SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 1st June, 2016

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Land Transport
Nigerian Railway Corporation Act 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 01).
Sen. Olugbenga Ashafa *(Lagos East).*
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Land Transport on the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 01) – *To be laid.*

2. Report of the Committee on Public Procurement
Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 232 and SB. 238).
Sen. Joshua Dariye *(Plateau Central).*
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 232 and SB. 238) – *To be laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. *2016 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)*
Sen. Mohammed Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader).*
"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, C-in-C on the 2016 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in accordance with Section 18 (1) of the Niger Delta Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act CAP N86 LFN 2011".

2. *2016 Budget Proposal for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja*
Sen. Mohammed Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader).*
"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, C-in-C on the 2016 Budget Proposal for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja".

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Lottery Act 2005 to make provisions for effective operation of Lottery in Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 227) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)*

2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council and matters related thereto, 2016 (SB. 239) – *Second Reading.*
Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*

3. A Bill for an Act to amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board Act; and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 245) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Joshua Lidani *(Gombe South)*

4. A Bill for an Act to establish Postgraduate Physiotherapy College of Nigeria to be charged with the responsibility of promoting professional physiotherapy education, providing specialist in physiotherapy with critical thinking and creative problem solving skills, and prepare knowledge, skilled, culturally competent, compassionate and reflective physiotherapy practitioners in the study and practice of physiotherapy in Nigeria and for related matters, 2016 (SB. 204) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Sam Anyanwu *(Imo East).*

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Remediation of Lead Poisoning in Shikira Community of Niger State, Nigeria
Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East)*
Co-Sponsors: *All Distinguished Senators*

The Senate:

Aware that there was a lead outbreak epidemic that recorded 65 cases way back in May, 2015 in a small rural mining community in Rafi Local Government of Niger State, where more than 28 children had died of suspected lead poisoning in two villages of Ungwar Magiro and Ungwar Kawo;

Shocked at the survey results of the Federal Ministry of Health confirming that of all 149 children under 5 years of age tested for lead, 80% had > 45 mcg/dL (the threshold above which chelation is indicated in a clean environment);

Worried that environmental testing of residential buildings during the same survey indicated severe contamination of the environment;

Notes that a complete environmental assessment recently conducted in the two villages calls for urgent remediation;

Aware that a preliminary remediation plan and budget have been developed by experts and awaits funding by the Federal Government;

Observes that early childhood exposure to lead has been linked to violent criminal behavior later in early adult life. In addition, it is estimated that childhood lead exposure is costing developing countries $992 billion annually due to reductions in IQs and earning potential, according to a new study published recently;

Notes with keen interest that Africa's economy is harmed the most, with annual economic losses estimated at $137.7 billion or 4 percent of its gross domestic product – a number that represents a country's economic output and financial health;

Commends Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders - MSF), Kagara General Hospital, Connected Development (CODE) and other organizations who have been on ground to advocate, manage and help in the lead poisoning cases; and

Convinced that given the potential of lead poisoning to irrevocably inflict long term neurocognitive deficits on generations, there is need to urgently address this issue of national import.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Call* upon the Federal Government (Ministry of Health, Solid Minerals and Environment) to urgently remediate the environment, treat all cases and promote safer mining programmes for artisanal miners;

ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to urgently approve and release the needed intervention funds from the Ecological Funds Office for urgent remediation to help save Shikira; and

iii. *Urge* the Senate Committee on Solid Minerals to review the 2007 Mining Act to reflect present realities in the sector as it affects local communities and artisanal miners.

