



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

Tuesday, 27th March, 2018

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

1. Electoral Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 645) – *First Reading*
Sen. Suleiman M. Nazif (*Bauchi North*).
2. Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act CAP R4 LFN 2004 (Repeal) Bill, 2018 (SB. 646) – *First Reading*
Sen. Hope Uzodinma (*Imo West*).

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Conference Committee Report
Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 (SB. 22).
Sen. Obinna Ogbu (*Ebonyi Central*)
-That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee report on the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 (SB. 22) -*To be laid.*
2. Report of the Committee on Primary Healthcare and Communicable disease
National Centre for Disease Control Prevention (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 256)
Sen. Mao Oluabunwa (*Abia North*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Health on the National Centre for Disease Control Prevention (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 256) - *To be Laid.*
3. Report of the Committee on Defence
Influx of Refugees from the Republic of Cameroon to some border communities in Cross River State
Sen. Abubakar Kyari (*Borno North*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Defence on the motion in respect of the Influx of Refugees from the Republic of Cameroon to some border communities in Cross River State and its attendant security fallout- *To be Laid.*
4. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of Arrest Episodes of Tuesday 21st November, 2017 between Officers of EFCC, NIA and DSS
Sen. Francis Alimikhena (*Edo North*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of Arrest Episodes of Tuesday 21st November, 2017 between Officers of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Nigeria Intelligence Agency and Directorate of State Security Services - *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The urgent need to include the Eastern Rail Lines in the Nigerian Railway Development Project.

Sponsor: Sen. Victor C. Umeh (*Anambra Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that inclusiveness is the essence of governance in a *democracy* which is further buttressed by the provisions of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) which categorically states in Section 15 Sub-sections 3(a) and 4:

“(3) For the purpose of promoting national integration, it shall be the duty of the state to –

(a) Provide adequate facilities for and encourage free mobility of people, goods and services throughout the Federation; ...

(4) The state shall foster a feeling of belonging and of involvement among the various people of the Federation, to the end that loyalty to the nation shall override sectional loyalties”;

Notes that the Eastern Narrow Rail Lines of the Nigerian Railways (originating from Port-Harcourt going through South-East to the Northern parts of Nigeria) are now in a deplorable condition notwithstanding the Federal Government's rekindled determination to resuscitate the nation's Rail Transport System;

Notes Further that presently the Eastern Rail Lines are not in use and trains no longer ply these routes in moving people and goods in and out of the old Eastern Region leading to decline in economic activities;

Observes that the deplorable condition of the Eastern Rail Lines of the Nigerian Railways has increased the cost of transportation, commodities and job creation in Nigeria, bearing in mind that modern rail transport system is one of the fastest, safest and easiest means of transporting people and commodities from one destination to another, as well as offering employment to many of the citizens of the country;

Further Observes that in the past livestock and other farm produce were transported easily from the Northern parts of Nigeria to the Eastern parts by train. With the closure of the Eastern Rail Lines, the cost of transporting people, goods and services by road has risen astronomically;

Worried that in the process of developing a modern Rail Transport System that will enhance economic growth and development in Nigeria, the Federal Government's current Railway Modernization Project has excluded the Eastern Rail Lines;

Further worried by the non-inclusion of the Eastern Rail Lines which connects the Eastern parts of the country to the Northern parts of the country in the 2018 Budget proposal and recent approved \$6.8 Billion Dollar foreign loan dedicated to this Programme;

Convinced that the people of the South-East and South-South of Nigeria will continue to feel neglected if the Eastern Rail Lines' outdated narrow gauge rails are not converted to standard gauge Rails;

Further Convinced that the Senate's intervention in reviving the Eastern Railways will foster sustainable socioeconomic relationship with the people of the South-East, South-South and other parts of Nigeria, promote national integration, ultimately boost the Nigerian economy and give a sense of belonging to users of the Eastern Rail Lines.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Call on the Federal Government to restore Services on the Eastern Rail Lines which is currently out of use;
- ii. Call on the Federal Government to include the Eastern Rail Lines in its on-going Railway Standardization Programme and reflect same in 2018 Appropriation Bill for implementation; and

- iii. Urge the Federal Government to include the Eastern Rail Lines of the Nigerian Railways as one of the beneficiaries of the \$6.8 Billion Dollars loan approved towards the Standardization and Modernization of the Nigerian Railways.

