

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 19th July, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. National Information and Intelligence Database (Est, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 529) First Reading Sen. Suleiman O. Hunkuyi (Kaduna North)
- 2. Harmonized Retirement Age of the Staff of the National Assembly Service Bill, 2017 (SB. 534) First Reading Sen. Stella Oduah (Anambra North)
- 3. Demutualization Bill, 2017 (SB. 531) First Reading Sen. Foster Ogola (Bayelsa West)
- 4. Nigerian Communications Act CAP N97 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 531) First Reading Sen. Atai Aidoko (Kogi East)
- 5. Data Protection Bill, 2017 (HB. 2) First Reading Senate Leader.

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Capital Market

Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrar Bill, 2017 (SB. 25)

Sen. Ogola Foster (Bayelsa West)

- -That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Capital Market on the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrar Bill, 2017 (SB. 25) To be Laid.
- 2. Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)

Screening of 12 Nominees for Appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners

Sen. Suleiman M. Nazif (Bauchi North)

-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Screening of 12 Nominees for Appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners – *To be Laid*.

S/N	NOMINEES	STATE OF ORIGIN	REMARKS
1.	Dr. (Mrs.) Asmau Sani Maikudi	Katsina	New Appointment
2.	Sam Olugbadebo Olumekun, mni	Ondo	Reappointment
3.	Dr. Mahmuda Isah	Kebbi	New Appointment

4.	Amb. (Dr.) Rufus Oloruntoyin Akeju	Lagos	Reappointment
5.	Professor Riskuwa A. Shehu	Sokoto	New Appointment
6.	Barr. Kasim Gana Geidam	Yobe	Reappointment
7.	Jibrin Ibrahim Zarewa	Kano	Reappointment
8.	Abdulganiyu Olayinka Raji	Oyo	New Appointment
9.	Professor Samuel G. Egwu	Kogi	New Appointment
10.	Barrister Mike A. Igini	Delta	Reappointment
11.	Professor Mustapha Zubairu	Niger	New Appointment
12.	Ahmad Bello Mahmud	Zamfara	New Appointment

ORDERS OF THE DAY MOTIONS

1. Dire implications of the suspension of Nigeria from the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units.

Senator Chukwuka Utazi (Enugu North)

The Senate:

Notes that the EGMONT GROUP is a network of national financial intelligence Units and is the highest inter-governmental Association of intelligence agencies in the world, with about 152 Member Countries or State Parties who sit regularly for the purpose of sharing criminal intelligence and financial information bothering on money laundering, terrorism financing, proliferation of arms, corruption, financial crimes, economic crimes and similar offences geared towards the support of local and international investigations, prosecutions and asset recovery;

Informed that the Agencies that benefit from the activities of the EGMONT Group include the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Nigeria Customs Service, the ICPC, the EFCC, the Nigeria Immigration Service, the Federal Inland Revenue Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission and many other relevant governmental agencies in addition to facilitating the oversight responsibilities of the National Assembly;

Informed that at its July 2017 Meeting in China, Nigeria's Financial Intelligence Unit, the Agency of government that represents Nigeria at the meetings of the group was suspended till January 2018 with a threat of an expulsion if Nigeria does not meet the standards of the Group with regards to its operations;

Informed that the EGMONT Group suspended Nigeria for a number of reasons including:

- a. That the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) which is the body that represents Nigeria in the Group has not been granted operational autonomy and the Unit is still domiciled within the EFCC (a situation the Group has objected to over the years), and the admission of the NFIU into the EGMONT Group in June 2007 was on the basis of a resolution by the EFCC Board but the group made it clear that it is a condition of continued membership for the NFIU organs and operations to be autonomous from the EFCC;
- b. The meddlesomeness of the Acting Chairman of the EFCC in the affairs of the NFIU by his interference in the operations and staffing of the Unit leading to the departure of many competent hands; and
- c. Divulging confidential information concerning the activities of the EGMONT group;