2. Implementation of compulsory insurance in Nigeria as provided in the "Insurance Act and Regulation, 2003".
Sen. Ahmed Salau Ogembe *(Kogi Central)*

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege	Sen. Bala Ibn Na'Allah
Sen. Isa Hamma Misau	Sen. Matthew Urhoghide
Sen. Phillip Aruwa Gyunka	Sen. Chukwuka G. Utazi
Sen. Biodun Olujimi	Sen. Dino Melaye

The Senate:

Notes that the "INSURANCE ACT AND REGULATION 2003" expressly provides for compulsory insurance schemes namely: (i) The Third Party Motor/vehicle insurance (ii) Building under construction insurance (iii) Group Life insurance (iv) Public buildings insurance (v) Workman Compensation insurance (vi) professional indemnity insurance;

Further notes that these insurance schemes are made mandatory to take care of third party liabilities arising from the actions or inactions of a person, group/organizations in the course of their activities;

Worried that the country is grossly under-insured and basically, her citizens do not take advantage of services rendered by this very important sector of the economy as a result of many reasons such as; (a) the existence of unregistered insurance institutions within the system (b) Ignorance and gross knowledge gap (c) Apathy occasioned by several factors including mistrust and fear for the whole concept of insurance (d) Poverty;

Further worried that there are presently fifty-eight (58) insurance companies registered with the National Insurance Commission, yet there are uncountable number of unregistered insurance institutions selling worthless insurance certificates to unsuspecting members of the public. This reprehensible act is mostly manifest in the third party motor/vehicle insurance scheme where such unregistered institutions connive with relevant law enforcement agencies to perpetuate their act;

Aware that of the sixteen million vehicles in Nigeria, only four million are properly insured;

Further aware that section 3(a) (b) and section 4(1-4) of the INSURANCE ACT, 2003, expressly provides the conditions for the registration of an insurance company in Nigeria, yet these provisions are frequently flouted;

Alarmed at the staggering number of Nigerians who seek for help for various reasons including mishaps at workplace, illnesses traceable to occupational hazards, debilitating injuries and even death as a result of motor accidents, injuries and death resulting from building collapse, despite the "Building under construction Insurance" and the "Public Building Insurance" as provided in the Insurance and Regulation Act, 2003;

Further alarmed that these Nigerians often have no choice but to have recourse to both the electronic and print media to seek help which more often, do not produce the expected results;

Convinced that if the "COMPULSORY INSURANCE SCHEMES" are implemented as provided in the INSURANCE ACT, most of these challenges raised would be solved;

Further convinced that insurance is a huge/serious business and its potential in Nigeria as regards solving social and economic problems cannot be over emphasized; and

Determined to make a change in this regard.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) *Mandate* the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other financial institutions to invite all stakeholders in the insurance sector, such as the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM), Registered Insurance Companies in Nigeria, Relevant Law enforcement agencies (FRSC, VIO), to deliberate on ways and means of ensuring the strict implementation and compliance with the six compulsory insurance schemes as provided in the Act and invoke sanctions where necessary;

(ii) *Mandate* NAICOM to properly orientate the public on the Insurance Policies as stipulated in the Act and publish the fifty-eight (58) registered Insurance Companies through sustained enlightenment in the national media; and

(iii) *Urge* the National Assembly to pay more attention to the Insurance sector through appropriate legislation and deliberate actions to raise the status of Insurance in Nigeria to be at par with other sectors such as Banking and Capital Market as well as comply with best practices globally.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Establishment and Public Service and Appropriations	Wednesday, 1st June, 2016 *(Joint Committee)*	1.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
2. Employment, Labour & Productivity and Power, Steel Development & Metallurgy	Wednesday, 1st June, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	12.00noon	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
3. Culture, Tourism and National Orientation	Wednesday, 1st June, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
4. States and Local Government Administration	Wednesday, 1st June, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5. INEC	Wednesday, 1st June, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
6. Agriculture and Rural Development and National Security & Intelligence	Wednesday, 1st June, 2016	*Immediately after Plenary*	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
7. Women Affairs	Wednesday, 1st June, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	10.00a.m	Conference Room 224 Senate New Building
8. Agriculture and Rural Development	Thursday, 2nd June, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	12.00noon	Conference Room 0.22 Senate New Building
9. Science and Technology and Defence	Thursday, 2nd June, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	10.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
10. Health	Friday, 3rd June, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	10.00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building

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