



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

Tuesday, 20th February, 2018

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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4. Announcements (if any)
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Raw Materials Research and Development Council (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 593) - *First Reading*
Senate Leader.
2. NDIC Act CAP N102 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 626) - *First Reading*
Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*).
3. Nigerian Council for Psychologists (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 625) - *First Reading*
Sen. Murray- Bruce Ben (*Bayelsa East*).
4. Federal Polytechnic Langtang, Plateau State (est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 627) - *First Reading*
Sen. Jeremiah T. Useni (*Plateau South*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Re-committal of Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).

The Senate:

Recalls that the Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 was passed by the Senate on Thursday, 16th June, 2016 after the Third Reading;

Aware that the Harmonized Bill was adopted by the Senate on Thursday, 27th July, 2017 and forwarded to the Clerk to the National Assembly for further legislative action;

Notes that after critical examination of the Bill, the Legal Services Directorate observed that Clause 11(4) and (6) were in conflict:

- (i) Sub-clause (4) stipulates that the Clerk to the National Assembly shall chair the National Assembly Tender's Board; while

- (ii) Sub-clause (6) provides that the same Clerk shall be the Secretary of the National Assembly Board;

Relying on order 1(b) of the Senate Standing Order 2015 as amended,

Accordingly resolves to:

Refer the Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 to the Conference Committee that worked on it earlier for further legislative action.

2. Urgent need to investigate NNPC, Nigerian Agip Oil Company IPP Security Account.

Sponsor: Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern the operation of an account by the NNPC/Agip Oil Company;

Observes that the account opened with the name- NNPC/ Nigerian Agip Oil Company IPP Security account with address NNPC Garki, Herbert Macaulay Way is domiciled in First Bank Nigeria Plc with account number 2006367288;

Observes also that the opening balance was ₦31, 704, 807, 979.2 with a closing balance of ₦34, 423, 738, 086.4 as at 25th April, 2017;

Aware that there has been lodgment and withdrawals since January, 2017;

Observes that a lot of questions are begging for answers as regards this account –

- a. The objectives of the account?
- b. The Signatories to the Account?
- c. Is the account known to the Federal Government?
- d. What are the sources of the account's fund?

Convinced that there is an urgent need to investigate the rationale behind the operation of this account,

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Public Accounts to carry out a holistic investigation into the activities of the operation of this account and report back within four (4) weeks.

3. Urgent need to establish more Rehabilitation Centers across the country.

Sponsor: Sen. Jeremiah Timbut Useni CFR (*Plateau South*)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Joshua Dariye Chibi (*Plateau Central*)
 Sen. Danjuma La'ah (*Kaduna South*)
 Sen. Akume George (*Benue North West*)
 Sen. Suleiman O. Hunkuyi (*Kaduna North*)
 Sen. Gilbert Nnaji (*Enugu East*)

Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)

Sen. Philip I. Gyunka (*Nasarawa North*)

Sen. Utazi Chukwuka (*Enugu North*)

Sen. Jang Jonah (*Plateau North*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern that drugs and substance abuse have become the order of the day in all parts of the country with the attendant negative consequences which include criminal activities such as armed robbery, rape etc;

Worried that at least 50% of all addicts are likely to bear children with the same addictive traits in their offspring unless and until they undergo professional drugs cessation rehabilitation;

Further worried that drugs and substances abuse affect intelligence which has gross negative effect in a person's development across physical interpersonal social daily life which retards his basic achievements and therefore devastating multiple effects on the society;

Convinced that rehabilitation centres, if increased will be able to address quite a number of issues both in the short term and the long term including professional rehabilitation of drug addicts, diagnosis of children on childhood psychological disorders, personality functioning for adults, intelligence (I.Q) testing;

Further convinced that increased in the number of these centres will go a long way to reduce drugs related issues such as, impairment of memory, judgment, irritability, paranoid, suicidal ideation (suggestions to commit suicide), agitation or aggressiveness among the youths;

Aware that the unemployed graduates who are holding certificates in psychiatry, public health and community health will be absolved by these centres,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the federal Government through the ministry of health to establish Rehabilitation centre in each Local Government Area of the country; and
 - ii. Mandate Committee on Health to ensure that the federal Government gives the centres the needed attention when established.
4. Urgent need to look into the killings that took place in Zurmi L.G.A of Zamfara State.

