



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

Wednesday, 30th May, 2018

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.529) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North-Senate Leader).
 2. Extradition Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1187) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North-Senate Leader).
 3. Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act 2006 (Repeal and Re- Enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB.984) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North-Senate Leader).
 4. Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 683.) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bala Ibn Na'allah (Kebbi South).
 5. Federal College of Education Mutumu Biyu, Taraba State (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB.683) - *First Reading*
Sen. Yusuf A. Yusuf (Taraba Central).
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ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The growing trend of sexual harassment in the higher institutions of learning: the case of Monica Osagie.

Sponsor: Sen. Biodun Olujimi (Ekiti South)

The Senate:

Observes the growing menace and the growing culture of sexual harassment in our institutions of higher learning; and the psychological, physiological and emotional damage, perverts in our places of learning are bringing upon our children in school as a result;

Notes that it was for this reason in October 2016, the Senate passed the Sexual Harassment in Tertiary Educational Institutions (Prohibition) Bill, and prescribed severe punishment for lecturers and academic staff of universities, who either sexually harass or assault their male or female students;

Acknowledges that the case of the brave Nigerian and student of the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) Monica Osagie who in an audio recording which went viral was able to expose her lecturer demanding for sex in order to increase her grades. This has further brought home the point, further justifying the specificity and target of the new bill; and the need to ensure that this perversion is completely kicked out of our places of learning;

Understands that the university authorities have since weighed in on the matter to ensure Justice is done;

Further notes that this is another matter that must not be swept under the carpet of expediency, forgetfulness or deliberate abandonment;

Notices further that this particular case deserves greater scrutiny and attention as it signposts how serious we are as a nation to fully and exhaustively eliminate this perversion from our schools;

Further Worried that this is just one out of the many cases that have come to limelight within the past decade and it shows that the pervasion is spreading across the country, with both the male and female gender as victims especially in view of the poor prosecution and conviction numbers being turned out;

Further notes that on a nearly daily basis our newspapers are awash with reports of rape and other sexual violence; and we must, as the people's parliament, bring them succor and safety;

Observes that these acts damage our children in very significant ways. That it also portray our country in bad light and are alien to both our cultural and religious orientation as a people,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committees on Tertiary Institutions and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to carry-out a full scale investigation of the case of Monica Osagie and the OAU lecturer in order to ensure that there is transparency and accountability, and that satisfactory justice is done to the Victim involved and our laws are further strengthened for effectiveness;
 - ii. *Invite* the OAU authorities to explain the steps they have taken and the outcome of their internal investigation on the matter as well as institutional reviews it has carried out, together with such further proposals aimed at nipping the problem in the buds; and
 - iii. *Urge* the House of Representatives to move quickly to concur with the Senate bill on Sexual Harassment in Tertiary Educational Institutions (Prohibition) bill which has been transmitted to the House as this will provide succor and a window of solace for victims of these kind of atrocities across the country in our higher institutions of learning.
2. Illegal confinement of underage offenders and infants in the same Prison with adult prisoners.

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

The Senate:

Notes that Section 1 of the Child's Right Act provides that: "In every action concerning a child, whether undertaken by an individual, public or private body, institutions or services, court of law, or administrative or legislative authority, the best interest of the child shall be the primary consideration."

Notes that by the provisions of the Prisons (Regulations) Act juvenile offenders under sixteen (16) years of age and infants are not allowed by law to be confined in the same prisons with adult offenders;

Worried that the negative implication of keeping underage children in conventional Prison is that they will mix up with adult inmates who are likely to influence them negatively, using manipulation techniques to espouse and enforce beliefs and practices that create a paranoid view of the outside society;

Further Worried by the vulnerable state of the underage children and the fact that one of the fertile grounds for radicalization and mental subversion is the Prison;

Aware that Correctional Homes and Children's Homes are established for the purposes of remanding underage offenders and caring for children born within the prisons walls, respectively;

Informed by the contents of pages 13 to 15 of The Nation (newspaper) Saturday, March 31, 2018 with the caption "Kids Behind Bars: World of Underage Languishing in Prison" that due to insensitivity and dereliction of duty, the Police Prosecutors encourage these underage offenders to inflate their ages during arraignments in Courts, promising them that inflating their age would lead to their release;

Notes Report by the same newspaper already mentioned, quoting a top prison official: "We don't prosecute suspects. Ours is to keep them in custody, and it is people that the police bring here that we detain. When we see underage children, we know them by their looks, but we cannot reject them when the Police bring them here. The Police often force such children to claim to be older than they are so that the Magistrate would not reject them. They always give the suspect the impression that it would facilitate their release, but what they are actually doing is to do away with the stress of taking them to correctional homes.";

Concerned that the majority of these underage children opt to be tried in Courts without any legal representation, following the advice of some over-zealous prosecutors, unaware of the dire consequences;

Further Informed by the contents of the same Nation newspaper of Saturday, April 7, 2018 that female Prisoners put to bed in Prisons without adequate provisions and arrangements for the care and development of such children;

