SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 8th June, 2016

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

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

1. Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun Bill, 2016 (HB. 381) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Mohammed A. Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Governance and Institutional Framework for the Petroleum Industry and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 237) –*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Donald Alasoadura *(Ondo Central)*

2. 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)*

3. A Bill for an Act to establish the Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko and for other matters connected thereto, 2016 (SB. 295) –*Second Reading.*
   Sen. James Manager *(Delta South)*

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
   Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 126).
   Sen. Abdullahi Adamu *(Nasarawa West)*
   "That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 126).

2. Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
   Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service Bill, 2016 (SB. 81).
   Sen. Abdullahi Adamu *(Nasarawa West)*
   "That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service Bill, 2016 (SB. 81).

MOTIONS

1. Indiscriminate Rock Blasting in the FCT and other parts of Nigeria
(Bearing in mind that with the passage of the 2016 Appropriation Act, construction works will soon commence).
Sen. Theodore A. Orji *(Abia Central)*

The Senate:

Observes the indiscriminate blasting of rocks in the Federal Capital Territory and other parts of Nigeria, in total neglect of Global best practices;

Worried about the danger the host communities in the FCT and other communities throughout the Federation face in terms of environmental degradation and health hazard caused by quarry operators;

Shocked to observe that the international standard requirement of five kilometers away from where people live from location of quarry sites is not being adhered to only in Nigeria;

Concerned about the deadly effects of rock blasting close to human habitation and neglect of the host communities, which usually results in dehumanization of indigenous workers, pregnant women suffering miscarriages and other birth complications, people having hearing problems, little children always being apprehensive of the blasts etc;

Notes the classical examples of Toge, Baruwa and Pyakassa communities in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), where the situation is pitiable and calls for urgent attention. Mpape in Bwari Area Council is another case in point;

Further worried that the companies or quarry operators feel unconcerned and do nothing to ameliorate the suffering of the people of the host communities or to improve their lives and in fact treat them as though they are not human beings; and

Notes that if this is the case in the Federal Capital Territory, then the situation could be worse in other parts of Nigeria,

Accordingly resolves:

i. *To* mandate its Committee on Solid Minerals to, as a matter of urgency, visit the communities mentioned above, and liaise with the Ministry of Petroleum and Solid Minerals to take stock of all the quarry sites in the country and ensure strict compliance with the international standard requirement of five kilometers away from human habitation and make recommendations to ameliorate the sufferings of the host communities.

2. The need to sustain the laudable Anti-Polio campaign in Nigeria.
Sen. Nelson Efiong *(Akwa Ibom South)*

The Senate:

Notes that Poliomyelitis (Polio) is a highly infectious viral disease, which mainly affects young children;

Notes further that the virus is transmitted by person -to -person spread mainly through faecal-oral route or less frequently through contaminated water or food and multiplies in the intestine, from where it invades the nervous system leading to paralysis;

Recalls that in 1988, the World Health Assembly resolved to interrupt wild poliovirus(WPV) transmission worldwide and by 2006, the annual number of WPV cases had decreased by more than 99% and only four

remaining countries had never interrupted WPV transmission-Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan with India being removed from the list of endemic countries in March 2014;

Regrets that wild polio virus has taken a lot of toll on our country in terms of human and material resources;

Recalls with nausea the serious challenges encountered in the noble campaign against polio-immunization boycott, a brutal boko haram insurgency, killing of vaccinators, the challenge of reaching every child in even the most remote villages, armies of women mobilized alongside religious and community leaders, etc;

Aware that as recently as 2012, Nigeria accounted for more than half of all polio cases worldwide which necessitated a more concerted effort by Government, civil society, religious leaders and tens of thousands of health workers to stop polio;

Glad that due to the concerted efforts and national persistence, no new cases of the disease has been reported in the past 15 months;

Pleased that on Monday, October 26th 2015, Nigeria received a delisting certificate from the World Health Organization indicating the removal of Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries;

Notes however that the certificate is with a proviso that if the current efforts were sustained till 2017, Nigeria would be completely de-listed from among polio infected countries of the world;

Satisfied that this feat represents a triumph for Nigerians, for Africa and for the millions of people around the world who have committed themselves to eradicating this ancient, cruel disease.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Commend* vaccinators, community mobilizers, parents and care givers, traditional rulers and religious leaders for their support in making Nigeria Polio free;

ii. *Congratulate* the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, comprising of the world Health Organization, Rotary International, UNICEF, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other development partners for leading the largest collective public health movement in history; and

iii. *Urge* the Federal Government and other relevant agencies to sustain the current momentum and continue to regard the anti-polio campaign as an emergency until Nigeria is completely free in 2017.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Poverty Alleviation & Social Welfare and National Planning & Economic Affairs	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	10.00am	Committee Room 231 Senate New Building
2. Finance	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	10.00am	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
3. Petroleum (Downstream)	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
4. Aviation	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
5. Environment	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016	1.30pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
6. Customs, Excise & Tariff	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
7. Privatization	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
8. Gas	Wednesday, 8th June, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building

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