Sponsor: Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura (Zamfara North)

The Senate:

Notes that cross border banditry has brought Nigeria's frail security system to the lime light having triggered an orgy of violence in Zamfara State which left 39 people dead in Zurmi LGA on Wednesday 14th February 2018;

Recalls that following a motion that I moved on the 23rd of November 2017 on the "Urgent need to look into the killings and arson that took place in Shinkafi L.G.A of Zamfara State" as a result of which the Senate suspended plenary to discuss the deterioration of Internal Security in Nigeria, which led to the recently concluded Security summit;

Regrets that despite the notice and warnings to the Law enforcement agencies on the impending attack by the Zamfara State Government 24 hours before the attack no precaution was taken to avert the unfortunate event;

Aware that Zamfara State Government has over the years taken a lot of measures to bring an end to the Menace including but not limited to providing logistics to security agencies as well as engaging the bandits on dialogue with a promise of laying down their arms to be reintegrated back into the society;

Also aware that the Federal Government since the last Shinkafi attack had deployed 1 Battalion of the Nigerian Army in the troubled area. In addition to the directives given by the President to security agencies to identify and bring the perpetrators to book;

Concerned that Hundreds of lives have been lost to such attacks in the State over the last four years;

Worried that the latest attacks have caused fears across the State, especially around rural communities who have had similar experiences in the past and are helpless;

Saddened that these security breaches are on the increase despite the huge resources being expended by the Federal and Zamfara State Governments,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Observe* a minute Silence for the dead victims of these horrendous attacks;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to direct the Nigerian Air force to use air surveillance to identify the location of the armed bandits within the sparse forest and flush them out;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to mount diplomatic pressure on Niger republic and Chad to forestall criminals from using their territories to launch attack on Nigeria;
- iv. *Urge* Zamfara State Government to upgrade, recruit and generously fund state and local vigilance teams with the aim of improving security in the affected areas; and
- v. *Call* on NEMA to immediately send relief materials to the affected area in Zurmi L.G.A of Zamfara State.

5. The revitalization of Primary Health Care System across Nigeria.

Senator Duro Faseyi (*Ekiti North*)

The Senate:

Notes with worry the worsening state of the primary health care facilities across the country;

Alarmed that Nigeria loses over 2300 children under the age of five and 145 women on daily basis due to poor state and inadequate number of primary health care facilities in the country, according to reports by World Health Organization and UNICEF;

Alarmed further that less than 20 percent of the nation's rural population have access to primary health care facility, an initiative conceived fundamentally to take health care services to the doorsteps of the local communities, in so doing, addressing the immediate health needs of the people;

Notes and as buttressed by Professor Eytayo Lambo, former Minister of Health that if the primary healthcare delivery system were functioning well with effective referral system, the primary health care system should be able to resolve the health problems of at least 70% of the people, compared to the less than 20% of the population that have access to it;

Observes that between 2014 and 2015, the federal government spent well over N2billion for the building of primary health centres across the country resulting in the award of 91 contracts but regrettably most of the health care centres have either been abandoned or locked without being used or worse still, lacking in equipment, drugs and relevant personnel;

Notes that there is obvious disconnect between the relevant agencies of the federal government and those of the states and local councils where the primary health care centres are sited;

Worried that the federal government's agenda of ensuring adequate provision of primary health care facilities and services may run into a serious hitch, given the critical challenges enumerated above,

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Urge* the federal government to take immediate and concrete steps to ensure that all the health centres are functional and operating at full capacity;

- (i) *Direct* relevant federal government agencies to build urgent linkages, cooperation and partnership with corresponding bodies at state and local council levels and also the community leaders where the primary health care facilities are located for the accomplishment of shared goals and enhanced results;
- (ii) *Urge* the federal government to ensure that at least two primary health centres are established and functioning at full capacity in each political ward in the country as against one announced by the government; and
- (iii) *Mandate* the appropriate Committee to monitor compliance and report back to the Senate in six weeks.

