local Government Areas and for other matters connected thereto, 2017 (SB. 133) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Mao Oluabunwa (*Abia North*).
10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pension Reform Act CAP P4 LFN 2004 to provide for Definite Percentage a Retiree can withdraw from his Retirement Savings Account and for other matters related thereto, 2017 (SB. 281) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko (*Sokoto North*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Niger Delta	Tuesday, 11 th April, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Aviation	Wednesday, 12 th April, 2017	1.30pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building