



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

Wednesday, 24th May, 2017

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1. **Prayers**
 2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **DISCOs, Electricity Consumers and the Burden of Overbilling.**

Sponsor: Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*)

The Senate:

Worried over the astronomical rise in the Electricity Bills across the country;

Notes that years after the privatization of the power sector, the Distribution Companies (DISCOs) handling the retailing and marketing of electricity in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry have not been able to effectively meter their customers thereby leaving millions of their customers at their mercy through estimated billings;

Notes also that with privatization of the power sector, many Nigerians hoped that things would get better, especially with regards to the improvement of power supply and the quality of services to be rendered;

Laments that the customer had expected upon take-over by the new owners, that metering would be one of the issues that will be urgently addressed to restore confidence in the industry, as this is the only way to determine actual consumption, instead the DISCOs came with astronomical monthly increase in the name of cost reflective tariff;

Saddened that DISCOs prefer to hound consumers with Jaw-dropping estimated Bills by devising means and ways of smartly retrieving meters from customers in order to realize targeted profit margin through the imposition of arbitrary billing system usually referred to as "*Crazy Bills*" by customers;

Observes that a 2 Bedroom or 3 Bedroom Apartment receives a monthly Bill of ₦25, 000 to ₦40, 000 respectively, this will no doubt impact negatively on our fight against corruption as a man on ₦18, 000 monthly minimum wage with electricity Bill of ₦25, 000 monthly, will do anything possible to settle his electricity bills;

Aware that available and affordable electricity is supposed to be a right and not a privilege as section 14 (2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended stipulates that "the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government";

Notes also that electricity customers without meters are now at the mercy of the DISCOs with very little or no protection for them from the Regulator, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC),

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Mandate the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy to look into the astronomical electricity billings by Discos across the country; and
- ii. Urge the National Electricity Regulatory Commission to assume its responsibilities by prevailing on the DISCOs to desist forthwith the practice of estimated or arbitrary billing system so that the customer can have value for his money.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Customs and Excise
Nigerian Customs Service Management Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 247)
Sen. Hope Uzodinma (Imo West)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Customs and Excise on the Nigerian Customs Service Management Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 247).
2. Report of the Committee on Sports
Nigerian Football Federation (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 154)
Sen. Obinna Ogba (Ebonyi Central)
-That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Sports on Nigerian Football Federation (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 154).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, CAP C4 LFN, 2007 to ensure Transparency and Accountability in the operations of the Bank and subject its intervention advances to the approval of the National Assembly and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 64) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose Oke (Cross River North).
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Directorate of Employment Act CAP N28 LFN 2004 and to Establish the National Youth employment and Development Agency to provide for the Promotion, Coordination and the Employment of Youths throughout Nigeria and for other Related Matters, 2017 (SB. 144)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Bassey Albert Akpan (Akwa-Ibom North-East).
3. A Bill for an Act to give effect in accordance with sections 34(1) of the 1999 Constitution (As amended) to provide for the Prevention and Punishment of persons and for other related matters, 2017 (SB. 47)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Biodun Olujimi (Ekiti South).
4. A Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory Act CAP F6 LFN and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 115) - *Second Reading*
Sen. David Umaru (Niger East).
5. A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Regulation and Co-ordination of Non-Governmental Organization of Nigeria and other matters connected therein, 2017 (SB.111) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Duro Faseyi (Ekiti North).
6. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of National Institute of Credit Administration and for other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 (SB. 153) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ben Murray-Bruce (Bayelsa East).
7. A Bill for an Act to make provision for the maintenance of Public Safety and Order through discouraging membership of Criminal Gang and the suppression of criminal activities and for other matters, 2017 (SB. 39) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Jibrin Barau (Kano North).

8. A Bill for an Act to Promote the Protection of Personal Information Processed by Public and Private Bodies; to Introduce Information Protection Principles so as to Establish Minimum Requirements for the Processing of Personal Information and other matters connected thereto, 2017 (SB. 310) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*).
9. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Reporting, Managing and Enforcing of Unclaimed Funds to establish the Unclaimed Funds Regulatory Authority and the Unclaimed Funds Regulatory Trust Fund and other purposes connected thereto, 2017 (SB. 195) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Robert Boroffice (*Ondo North*) and Sen. Mustapha Bukar (*Katsina North*).
10. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Manufacture, Importation, Distribution and Quality control of Fertilizer in Nigeria and for other related Matters, 2017 (SB. 338) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu (*Nasarawa West*) and four (4) others.
11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Social Safety Nets Service to provide for reduction of Hardcore Poverty among Rural and Urban Vulnerable Groups, Sustainable Development Goals and implementation of Social Protection Systems and Measure in Nigeria and for Related Matters, 2017 (SB. 371) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rilwan Akanbi (*Oyo South*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under-Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Wed. 24 th - Thur. 25 th May, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Petroleum (Upstream)	Wednesday, 24 th May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
3.	Public Account	Wednesday, 24 th May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 307 Senate New Building
4.	INEC	Wednesday, 24 th May, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
5.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 24 th May, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
6.	Environment	Thursday, 25 th May, 2017	1.30pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
7.	Power, Steel Development And Metallurgy	Thursday, 25 th May, 2017	2.30pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
8.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under-Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Tue. 30 th May- Thur. 1 st Jun. 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building