SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 17th May, 2016

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal Audit Service Commission Bill, 2016 (HB. 107) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

2. Capital Expenditure Budget Roll-Over Bill, 2016 (HB. 164) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

3. Abduction, Wrongful Restraint and Conferment Bill, 2016 (SB. 118) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Isah H. Missau *(Bauchi Central)*

4. Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Act No. 6 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2016 (SB. 131) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Mao Ohabunwa *(Abia North)*

5. Pension Reform Act P4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 281) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko *(Sokoto North)*

6. National Hospital for Women and Children Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 282) – *First Reading.*
   Sen. Olanrewaju Tejuoso *(Ogun Central)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. *Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters*
   Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*
   "That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Frivolous Petitions Bill, 2016 (SB. 143)".

2. *Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters*
   Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*
   "That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters in respect of a Motion on the Differences in the Content of Section 18 of the Armed Forces Act CAP. A20 LFN 2004 and 2010 respectively".

3. *Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants*
Sen. Adamu Aliero *(Kebbi Central)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants on the Indiscriminate use and abuse of Waivers".

MOTIONS

1. Demise of his Royal Majesty Omo N'oba N'edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Eradiauwa, CFR, the Oba of Benin.
Sen. Matthew A. Urhoghide *(Edo South)*

Co-Sponsors:
Sen. Francis Alimikhena
Sen. Clifford Ordia

The Senate:

Notes with grief, the passing of His Royal Majesty, Omo N'Oba N'Edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Erediauwa CFR, the Oba of Benin to the great beyond to be with his Ancestors as announced by the Iyase of Benin Kingdom, Chief Sam Igbe MFR, on Friday, 29th April, 2016. He reigned for 37 years;

Aware that the Oba of Benin had his Primary School Education in the famous Government Primary School, Benin City from where he proceeded to the prestigious Edo College, Benin City in 1937 as one of the pioneer students of the institution and later transferred to the prestigious Government College Ibadan. After his graduation from Government College Ibadan, he went to Yaba College, Lagos for his higher Post Secondary education which was the highest Post Secondary School in Nigeria, as at then;

Notes further that in 1948, he proceeded to the Cambridge University, United Kingdom where he graduated with a degree in Law and Administration. He was a member of the Cambridge University Soccer team in the early 1950s;

Observes that young Prince Solomon Akenzua returned to Nigeria in 1952 and joined the Colonial Civil Service where he worked extensively in the Eastern Region of Nigeria as an Assistant District Officer serving as a judge in land cases as well as in the administration of the district;

Observes further that in 1965, Prince Solomon Akenzua decided to transfer to the Federal Civil Service in Lagos where he rose to the rank of Permanent Secretary. In 1968 he was the substantive Federal Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Power and Steel. During his Federal Civil Service career he worked closely with the former Nigeria Military Head of State, General Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi and General Yakubu Gowon respectively;

Aware that following the events of January 15, 1966 he was appointed by the then Head of State to serve as the Secretary of the Board of Enquiry in the crisis of 1966;

Notes that crown Prince Solomon Akenzua as Permanent Secretary (Cabinet Office) accompanied the then Head of State, General Yakubu Gowon to the Aburi conference in Ghana where he served as Secretary;

Notes further that after the Nigerian Civil War, Prince Solomon Akenzua as super Permanent Secretary moved to the Ministry of Health before retiring from the Federal Civil Service in 1973;

Notes further that in the early 1970 when Papau New Guinea was about to gain independence from Australia, she requested for Nigeria to send a seasoned administrator whose career spanned the colonial pre-independence to post independence period. Prince Solomon Akenzua was sent to Papau New Guinea to present series of lectures and tutorials at Conferences for the civil servants of that country;

Observes that after crown Prince Akenzua's retirement in 1973, he worked as the Regional Representative of Gulf Oil until 1975 when he left to take up appointment as Commissioner of Finance in the then Bendel State. He resigned as Commissioner of Finance, Bendel State in 1977 and was crowned the Oba of Benin on March 23, 1979 as the Omo N'Oba N'Edo, Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Erediauwa the Oba of Benin;

Observes that Oba Erediauwa upon ascending the throne quickly established himself as a wise manager of human affairs in the huge Benin Kingdom and his astuteness earned him respect and admiration of virtually every segment of his vast domain and beyond;

Aware that the greatest characteristics of the late Oba were the friendship he cultivated across religion, ethnic and tribal divide throughout his reign. The period witnessed phenomenal changes in the economic, socio-political and educational infrastructures of the Benin Kingdom;

