



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

Tuesday, 12th November, 2019

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

1. National Religious Equity Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 08) *-First Reading*
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (Anambra North).
2. Constituency Development Fund (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 14) *-First Reading*
Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (Borno South).
3. National Agency for Technology Incubation (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 18) *-First Reading*
Sen. Boroffice, Robert Ajayi (Ondo North).
4. National War College Act CAP N82 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 43) *-First Reading*
Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda (Sokoto North).
5. Compulsory Free Universal Education Act CAP C52 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 44) *-First Reading*
Sen. Oko, Rose Okoji (Cross River North).
6. Private Security and Forensic Investigation Bureau of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 52) *-First Reading*
Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (Rivers South-East).
7. Police Act CAP P19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 91) *-First Reading*
Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West).
8. Federal University of Agriculture and Technology Funtua (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 150) *-First Reading*
Sen. Mandiya, Bello (Katsina South).
9. Federal College of Education (Technical) Kaima, Kwara State (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 151) *-First Reading*
Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (Kwara North).
10. Federal University of Gashua (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 152) *-First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North).
11. Federal Medical Centre Dekina (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 153) *-First Reading*
Sen. Isah, Jibrin (Kogi East).
12. National Commission for the Prohibition of Hate Speeches (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 154) *-First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (Niger North).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Urgent need to complete all the necessary components of Baro River Port Project of the Lower River Niger.

Sponsor: Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*)

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*)
 Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (*Kano Central*)
 Sen. Basiru, Surajudeen Ajibola (*Osun Central*)
 Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)
 Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (*Benue North East*)
 Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (*Kaduna North*)
 Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (*Kebbi Central*)
 Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)
 Sen. Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed (*Yobe South*)
 Sen. Nnachi, Michael Ama (*Ebonyi South*)
 Sen. Yakubu, Oseni (*Kogi Central*)
 Sen. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa (*Benue North West*)

Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*)
 Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*)
 Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)
 Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (*Benue South*)
 Sen. Isah, Jibrin (*Kogi East*)
 Sen. Sani, Uba (*Kaduna Central*)
 Sen. Melaye, Dino (*Kogi West*)
 Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (*Kwara South*)
 Sen. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim (*Kano South*)
 Sen. Okorocho, Anayo Rochas (*Imo West*)
 Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (*Kano North*)

The Senate:

Notes that the Federal Government of Nigeria is desirous of developing her Inland Waterways through the agency, the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) which operates on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Transportation;

Also notes that the Federal Government of Nigeria awarded contract for the dredging of the Lower River Niger, construction of the Baro Port, installation Cargo Handling Equipment and connecting access roads to ensure movement of goods and services to the Northern part of the county in addition to the general improvement of socio-economic activities in the North;

Further notes that Baro Port project is expected to create 3,000 direct jobs and many more indirect jobs as well as improving our road network by keeping heavy duty trailers and trucks off roads thereby expanding the life span of the roads;

Aware that capital dredging of the Lower River Niger from Warri to Baro had been completed;

Further aware that construction of the Baro Port and its Cargo Handling Equipment had been completed and commissioned by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari on the 19th January, 2019;

Also aware that the access roads which will facilitate movement of goods from Baro to the Northern part of the country was awarded in 2015 and 2018 for Lambata-Bida and Agaie-Katcha-Baro respectively;

Concerned that the two major access roads Lambata-Agaie and Agaie-Katcha-Baro respectively have only achieved about 20% and 2% progress;

Worried that funding of the access roads had been grossly inadequate as ₦670 million and ₦4.5 billion so far have been released for the project out of contract sum of ₦17 billion and ₦33 billion respectively;

Disturbed that over 40 billion has so far been expended on the various components of the Baro Port without achieving any significant progress towards utilization of the Port; and

Alarmed that such a laudable project with all its potential benefits would be so neglected.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge the Federal Government to make funds available to contractors handling Baro River Port project for final completion;*
- ii. *Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to transfer the roads project to Presidential Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) for better funding and execution;*
- iii. *Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Narrow Gauge Railway in Baro to ensure the rapid socio-economic growth of Nigeria;*
- iv. *Also urge that there should be continuous dredging and maintenance by NIWA of the Lower River Niger to ensure its navigability; and*
- v. *Mandate the Senate Committees on Marine Transport and Works to investigate NIWA activities in respect of the Baro Port and make adequate recommendation to facilitate early completion.*

