

# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 20th November, 2019

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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- 5. Petitions

# PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Federal Polytechnic Akpabuyo, Cross River State (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 177) First Reading Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South).
- 2. Electoral Act No. 6 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 179) First Reading Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (Benue South).
- 3. Trade Mark Act CAP T13 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 180) First Reading Sen. Shettima, Kashim (Borno Central).
- 4. Police Act CAP P19 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 181) First Reading Sen. Jika, Dauda Halliru (Bauchi Central).
- 5. Police Academy (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 182) First Reading Sen. Jika, Dauda Halliru (Bauchi Central).
- 6. Investment and Security Act CAP I24 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 183) First Reading Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (Ogun Central).
- 7. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2019 (SB. 184) First Reading Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (Anambra Central).
- 8. Institute of Aviation Safety and Management Mbosi, Anambra State (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 186) First Reading Sen. Ubah, Ifeanyi Patrick (Anambra South).
- 9. Constituency Development Catalyst Fund (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 187) First Reading Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (Oyo North).
- 10. National Food Reserve Agency (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 189) First Reading Sen. Adamu, Abdullahi (Nasarawa West).

#### PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Third Ordinary Session (5th Parliament) of the PAN African Parliament Sen. Na'allah, Bala Ibn (*Kebbi South*)

-That the Senate do receive the report of the Third Ordinary Session (5<sup>th</sup> Parliament) of the PAN African Parliament held at the Parliament Building, Gallagher Estate, Midrand, Republic of South Africa from Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 - *To be Laid*.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Act No. 6 2010 and for other related matters, 2019 (SB. 122) - Second Reading

Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (Delta Central).

- 2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and regulation of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, protect persons with mental health needs and establishment of National Commission for Mental and Substance Abuse Services, for the effective management of mental health in Nigeria and for other related matters, 2019 (SB. 66) Second Reading Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (Kwara Central).
- 3. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology Funtua and to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for related matters, 2019 (SB. 150) Second Reading

Sen. Mandiya, Bello (Katsina South).

- 4. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal College of Education, Sabon Birini, Sokoto State and for other matters connected therewith, 2019 (SB. 82) Second Reading Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East).
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Make provisions for the Protection from Internet Falsehood and Manipulations and for related matters, 2019 (SB. 132) Second Reading Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (Niger East).

## **MOTIONS**

1. Urgent need to address the power shortages in Nigeria by including Nuclear Power in Nigeria's Energy mix.

Sponsor: Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (Nasarawa South)

The Senate:

*Notes* that the primary sources of energy for the production of electricity in Nigeria includes Gas, Hydro, Oil and Coal, with current power generation capacity of 7000 Mega Watts;

Further notes that Experts using modern energy modeling tools have estimated that for the Nigerian economy to grow at the rate of 10 percent, the country's electricity requirement by 2020 will need to reach 30,000MW, and by 2030 it will be 78,000MW;

Aware that Nuclear energy is one of cleanest and safest source of energy in the world today and nuclear power generation does not produce greenhouse gases;

Further aware that in 2006, Nigeria ratified critical treaties with International Atomic Energy agency (IAEA) Vienna Austria, with the aim of enabling Nigeria access nuclear power into the country's energy mix;

Recalls that in 2001, the Nigeria Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NNRA) was established by the Federal Government to control and regulate the use of radioactive substances, materials equipment, emitting and generating ionizing radiation;

Further recalls that the Nigeria and Russian Federation signed bilateral agreements on Nuclear Energy cooperation. The recent visit of the President C-in-C to Russia is a move in the right direction to stimulate implementation;

Cognizant that the Nigerian Atomic Energy commission was reactivated with the mandate to drive the processes towards deploying nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and wellbeing of Nigerians;

Further cognizant that the National Energy Policy, which was approved in 2003, along with the National Energy Master plan that was produced in 2007, should be updated and passed into law;

Observes that Billions of Naira were spent towards energy increment by previous administration with no commensurate benefits to Nigeria in improved power generation;

Further observes that the treaties and protocols on nuclear energy ratified by Nigeria which are the legal guaranties for nuclear energy are yet to be domesticated in Nigeria, same having failed to reach 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the Senate in both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly respectively;

Worried that power outages in Nigeria have constituted the major constraint to the development of the manufacturing sector and negatively affect the cost of running business in Nigeria and ultimately the economy of the country; and

Concerned that unless the energy mix in Nigeria is broadened to include Nuclear Energy, the persistent power outages being experienced by the country will not be easy to address.