Notes that it is the dignity and wisdom that the late Oba Eradiuwa brought to bear in the administration of Benin kingdom that invested his reign with much respect and admiration and a grateful nation bestowed on him the national honour of the Commander of the Federal Republic of Nigeria(CFR);

Observes that as the 38th Oba of Benin Kingdom, Oba Erediauwa CFR was a great patriot and peace maker of all times. He held many prominent positions amongst which are Chairman, Bendel Traditional Council, Chairman Edo State Traditional Council, the Chancellor of Nigeria Premier University, University of Ibadan between 1986 to 1994. He was the Chairman of the movement for the creation of Edo State in 1991;

Notes also that Oba Erediauwa CFR was a recipient of other several academic, national and international honours and awards, such as Honorary Doctor of Laws Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria;

Notes also that the late Oba Erediuwa will no doubt be fondly remembered for having kept faith as custodian of the rich cultural and traditional heritage of the Binis and the preserver of the kingdom as an ancient and historic city; and

Observes that his demise is a monumental loss. He will not only be missed by his family, people and kingdom of Benin, but Nigeria as a whole.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Observe one minute silence in honour of the late Royal Majesty Oba Erediauwa CFR, the Oba of Benin; and

ii. Send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to commiserate and condole with the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness the Edaiken of Uselu, Prince Eheneden Erediauwa, the Benin Royal Family, the good people of Benin Kingdom, and the Government of Edo State.

2. Fire Incident involving victims of insurgency from Nigeria in Gagamari Refugee Camp, Diffa State, Niger Republic.
Sen. Abubakar Kyari *(Borno North)*

Co-Sponsors:
Sen. Ali Ndume
Sen. Baba Kaka Bashir Garbai

The Senate:

Aware that the current insurgency in the North-East has led to massive dislocation of the populace who are in several Internally Displaced Persons' (IDPs) camps nationwide and in Niger Republic, Chad and Cameroon since 2009;

Recall that attacks by Boko Haram insurgents increased dramatically from mid-2014 causing an unprecedented displacement of over 3 million people who were forced to flee to other parts of the country and at least about 150,000 persons have taken refuge in neighbouring Chad, Niger and Cameroon as refugees;

Saddened that the refugees, majority of whom are women and children are faced with a range of threats to their physical safety and restrictions on their freedom of movement. Their homes, businesses and farms have been destroyed with nowhere to go, causing them to live and scramble for the limited resources with the host community;

Aware that the efforts of the Federal Government to contain the insurgency has been largely successful, as the Internally Displaced People have started going back to their areas of abode;

Saddened that on Monday, 25th April, 2016 at about 4:00 pm, there was a fire incident that razed the whole Gagamari Refugee Camp, Diffa State, Niger Republic where over 4,000 Nigerians were further displaced, living without shelter, food, water, etc.;

Saddened further that in the inferno, three Nigerian children lost their lives with an aged woman sustaining severe injuries among the over 120,000 Nigerians refugees currently in Niger Republic; and

Notes further that the Governor of Diffa has paid a solidarity visit to the affected camp and provided some relief materials.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) *Urge* the Federal Government to provide immediate relief materials such as food, shelter, clothing, water, etc. to the affected Nigerians in Gagamari refugee camp;

(ii) *Urge* the Federal Government to galvanise the public and private sector to relocate the refugees back to their homes in Nigeria; and

(iii) *Urge* the Federal Government to sustain the tempo of the fight against terrorism to bring an end to the Boko Haram insurgency.

3. The demise of six (6) prominent medical doctors and their driver from Ekiti State in a ghastly motor accident along Abuja - Kaduna road.

Sen. Duro Faseyi *(Ekiti North)*

The Senate:

Notes with grief, the demise of six medical doctors and their driver, from Ekiti State, in a ghastly motor accident on Sunday, 24th April, 2016, on their way to the 54th Annual conference of the Nigerian Medical Association in Sokoto State;

The six doctors who lost their lives in active service to mankind were:

Dr. Aladesanmi of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Ido-Ekiti;

Dr. Ojo Taiwo of Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH);

Dr. Akinyele Lexy, Secretary, NMA;

Dr. Ogunseye of Ekiti State Health Management Board (HMB);

Dr. Olajide, President, EKSUTH Association of Resident Doctors (ARD);

Dr. Adeniyi James of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Ido Ekiti; and

Mr. Ajibola, their driver.