Recalls that the laws stipulate that any child born within the prison walls should not be allowed to remain inside the prison with the mother after eighteen (18) months; meant for the crucial breastfeeding and bonding stage;

Further Worried that the repercussions of keeping infants in prisons with mothers are enormous ranging from making them scape-goats for their mothers' offence, lack of proper upbringing, health implications, psychological damage to estrangement from the larger society etc;

Convinced that separating the underage offenders and the innocent infants from the regular prisons as prescribed by the law would go a long way in protecting their mental health and development;

Further Convinced that establishing more Juvenile Remand/Correctional Homes and Children's Homes (Crèches) across the nation will purge the regular prisons of illegal confinement of the underage offenders and infants,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Legal Aid Council to step up efforts to ensure that the underage children are not prosecuted without legal representation in Courts;
- ii. *Call* on the Federal Government to establish more Juvenile Remand/Correctional Homes and, Crèches attached to all female Prisons across the nation;
- iii. *Urge* various security agencies that are involved in the arrest and detention of the juvenile to ensure that they are not incarcerated beyond 48 hours and when conviction is secured, ensure they are separated from the adults inmates; and
- iv. *Mandate* Committee on Interior to invite the Comptroller-General of Prisons to brief it on the state of Prison inmates in Nigeria; and to investigate the confinement of underage offenders and infants with adults in our Prisons and report back within four (4) weeks.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Licensing and Regulation of Private Detectives and Investigators and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 436) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*).
2. A Bill for an Act to amend the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board Act CAP J1 LFN 2004 and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 625) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*).
3. A Bill for an Act to amend Education (National Minimum Standards and establishment of Institutions) Act CAP E3 LFN 2004 and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 559) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*).
4. A Bill for an Act to repeal and re-enact the NDIC Act CAP N102 LFN 2004 and for related matters, 2018 (SB. 626) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*), Sen. Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim (*Kwara South*) and members of the Committee on Banking.
5. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal College of Forestry Toungo and for other related matters, 2018 (SB. 320) – *Second Reading*.
Sen. Ahmadu Abubakar (*Adamawa South*).
6. A Bill for an Act to amend the Immigration Act and for related matters, 2018 (SB. 230) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Gbolahan Dada (*Ogun West*).
7. A Bill for an Act to amend the Federal High Court Act CAP F12 LFN 2004 and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 648) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Chukwuka Utazi (*Enugu North*).
8. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Ikom, Cross River State to provide full-time courses in technology, applied science management and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the general administration of the polytechnic and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 672) – *Second Reading*
Sen. John Owan Enoch (*Cross River Central*).
9. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal University of Education Aguleri, Anambra State and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 653) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Victor C. Umeh (*Anambra Central*) and Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*).
10. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education Illo, Kebbi State and for other related matters, 2018 (SB. 620) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Yahaya A. Abdullahi (*Kebbi North*).
11. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 615) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Foster Ogola (*Bayelsa West*).
12. A Bill for an Act to establish the Nigerian Council for Psychologists and for other related matters, 2018 (SB. 624) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Murray- Bruce Ben (*Bayelsa East*).
13. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Explosive Act CAP E18 LFN 2004 and Re-enact Explosive Bill, 2018 to make provision to Regulate the Manufacture, Possession, Use, Sale, Transportation, Export and Import Explosives and other matters, 2018 (SB. 250) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Danjuma Laah (*Kaduna South*).
14. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Planning Commission and Re-enact National Planning Commission Bill, 2018 and other matters, 2018 (SB. 637) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose O. Oko (*Cross River North*).

15. A Bill for an Act to establish the National Institute for Counter Terrorism Research saddled with the responsibility to carry out in-depth study on Terrorism and for related Matters, 2018 (SB. 613) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*).

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Conference Committee Report
Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Est, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 535)
Sen. Utazi Chukwuka (*Enugu North*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Committee Report on the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Est, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 535).
2. Conference Committee Report
Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (Est. etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 295)
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Committee Report on the Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (Est. etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 295).
3. Report of the Committee on Water Resources
National Water Resources (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 479)
Sen. Ubali M. Shitu (*Jigawa North-East*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Water Resources on the National Water Resources (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 479) – *Adjourned Consideration 24th May, 2018.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 30 th May, 2018	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
2.	Marine Transport	Wednesday, 30 th May, 2018 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
3.	Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 30 th May, 2018 (Screening)	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
4.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 30 th May, 2018 (Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
5.	INEC	Wednesday, 30 th May, 2018	3.00pm	Committee Room 430 Senate New Building
6.	Police Affairs	Wednesday, 30 th May, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
7.	Local Content	Wednesday, 30 th May, 2018	12.00noon	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
8.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday, 31 st May, 2018 (Oversight)	1.00pm	Front of Senate Building Senate New Building
9.	Joint Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill	Mon. 4 th – Wed. 6 th June, 2018 (Public Hearing)	10.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building