2. Need to address recurring mass failure in West African Examination Council examination results.

Sponsor: Sen. Umaru I. Kurfi (*Katsina Central*)

Notes that there are established recurring cases of mass failure of West African Examination Council examination results in the country since 2009 or thereabout which is embarrassing to the nation and prejudicial to the interest of Nigerian secondary school students and parents;

Further notes that the WAEC failure rates continued to increase each year as evidence of failure of measures taken, if any, by the education authorities over the years;

Worried that in both 2009 and 2010 WAEC, only 25.99 and 24.94 percent respectively passed with 5 credits including Mathematics and English, while the remaining others constituting 70 % failed;

Further worried that in 2011 May/June WAEC, only 86,612 out of 1,540,250 candidates that participated in the examinations got credits in Mathematics and English Language;

Further worried that in 2012 May/June WAEC, only 649,159 out of 1,672,224 candidates that wrote the examinations which represents just 38.81 percent got 5 credits and above including in the core subjects of Mathematics and English language;

Disturbed that in 2013 WAEC, only 29.17 percent candidates actually passed the Nov/Dec WAEC examinations while 70 percent failed;

Alarmed that in both 2017 and 2018 recent January / February private examinations, only 26.01 percent and 17.13 percent candidates have passed with 5 credits including Mathematics and English language respectively , while the remaining over 70 percent candidates have failed;

Regrets that the anticipated bright future of Nigeria may continue to be bleak if urgent action is not taken to address the recurring mess facing the education sector and indeed the future generation of Nigerian leaders,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Direct the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) to summon the Hon. Minister of Education and the Head , National Office of the West African Examination Council (WAEC) and any relevant stakeholder connected with this problem for interactive session to identify the causes of WAEC recurring mass failure rate and recommend appropriate measures to overcome the challenge ; and
- ii. Direct the Committee to submit a comprehensive report to the Senate within one month.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Housing
Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2018 (SB. 216)
 Sen. Barnabas Gemade (*Benue North-East*)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Housing on the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2018 (SB. 216) Adjourned Consideration 15th March, 2018 (Clause 14).
2. 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 Mr. Nnochiri Anosike Igbokaike against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Over His Wrongful Dismissal from Service for Alleged Misconduct;

- b. Petition from Agboola Olawale Matthew against the Police Service Commission (PSC) for Alleged Denial of Police Training and Eventual Employment;
- c. Petition from Lynda Orie Ukpo against the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) for Alleged Unlawful Termination of Her Appointment by the Corps;
- d. Petition from P.C. Onang Inamang against the Nigeria Police Force for Inappropriate Placement in the Force;
- e. Petition from Mr. Tochukwu Dunu against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for His Unlawful Arrest and Detention; and Fraudulent Sale of His Tanker Truck Loaded with Petroleum Product;
- f. Petition from Eagle-Eyes Network Chambers on Behalf of G. Cappa Plc against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for Refusal of the Corporation to Effect Payment of the Outstanding Financial Claim for the Construction and Handing Over of Blocks "B" and "C" of NNPC Towers, Abuja;
- g. Petition from Mr. Donald E. Ovie against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for Alleged Wrongful Disengagement from the Corporation;
- h. Petition from PC Ohadaka Ifeanyichukwu against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for Alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Force;
- i. Petition from Insp. Festus O. Mrakpor against the Police Service Commission (PSC) for Wrongful Dismissal from Service over Alleged Misconduct; and
- j. Petition from Mr. Lawrence Opiti Ogbeni against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for Alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Corporation.

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Capital Market	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
3.	Ad-hoc Committee on the Increased Spate of Political Intimidation and Violence in Kogi Central Senatorial District	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018	1.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
4.	Marine Transport	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Local Content	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
6.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018	1.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
7.	Niger Delta	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018	1.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
8.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 27 th March, 2018 (Investigative Hearing)	1.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
9.	Capital Market	Thursday, 29 th March, 2018 (Conference Meeting)	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building