Disturbed that road accident remain the leading cause of death in Nigeria year in year out;

Further disturbed that this unfortunate incident involving a 13 - Seater passenger bus happened almost at the same spot where the late Mr. James Ocholi (SAN), a serving Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria died alongside his wife, son and driver recently in a motor accident. This is indeed one loss too many;

Worried that lack of proper emergency response facilities for critical trauma cases and the non - availability of medical doctors on hand at Doka General Hospital, where they were rushed to, resulted in the regrettable and premature death of these doctors; and

Alarmed that this incident has further cast a huge shadow over the entire health sector in the country, as this incident happened at a time when all medical facilities in the country are short of well trained personnel, bearing in mind that the deceased doctors were all experts in different field of medical practice.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Observe one minute silence in honour of the departed medical doctors and their driver;

ii. Condole with the families of the departed, the government and people of Ekiti State, Nigerian Medical Association and also prays for the quick recovery for the survivors;

iii. Urge the Federal government and relevant government Agencies to set up ambulance services along our major highways;

iv. Urge the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) to step up public enlightenment campaign on the use of the highway codes and safe motoring; and

v. Mandate the Ministry of Works and FERMA to ensure that a renewed vigour is directed to the maintenance and reconstruction of all portions of our roads that have become more or less a death trap to the motoring public.

4. Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability.
Sen. Mustapha Bukar *(Katsina North).*

The Senate:

Notes with dismay that the impact of the National Programs for socio-economic development and the associated CBN interventions have been negligible and ineffectual due to poor conception, insufficient coverage, lack of awareness, poor implementation framework, lack of stakeholder buy-in commitment, and dearth of rural infrastructure to support the strategy, amongst others;

Aware of the strong correlation between poverty, gender, literacy and financial inclusiveness, and that the bulk of the financially excluded reside in remote locations of which 60% of them are female, while 40% have little or no formal education;

Further recalls that the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) was launched on 2nd October, 2012 and the various CBN-anchored interventions towards improving the levels of financial inclusion in the country have already come on stream;

Observes that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by Nigeria alongside 193 other countries in September 2015, will not be attainable by the 2030 timeline if a significant proportion of our population have little or no access to financial services that support economic empowerment;

Equally aware that financial inclusion contributes to National Economic Development by boosting savings, investments, exports, foreign exchange earnings, production of goods and services, viability of the financial services industry, thereby promoting social security and stability; and

Worried that locally-driven social initiatives and programmes will fall significantly short of achieving their objectives if the primary targets who are mainly in the financially excluded segment of society are unable to access such benefits, thereby pushing them further into poverty.

Accordingly Resolves to:

i. *Urge* the Federal Government to invest in enabling infrastructure in the Telecommunications and Power sectors to facilitate extending financial services to the Financially Excluded segments of the society;

ii. *Direct* the Committees on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions and Industries to liaise with the relevant Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to prioritize financial Inclusion by designing suitable programmes and strategies to extend the current frontiers of Financial Inclusion to cover all regions and segments of the society;

iii. *Urge* the CBN to take proactive measures to enhance financial inclusion through increased rural banking and financial services, especially in the disadvantaged states and local governments, by specifically requiring all Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) to develop and extend suitable products and channels to financially excluded segments of the society within 24 months; and

iv. *Direct* the Committee on Constitution Review to consider enshrining Financial Inclusiveness as a basic citizens right under Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc.) Act 2002, and for other related matters, 2016 (HB. 29) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

2. A Bill for an Act to establish the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of Nigeria to provide for the control of its membership and to promote and foster the practice of the Arts and Science of Management Accountancy in the Federation and for other purposes connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 236) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Barnabas Gemade *(Benue North East).*

3. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University, Wukari and to make comprehensive provisions for Due Management and Administration and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 273) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha *(Taraba South).*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Peace and Reconciliation	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	1.00pm	Meeting Room 4.15 Senate New Building
2. Public Accounts	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	2.00pm	Meeting Room 305 Senate New Building
3. Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	2.00pm	Meeting Room 120 Senate New Building
4. Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	12.00noon	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
5. Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	3.30pm	Meeting Room 312 Senate New Building

6. TETFUND and Tertiary Institutions	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	10.00am	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
7. Banking, Insurance other Financial Institutions	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
8. Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Tuesday, 17th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
9. Marine Transport	Wednesday, 18th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
10. Drugs and Narcotics	Wednesday, 18th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
11. Science and Technology and Defence	Tues. 17th & Wed. 18th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
12. TETFUND and Tertiary Institutions	Wednesday, 18th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
13. Employment, Labour & Productivity and Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Wednesday, 18th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building

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