Aware that by virtue of our membership of the Group, the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit, NFIU, enjoys the benefit of the privileged information which the members of the group share among themselves. This intelligence sharing is crucial to the universal and local war against corruption, money laundering, terrorism financing, financial and economic crimes, etc. For example, by virtue of her membership, Nigeria relies on the

EGMONT Group for assistance in the investigation of the crimes listed above as all bank accounts and other assets of suspects are made available to the country wherever they are located in the world;

Informed that one of the immediate effects of Nigeria's suspension from the Group is that the EGMONT Secure Web, ESW is currently shut down against Nigeria. The implication is that Nigeria can no longer exchange sensitive information with other Member countries in order to carry out our investigative and regulatory responsibilities as they affect local and international investigations;

Observes that apart from the suspension of Nigeria this July, the Group has given Nigeria up to December 2017 to address the issues raised in the suspension or be expelled which will attract international sanctions against Nigeria's financial system. Nigeria can ill-afford to be black-listed as the implications are dire, not only to our aspiration for membership of the Financial Action Task force (FATF) into which so much energy, time and resources have been invested but the country will also be listed in the G8 list of Non-Cooperating Countries and Territories (NCCT);

Informed that if expelled, the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Implementation Reviewing Group will be served a notice against Nigeria, and most countries, including the United States, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, etc., would alert their financial institutions and services through the issuance of advisories such as the Financial Criminal Enforcement Network Advisory and Foreign Assets and Cash Directive, to warn them to apply extra care and diligence in transacting with Nigeria and Nigerians. The huge political and economic implications of such action is better imagined. An expulsion might also, under certain conditions, attract the imposition of financial transaction limit, including the withdrawal, by certain countries, of scholarships to students of Nigerian origin;

Concerned that these sanctions will necessitate that Nigeria will undergo the process of fresh application, which takes years to accomplish in addition to subjecting Nigeria's financial standards to a total and strict review by international bodies such as the World Bank and the IMF, and assets recovery or repatriation to Nigeria can be slowed down or even stopped, and all painstaking efforts for the full membership of FAFT would be in vain if this suspension is not quickly reversed;

Concerned that the valiant efforts of the Senate Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes to avoid this suspension including leading the Nigeria Delegation to many meetings of the Financial Action Task Force, FATF, to impress upon them Nigeria's readiness and willingness to be accorded full membership were not complemented by the Executive branch, especially the recognized three line Ministries of Justice, Finance and Interior, and repeated pleas and correspondences for action to avert this suspension went unheeded;

Concerned that in view of the non-cooperating stance of the executive branch, the legislative branch will have to urgently leverage on its institutional mechanism to ensure that Nigeria's suspension from the EGMONT Group is reversed. It is all the more urgent considering the December deadline given to the country to comply

to avoid expulsion and also considering the imminence of the annual recess of the national legislature, and in view of the scheduled visit by the FATF High Level Mission to Nigeria in November 2017 to appraise Nigeria's preparedness to be granted the status of observer and thence membership of the FATF, especially with regard to the needed co-ordination between the three line Ministries of Justice, Finance and Interior;

Notes that the granting of the requisite autonomy to the NFIU has been aggressively and progressively resisted by the EFCC and that the Committee, in order to provide the needed autonomy for the NFIU to meet its primary mandate, technically and logistically, considered the budget of the NFIU separately from that of the EFCC in the 2017 budget but for the non-provision of budget sub-heads by the Budget Office and the reluctance of the EFCC to do the administrative necessity required,

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Pass a law creating a substantive and autonomous Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit, NFIU, and make the Unit legally and operationally autonomous with powers for the employment, reward, training, promotion and discipline of its workforce independently;

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- iii. *Urge* the three Line Ministries of Justice, Finance and Interior to do all within their powers to ensure that Nigeria's suspension is immediately reversed and ensure that all conditions specified by the EGMONT Group are met to re-admit and improve Nigeria's standing within the Group while increasing their levels of cooperation and co-ordination to ensure that Nigeria achieves membership of FATF; and
- iv. *Urge* the Executive branch to include in any Supplementary budget estimate that may be presented to the National Assembly before the end of the year a separate budget for the NFIU in view of the need to lift the suspension of Nigeria as soon as possible.
- Anti-Malaria Drugs banned by the European Union, still being sold and consumed in Nigeria; the need for Senate to investigate.