Accordingly resolved to:

- i. Urge the Federal Government to reposition the Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority to enable it to carry out its mandate of ensuring safety, security safeguards and physical protection of nuclear materials including hazardous waste in Nigeria;
- *ii.* Urge the Federal Government to re-engineer, refocus and recognize the Nigerian Atomic Energy Commission with the mandate to ensure timely contacts and negotiations with nuclear vendors for construction of nuclear power plants with time line;
- iii. Urge the Federal Government to expedite action on the Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards Bill currently with the Senate; and
- iv. Pass into law all treaties and protocols on nuclear energy as ratified by Nigeria.
- 2. Need to promote tourism, to further diversify the Nigerian Economy.

Sponsor: Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central)

**Co-sponsors:** 

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)

Sen. Longjan, Ignatius Datong (Plateau South)

Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (Ogun Central)

Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (Anambra North)

Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (Kwara Central)

Sen. Manager, James Ebiowou (Delta South)

Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (Adamawa Central)

Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)

Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (Ondo Central)

Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (Rivers East)

Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (Akwa-Ibom South)

Sen. Okorocha, Anayo Rochas (Imo West)

Sen. Oko, Rose Okoji (Cross River North)

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (Abia South)

Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South)

Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West)

Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (Lagos West)

Sen. Na'allah, Bala Ibn (Kebbi South)

Sen. Osinowo, Sikiru Adebayo (Lagos East)

Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (Anambra Central)

Sen. Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji (Ekiti North)

Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (Osun East)

The Senate:

Aware that Nigeria depends on crude oil exports and revenues for the bulk of its foreign exchange, to the detriment of other critical sectors;

Also aware that the need to diversify the Nigerian economy to reduce dependence on oil revenues while creating new streams of income has been a core agenda of the President Muhammadu Buhari led administration;

*Notes* that there are several other sectors including but not limited to agriculture, mining, tourism that with adequate investment and reforms, are capable of being major contributors to Nigeria's GDP;

Further Notes that tourism is a global industry that contributes hugely to economies around the world, constituting almost 10 percent of the global GDP at \$8 trillion in 2016, 8.8 percent of the world's jobs, and 5.8 percent of the world's total exports valued at \$1.1 trillion;

Further Aware that Countries who have gone on to improve tourism revenues achieved same by putting in place, measures to encourage and boost tourism;

Aware of Research findings that show that visa restrictions are a major hindrance to full bloom tourism sector in developing countries; and visa liberalization increases substantially, the volume of arrivals;

Notes accordingly, the report of the <u>World Tourism Organization</u>, identifying a visa as 'a money maker, tool to limit immigration, travellers' activities and the duration of their stays, and a national security measure';

Further Notes that the report highlights as follows "If the cost of obtaining a visa ... exceeds a threshold, potential travellers are simply deterred from making a particular journey or choose an alternative destination with less hassle,"

Also aware that the World Travel and Tourism Council estimates the tourism industry in Sub-Saharan Africa to pull in as much as 4 million jobs in the next couple of years;

Aware that many Countries have taken heed of the travellers' plight and simplified their visa processes with Countries like Seychelles and Mauritius offering visa free entry and visa on arrival;

Saddened that Nigeria seems to be doing everything to ensure that tourism development is hampered;

*Notes* that Nigeria has an online visa application/ visa on arrival system which is only open to persons coming into the Country to conduct business;