2. The proliferation of Fake Medical Reports emanating from Public Hospitals in Nigeria

Sponsor: Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*)

The Senate:

Notes with discomfort, a recent investigation which revealed the ease with which “authentic” medical reports can be obtained from some public hospitals in Nigeria for a fee, and without requiring any medical tests whatsoever, or even proof of identity;

Worried that this commercialization of medical reports poses a grave danger to the medical health and safety of our citizens and could result in fatal misdiagnosis of patients or anyone else who relies on the contents of such medical reports;

Recognizes the dire importance of the medical report as a document which is accorded great weight and importance in the ordinary course of our day to day business, including courts of law;

Recognizes further that the medical report contains an individual’s personal medical records and details which are used to ascertain a person’s medical condition, obtain health benefits, certify one’s mental state, investigate addictions, diagnose treatments, and most importantly, ascertain and form medical opinions;

Regrets that the integrity of the medical report is being compromised and eroded by the realization that it may not contain the true and accurate medical details of the person named in the report;

Aware that the Code of Ethics of the medical profession abhors the illegal issuance of medical certificates and records to patients without conducting all the relevant tests;

Further aware that guidelines exist in the medical profession which proscribe these conducts, but no effective implementation of these regulations; and

Desirous of curbing what appears to be a trend of commercialization of medical reports in some public hospitals where “authentic” medical reports are obtained for a fee, and without undergoing any tests whatsoever.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct the Federal Ministry of Health to set up an efficient and proper mechanism to identify and prevent this very dangerous trend in Public Hospitals; and*
- ii. *Urge the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) to intensify its effort in checking incidences of fraud and quackery in the medical profession, especially in public hospitals.*

3. Urgent need to revamp the Nation's Comatose Textile Industry.

Sponsor: Sen. Barkiya, Abdullahi Kabir (*Katsina Central*)

Co-Sponsor

The Senate:

Notes that the Textile Industry in Nigeria played a significant role in the manufacturing Sector of the Nigerian economy with a record of over 140 companies in the 1960's and 1970's;

Aware that the Textile Industry recorded an annual growth of 67% and as at 1991, employed above 25%the workers in the manufacturing sector;

Observes that the Textile Industry was the highest employer of labour apart from the civil service;

Concerned that the Textile Industry has witnessed massive decline in the last two decades with many Textile companies such as Kaduna Textile, Kano Textile, Aba Textile, United Nigeria Textiles, First Spinners amongst others closing shops and throwing their workers into the job market;

Worried that the discovery of oil in Nigeria has also greatly affected the Textile Industry in Nigeria as a result of decline in the production of cotton which was a major source of raw materials for the Textile Industry;

Disturbed that government policies like increase in taxation, high cost of Production, trade liberalization resulting in massive importation of Textile materials has negatively affected the production of local Textile materials;

Aware that revamping the nation's Textile Industry will provide huge employment opportunities for our youths and consequently reduce some of the social vices we have in the country today; and

Notes also that if the Textile Industry is resuscitated, it will provide additional revenue and assist the government in its desire to diversify the nation's economy.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to encourage local Textile manufacturing companies by providing them with soft loans and easy access to credit facilities through the Bank of Industry;
- ii. *Appeal* to the Federal Government to restrict the importation of foreign textile materials; and
- iii. *Appeal* to the Federal Government to provide the necessary infrastructural facilities especially power supply to local Textile Manufacturing Companies.

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of Ad-hoc Committee on Pipeline Explosions

Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of Ad-hoc Committee on the investigation of the cause(s) of the pipeline explosions in Komkom, Rivers State and Ijegun, Lagos State.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Capital Market	Tuesday, 12 th November, 2019	1.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
2.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 12 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
3.	Marine Transport	Tuesday, 12 th November, 2019	3.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
4.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Tue. 12 th & Wed. 13 th November, 2019	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
5.	Marine Transport	Wed. 13 th & Thu. 14 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
6.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 13 th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
7.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Monday, 18 th November, 2019	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
