SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 20th September, 2016

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

1. Chartered Institute of Stock Brokers Act CAP C9 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 242) – *First Reading*
   Senate Leader

2. Treaty to Establish African Economic Community Relating to Pan African Parliament (Accession & Joint Solution) Act CAP T25 LFN, 2004(Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 243) – *First Reading*
   Senate Leader

3. Utilities Charges Commission Act CAP U17 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 244) – *First Reading*
   Senate Leader

4. Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Act CAP P43 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 245) – *First Reading*
   Senate Leader

5. Endangered Species (Control of International Traffic and Traffic) Act CAP E9 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 249) – *First Reading*
   Senate Leader

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Auditor General of the Federation.
   Audited Accounts of some Federal Government Parastatals
   Senate Leader.
   "That the Senate do receive the Report of the Auditor General of the Federation on the Audited Accounts of some Federal Government Parastatals in accordance with section 85(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Amended). - *To be laid.*

2. Report of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation.
   National Poverty Eradication Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2016 (SB. 023)
   Sen. Mohammed Ali Wakili *(Bauchi South)*
   "That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation on the National Poverty Eradication Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2016 (SB. 23) - *To be laid.*

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE OF ORIGIN/ ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES
1.	Hon. Justice Ejembi Eko, JCA	North Central	Benue
2.	Hon. Justice Amina A. Augie, JCA	North West	Kebbi

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The need to ascertain the Degree of Local Content in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry
Sen. Gershom Bassey

The Senate:

AWARE that in 2002, the National Committee on Local Content Development (NCLCD) discovered that local participation in the upstream sector of the oil and gas industry in Nigeria was less than 5%, meaning that 95% of the then yearly expenditure of about $8 billion left the country;

FURTHER AWARE that the National Committee on Local Content Development (NCLCD) proposed initial targets of 40% by 2005 and 60% by 2010 for aggregate local content value in the oil and gas industry from all the categories;

NOTES that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development (NOGIC) Act was enacted in 2010 to promote indigenous participation in the management and control of the oil and gas industry;

FURTHER NOTES that many Nigerians who worked and gathered experience in International Oil Companies (IOCs) amongst others, have established their own oil and gas outfits;

CONVINCED that there should be a preference for Nigerian companies whenever a bid is made for a license, permit or contract within the industry because of the protection the NOGIC Act gives to Nigerian companies;

CONSCIOUS that the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Petroleum Training Institute (P.T.I.) were established to train Nigerians to qualify as professionals so as to meet the labour force demands of the oil and gas industry in Nigeria;

FURTHER CONSCIOUS that the PTDF through its Overseas Scholarship Scheme (OSS) has trained over 2417 Msc. and 642 PhD students while 897 students received training through its Local Scholarship Scheme (LSS);

ACKNOWLEDGES that 1% of total contract sums awarded in the upstream sector are placed in the Nigerian Content Development Fund established for the purpose of funding the development of local content in the Nigerian Oil and Gas industry;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES that the oil and gas sector accounts for about 35% of Nigeria's GDP and 90% of foreign exchange earnings. If Nigeria achieves local content compliance of about 60% then Nigeria's economy will achieve a major boost on account of the oil and gas sector;

CONCERNED that despite the benefits accruing to indigenous oil and gas firms from the NOGIC Act, there is still a low involvement of indigenous players in the industry;

FURTHER CONCERNED that the NOGIC Act has a threshold that applies to projects of $1,000,000 (one million US Dollars) and above yet the targets stipulated in the Act are far from being met;

Notes with concern the recent statement by the Minister of State for Aviation in which he was quoted to have said that "the entire Aviation Sector in the Country was collapsing". That statement raises an alarm over the crises going on in the industry, and underscores the need for an emergency intervention and urgent reform of the sector to save the situation from total collapse;

Aware of the potential dangers on Nigerian roads and any eventual closure of the air services will spell doom to the economy; unfortunately this is coming at the heels of the government quest for foreign investors. Regrettably, the situation faced by the airlines will not only discourage air travelers in Nigeria but will serve as a disincentive to foreign investors and tourism development;

Aware further that the Nigerian roads do not hold a better alternative to air transport neither does the nation have a functional rail system that connects the major cities and regions of the country that can carter for the need of travellers. The deplorable condition of the roads and the daily reported cases of armed robbery and kidnapping on our highways make it imperative for government to urgently look into the problems of the aviation industry in order to fashion out ways of remedying the situation and making travelling safer and interesting as well as support the growth of the economy,

Accordingly resolves to:

I. *Mandate* the Committee on Aviation and the Ministry of Aviation to liaise with the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to urgently look into the problems faced by the Airlines in order to fashion out possible solutions to the problem and avert the latent danger inherent in the crises;

II. *Urge* the Federal Government to look into every possibility of intervening in the current situation faced by airline operators and if necessary grant a bailout to help stabilise the industry and the growth of the economy; and

III. *Mandate* the Federal Ministry of transport to urgently commence the rehabilitations of major highways and the rail system to serve as a viable and safe alternative to air travels.

3. Indiscriminate Rock Blasting in the FCT and other parts of Nigeria: The need to respect Nigerian Laws and observe International best practices.
Sponsor: Senator T. A. Orji, CON (*Abia Central*).

The Senate:

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

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

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

Concerned at the deadly effects of rock blasting close to human habitation, neglect of the host communities, dehumanization of indigenous workers, pregnant women suffering miscarriages and other birth complications, people developing hearing problems as a result of sudden blasts, little children always being apprehensive of such blasts;

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; other instances are Ushafa, Bmiko, Bazango extension, Jigo etc;

Further worried that the companies or quarry operators, majority of whom are non-Nigerians, 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;

More alarmed that the quarry companies or operators who are mostly foreigners even carry out such detrimental operations in total breach, neglect and disregard of the laws of Nigeria, particularly the Nigerian Minerals And Mining Act 2007, [S. 118(a)] thereof, and International best practices;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Call* on the various arms of Government: Federal, State and Local Governments as a matter of urgency to initiate a means of rejuvenating our fallen Value System;

ii. *Urge* all institutions, religions and community organizations, traditional institutions, civil society groups and all concerned to arrest the deteriorating state of our Value System;

iii. *Mandate* the Committee on Education to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to immediately re-introduce the study of History as a core subject and degree of its own; and

iv. *Direct* the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to discharge its statutory duties effectively.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Primary Health Care & Communicable Disease	Tuesday, 20th September, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Tertiary Institution & TETFUND	Tuesday, 20th September, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3.	Power, Steel Dev. & Metallurgy	Wednesday, 21st September, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
4.	Finance	Wednesday, 21st September, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
5.	Marine Transport (Joint with House)	Thursday, 22nd September, 2016	11.00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building

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