Further saddened that negative reports of bureaucracy and stringent conditions for issuance of Nigerian visas greatly affect economic receipts;

*Opines* that improved tourism will also create employment opportunities, market for cultural goods, boost the hospitality industry, and increase demand for airport services;

Aware that neighbouring Ghana has recently been touted as the next big tourist destination, with her fifteen (15) yearlong tourism plan, emphasis on slave trade relics and ports, and the afro nation festival; and could be a gateway to promoting tourism in the rest of Africa;

Saddened that Nigeria has all the trappings of huge tourism potential, rich cultural heritage, tropical weather, great array of wildlife and vegetation etc. that are not being maximized to our advantage;

Also saddened that Nigeria has hundreds of kilometres of coastal waters which stretch into beaches, and are in other climes major tourist attractions. It is sad however, that our beaches are packed with filth and pose environmental hazards;

Opines also that the Nigerian Fashion Industry, having garnered global recognition is capable of providing a platform to boost tourism;

Worried that India, the leading consumer of Nigeria's oil, is set to switch its buses to alternative sources of energy in two years; and

Also Worried, in light of OPEC's world outlook, published in 2016, indicating that a global decline in demand for oil is expected from year 2030, about the glee with which we are still focusing on exploration of crude.

Accordingly resolves to:

- *Urge* the Budget office to increase budgetary allocation to the Ministry of culture and tourism;
- ii. Urge the relevant Ministries and Agencies to revamp the various tourist attractions across the Country;
- iii. Urge the Ministry of Environment at various levels of government to create incentives to promote eco-friendly waterfronts to make beaches more tourist friendly; and
- iv. Mandate Committees on Foreign affairs and Culture & Tourism, in collaboration with the Ministers of Foreign affairs and culture and Tourism to organize a stakeholder meeting, to ensure dialogue and discussion of the issues and way forward.
- 3. Urgent need to combat the high rate of Infants Deaths caused by Pneumonia in the Country.

Sponsor: Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (Edo Central)

The Senate:

Aware that Pneumonia is a lung disease condition which can be caused by bacteria, viruses or fungi, which leaves children fighting for breath with their lungs filled with pus and fluid. Children with low immune systems weakened by other infections or by malnutrition and those living in areas with high level of air pollution and unsafe water are more at risk of been infected by the disease;

Worried that about five countries in the world are responsible for more than half of child pneumonia deaths, with Nigeria ranking second after India in the number of deaths arising from Pneumonia; with 162,000 deaths:

Also worried by a report from the Chief Executive Officer "Save the Children Foundation" Kelvin Watkins, published in Daily Trust News Paper of 12th November, 2019, Page 3, that Pneumonia claimed the lives of about 2,000 children in Nigeria under the age of five in 2018 or one child in every three minutes;

Seriously concerned that millions of children are at risk of not celebrating their fifth birthdays as more than 40% one-year-old in Nigeria are unvaccinated and three in four children suffering from pneumonia symptoms do not get access to medical treatment; and

Notes that most pneumonia death can be prevented with vaccines and treated with low-cost antibiotics, such as Amoxicillin DT.

Accordingly resolves to:

- Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to Launch a massive vaccination programme to arrest this i. killer disease; and
- ii. Urge Federal Ministry of Health through its relevant Agencies to make available Amoxicillin DT antibiotics to Health centers round the country to treat the Infection.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee Time No. Date Venue

Wednesday, 20th November, 2019 Power

12.00noon

**Conference Room 231** 

205		(Joint Committee Meeting) Wednesday, 20th November, 2019		Senate New Building 63
2.	Customs, Excise and Tariff	Wednesday, 20th November, 2019	11.00am	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
4.	FCT	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
5.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Thursday, 21 <sup>ST</sup> November, 2019	1.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
6.	Joint Committee on FERMA, Petroleum Downstream & National Planning	Tuesday, 26th November, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
7.	Joint Committee on FERMA, Petroleum Downstream & National Planning	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building

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