6. Urgent Need to repair and Rehabilitate Inter-State roads in Nigeria

Senator Chukwuka Utazi (Enugu North)

Co-Sponsors: Senator Atai Aidoko (Kogi East) and Senator Stella Ada Oduah (Anambra North)

This Senate:

Aware that Nigeria has the second longest network of roads in Africa, after South Africa, with over 200,000 kilometers of roads in the country;

Believes that roads are important for communications, social integration, economic development and defence access, as roads in Nigeria account for more than 95% of the movement of people, goods and services.

Aware that road as a major infrastructure signposts the performance of a government in terms of provision of facilities to improve the quality of life of the citizenry and it is one of the instruments to bolster economic growth because building roads has many associated activities that spin into other facets of life;

Concerned that decaying road infrastructure, with poor maintenance culture, is one of the major developmental challenges Nigeria is facing;

Saddened that the poor maintenance of roads has led to loss of precious man-hours, vehicular disrepair, high accident rates and high fatalities, ambushes by criminals and rapists, and other socio-economic frustrations;

Believes that an improved maintenance of Nigerian roads would lead to more social and economic interaction, facilitate integration, encourage commercial activities, provide a means for the evacuation of agricultural produce that abound in the hinterlands but which rot for lack of access to markets, improve demographic relations and raise the quality of lives of the people, and that interstate roads, particularly, encourage cooperation and communication among the various parts of the country;

Informed that the Idah-Odolu-Nsukka-Adani-Otuocho-Onitsha road, which traverses the three States of Kogi, Enugu and Anambra, and which is in total disrepair is a commercial, cultural and social link between the peoples of the area through which the road passes;

Saddened that the road has been awarded to various contractors and huge funds released to them by the federal government without any appreciable job done on the road, with many sections of the road impassable;

Convinced that an injection of funds for the repair and rehabilitation of the road either by FERMA or the Main Ministry of Works, and other roads of that characteristic across the country, would have a serious impact on the developmental ambitions of the country and improve cross-country relations;

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Federal Government to ensure the rehabilitation and repair of inter-state roads in Nigeria in the 2018 fiscal year;*
- ii. Mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the award and execution of the Idah-Odolu-Nsukka-Adani-Otuocho-Onitsha federal road which has been in a state of total disrepair; and*
- iii. Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, FERMA, to, as an interim measure, begin immediate repair of the bad portions of the Idah-Odolu-Nsukka-Adani-Otuocho-Onitsha federal road to make it motorable pending when full rehabilitation works can commence.*

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. National Agricultural Seeds Council Bill, 2018 (HB. 472) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North-Senate Leader).
2. Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (HB. 973) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North-Senate Leader).
3. National Security Agencies Protection of Officers' Identity Bill, 2018 (HB. 830) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North-Senate Leader).

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND
Federal Polytechnics Act and for other related Matters 2018 (SB. 241)
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (Kano North)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND on the Federal Polytechnics Act and for other related Matters 2018 (SB. 241).
2. Report of the Committee on Finance
Stamp Duties Act CAP S8 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 889)
Sen. John Owan Enoh (Cross River Central)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Finance on the Stamp Duties Act CAP S8 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 889).
3. Report of the Committee on Niger Delta
2017 Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Budget Estimates
Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi (Delta North)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Niger Delta on the 2017 Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Budget Estimates.

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Information and National Orientation	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	1.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
2.	Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018	1.30pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018 (Investigative Hearing)	11:00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
4.	Defence	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building

5.	Science and Technology	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018 (Public Hearing)	12:00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
6.	Communications	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
7.	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	1.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
8.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 20 th February, 2018	12.00Noon	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
9.	Nigerian Air Force	Wednesday, 21 st February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	11:00am	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
10.	Power, Steel Dev. And Metallurgy	Wednesday, 21 st February, 2018	2.30pm	Meeting Room 431 Senate New Building
11.	Joint Committee on Banking, Insurance & other Financial Institutions, Capital Market And Security & Intelligence	Thursday, 22 nd February, 2018 (Investigative Hearing)	1.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
12.	Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Thursday, 22 nd February, 2018 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
13.	Local Content	Thursday, 22 nd February, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building