Senator T. A. Orji (Abia Cenral)

The Senate:

Notes that recently the European Union banned the sale and consumption of 42 Anti-Malaria Drugs in all countries within the European Union;

Notes that the 42 Anti-Malaria Drugs are:

Alaxin 60mg tablet (dihydroartémisinine) B/8

Alaxin oral suspension (dihydroartémisinine) FL/80ml

Amodiaquine 200mg compressed B / 1000

Amodiaquine 200mg compressed B / 1000

Arinate 100mg tablet (artésunate) B/6

Arinate 50 mg tablet (artésunate) B/6

Arsumax 50 mg tablet (artésunate) B / 12

Artemax 60 mg tablet (dihydroartémisinine) B/8

Artémédine 40 mg capsule (artemether) B / 12

Artémédine 50 mg tablet (artemether) B / 12

Artenam 50 mg tablet (artemether) B / 14

Artenam 60 mg tablet (artemether) B/8

Artésiane 300 mg child powder oral suspension (artemether) FL / 38g

Artésunate 100mg compressed B / 120

Artésunate 50 mg tablet B / 120

Artexin 60 mg tablet (dihydroartémisinine) B/8

Camoquin 200mg tablet (amodiaquine) B/9

Camoquin 200mg tablet (amodiaquine) B / 25 blisters

Camoquin 200mg tablet (amodiaquine) B / 55 blisters

Camoquin 200mg tablet (amodiquine) B / 24

Camoquin 600 mg tablet (amodiaquine) B/3

Camoquin oral suspension 50mg/5ml (amodiaquine) FL/60ml

Cotecxin oral suspension (dihydroartémisinine) FL/80ml

Cotecxin 60 mg tablet (dihydroartémisinine) B/8

Daraprim tablet (pyriméthamine) B/30

Falcinil 50mg tablet (artésunate) B / 12

Flavoquine oral suspension 50mg/5ml (amodiaquine) FL/90ml

Flavoquine 200mg tablet (amodiaquine) B/16

Flavoquine 200mg tablet (amodiaquine) B / 240

Gunate strong tablet (artésunate) B / 6 gvs labs

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Halfan oral suspension 5mg/5ml (halofantrine) FL/45ml

Malartin 200mg tablet (artésunate) B/6

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Malartin 50 mg tablet (artésunate) B/12

mmh-malarex 450 mg capsule (peschiara fuchsiaefolia) B / 20

Paludrine 100mg tablet (proguanil) B / 56

Plasmotrim 200mg tablet (artésunate) B / 25 blisters / 6

Plasmotrim 200mg tablet (artésunate) B/6

Plasmotrim 50 mg lactab (artésunate) B/12

Plasmotrim 50 mg lactab (artésunate) B / 25 blisters / 6

Observes that according to the report, EU Countries must not stock any drugs that contains any of these substances: "Plasmotrin, Artequin, Co-arinate, Arco, Artecon and Dialquin";

Further observes that the reason given for the ban of the 42 drugs is that they are considered dangerous and linked to cause of kidney failure;

Alarmed that all the 42 Anti-Malaria Drugs banned in Europe are still being stock-piled, sold and consumed in Nigeria;

Concerned at the enormity of the danger the continued sale and consumption of these drugs can pose to the health of Nigerians;

Observes that this situation is already trending and generating panic and concern among medical practitioners and members of the public;

Observes that the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) which had hitherto waged ceaseless war on the influx of fake and substandard items into Nigeria, have not in any way adequately addressed this issue;

Observes that most of the Drugs in the banned list of drugs are very popular and common in Nigeria and are easily obtained across the counter with or without proper requisite prescription;

Notes that the President of the Nigerian Medical Association, NMA, Professor Mike Ogirima has already confirmed the delisting of those Drugs by European Union countries,

Accordingly resolves to:

Direct the Senate Committee on Health to urgently investigate this matter and report back to Senate for further

action to save the lives of Nigerians.

CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters

Whistle Blowers Protection Bill, 2017 (SB. 158).

Sen. David Umaru (Niger East)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Whistle Blowers Protection Bill, 2017 (SB. 158).

2. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters

Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologists of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (SB. 283)

Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (Bayelsa Central)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologists of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (SB. 283).

3. Report of the Joint Committee on Labour, Employment & Productivity and Power, Steel Development & Metallurgy

Sen. Suleiman Nazif (Bauchi North) and Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (Abia South)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Joint Committee on Labour, Employment & Productivity and Power, Steel Development & Metallurgy in respect of a motion on the Hike in Electricity Tariff by the Ministry

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of Power, Works and Housing; Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and Distibution Companies (DISCOs).

4. Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Extortion of Pilgrims by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)

Sen. Monsurat Sunmonu (Oyo Central)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Extortion of Pilgrims by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria to serve as a regulatory body for persons serving as Directors in both Public and Private sectors, to ensure professionalism and promote corporate governance values by Directors and related matters, 2017 (SB. 424) Second Reading Sen. Ike Ekweremadu (Enugu West).
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission for Refugees Act, CAP N21 LFN 2004 and enact the National Commission for Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Migrants to provide a framework for management, rehabilitation, return, reintegration and resettlement of victims of displacement, refugee, migration and for other related matters, 2017 (SB. 335) Second Reading Sen. Ubali M. Shitu (Jigawa North-East)
- 3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Foreign Service Commission charged with the responsibility of ensuring Excellence and Professionalism in conducting the Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for connected matters, 2017 (SB. 422) Second Reading Sen. Shehu Sani (Kaduna Central).
- 4. 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.
- 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 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).
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Establish a Correction, Reformation and Reintegration Centre to provide Support Services for Prisons in the area of Reformation, Reintegration and Youthful Offender Programming and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 308) Second Reading. Sen. Gershom Bassey (Cross River South).
- 8. A Bill for an Act to amend the National Orientation Agency Act CAP N100 LFN 2004 to Provide an operational framework for the global initiative for harmony corps to promote inter-ethnic integration, mediation, peace building, mutual understanding, patriotism, for peaceful co-existence and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 333) Second Reading Sen. Dino Melaye (Kogi West).

- 9. 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).
- 10. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Creation of the Dormant Accounts Fund; Establishment of Dormant Accounts Fund Management Board, Mandate the transfer of monies in dormant account fund for transparent
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public management and utilization in the overall public interest for the development and maintenance of Federal Roads and Power Infrastructure; Guarantee payment of monies from the dormant accounts fund to entitled persons and other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 (SB. 381) – Second Reading Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege (Delta Central).

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Law Reform Act CAP N118 LFN 2004 to remove the bottleneck to the Commission's Reform Initiative, Ensure its Autonomy and bring the Act in conformity with the provisions of 1999 Constitution (as amended) and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 26) - Second Reading

Sen. Babajide Omoworare (Osun East).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Health	Wednesday 19 th July, 2017 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
2.	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Wednesday 19 th July, 2017 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
3.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Planned Concession of the Port-Harcourt Refinery to AGIP/ENI and OANDO	Wednesday 19th July, 2017	2.00pm	Conference Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	INEC	Wednesday 19th July, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
5.	Tertiary Education and TETFUND	Thursday 20 th July, 2017	11.00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
6.	Joint Committee on Customs, Excise &Tariff and Marine Transport	Thursday 20 th July, 2017	10.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
7.	Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources	Thursday 20 th July, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
8.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Thursday 20 th July, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
9.	Health	Mon. 24th - Tue. 25th July, 2017	10.00am	Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel, Abuja

