



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

Thursday, 12th December, 2019

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

1. Federal Polytechnic Kwale (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 297) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 2. Institute of Rice Research and Development Bill, 2019 (SB. 228) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ubah, Ifeanyi Patrick (*Anambra South*).
 3. Federal Revenue Enforcement Corps of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 264) - *First Reading*
Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (*Kebbi Central*).
 4. University of Maritime Studies, Oron (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 265) - *First Reading*
Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (*Akwa-Ibom South*).
 5. National Institute for Border Studies Imeko (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 266) - *First Reading*
Sen. Odebisi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*).
 6. National Sports Development Fund (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 268) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ogba, Joseph Obinna (*Ebonyi Central*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill For an act to Authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of =N=232,875,365,947.00 (Two Hundred And Thirty Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Seventy Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand, Nine Hundred And Forty Seven Naira) only, of which the sum of =N=53,876,241,095.00 (Fifty Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Seventy Six Million, Two Hundred and Forty One Thousand and Ninety Five Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of =N=57,070,343,435.00 (Fifty Seven Billion and Seventy Million, Three Hundred and Forty Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty Five Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs while the balance of =N=121,928,781,417.00 (One Hundred And Twenty One Billion, Nine Hundred And Twenty Eight Million, Seven Hundred And Eighty One Thousand, Four Hundred And Seventeen Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the financial year commencing from 1st January and ending on 31st December, 2020 (SB. 270)- *Second Reading*.
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)

2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, CAP N42 LFN 2004 and to enact the National Health Insurance Commission, 2019 (SB. 65) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*).
3. A Bill for an Act to amend the Police Act CAP P19 LFN 2004 and expunge the gender discriminatory provisions of regulations 122, 123, 124 and 127 and for other related matters, 2019 (SB. 87) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (*Imo East*).

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Communications
Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget proposal for the year 2020
Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Communications on the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget proposal for the year 2020.
2. Report of the Committee on Communications
Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget proposal for the year 2020.
Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Communications on the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget proposal for the year 2020.
3. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions
Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (*Ondo Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:
 - a. Petition from Rex Onyekachi Uzoegbu, Esq. on Behalf of Chief Ezekiel Ariaye and Chief James Wege Against the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Limited for Alleged Inhumanity, Cruelty, Servitude, Fragrant Disobedience to Law of Equity, Social Justice, Bad Conscience And Deliberate Continuous Refusal to Adequately Compensate Chief Ezekiel Ariaye and Chief James Wege for Their Life-threatening, Great Bodily Harm By NAOC;
 - b. Petition from Alhaji Aminu Ja'afar and Three (3) Others against the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna, For the Unjust Withdrawal of Four (4) Cadets From the Academy on Academic Grounds;
 - c. Petition from Nwachukwu A. Ndukwe Against the Hon. Minister of Water Resources for Delaying His Appointment as Executive Director in Anambra/Imo River Basin Development Authority; and
 - d. Petition from M.S.Chado, Esq. on Behalf of Mr. Isah Ndagi Maiyaki Against the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) for Unlawful Termination of His Appointment Over Alleged Forgery by the Agency;

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need for Rehabilitation of Itobe - Ajaokuta Road, in Kogi State.

Sponsor: Sen. Isah, Jibrin (*Kogi East*)

The Senate:

Notes that Itobe-Ajaokuta road in Kogi State is a major route for commuters and motorists, in particular, from South-East, part of North-Central and Kogi East to Abuja and other parts of the North;

Worried that a portion of this road covering about 5 kilometers, has deteriorated so much so that commuters and motorist spend about 2 hours on this portion;

Further worried that apart from various degrees of accidents on the road, there are increasing cases of robbery attacks and kidnapping, as the vehicles must descend to the lowest possible speed limit to navigate the road;

Concerned that with the temporary closure of Enugu International Airport, many South Easterners are compelled to use the route to and from Abuja; and

Believes that an immediate palliative measure through the use of laterites and other quick fix will assist to provide temporary succour, while awaiting complete reconstruction of the road by the Federal Ministry of Transportation.

Accordingly resolves to:

Call on the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence immediate palliative work on the road.

2. The bane of sustainability of Business Enterprises in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey (Enugu North)

The Senate:

Aware that since independence in 1960 (and especially during the 1970s), Nigeria, like most developing countries, developed a particularly large parastatal sector with the concomitant economic (business and commercial) activities as banking and insurance, oil prospecting, exploration, refining and marketing, cement, paper, textile and steel mills, hotels and tourism, sugar, estates, telecoms, energy, airways, auto, etc;

Aware that there were nearly 600 public enterprises at the federal (national) level alone, and an estimated 900 at the state (regional) and local government levels before the privatization and commercialization programme of the 1990s;

Informed that this estimated 1,500 public enterprises in Nigeria accounted for between 30 and 40 per cent of fixed capital investments and the same proportion of formal sector employment. The returns from these investments had never exceeded two per cent per annum, which was less than 25 per cent of the annual subventions from the government to the public enterprise sector;

Concerned that while the boom in the world market for oil and petroleum products lasted, no one complained about the wastes and inefficiencies of the public enterprise sector in Nigeria. In fact, a lot more public enterprises of questionable commercial financial viability were established;

Believes that it was the fall in the world market for oil, and the economic recessions which began in the early 1980s that seriously focused Nigeria's attention on the problems of failing public enterprises as government could no longer continue to support the monumental waste and inefficiency of the public enterprise sector. The programme of privatisation and commercialisation was developed to restructure and rationalise the public sector in order to lessen the dominance of unproductive investments by introducing a variety of policies which encouraged competition and emphasised the role of market forces in place of statutory restrictions and monopoly powers;

Concerned that the inefficiencies and unproductivity of public sector enterprises afflicted many areas of our national life ranging from Oil Marketing Companies, Steel Rolling Mills, Air & Sea Travels, Fertilizer Companies, Motor Vehicle Assembly Plants, Paper Mills, Sugar Companies, Cement Companies, Hotels and Tourism, Textile Companies, Transportation Companies, Food and Beverages Companies, Agric. & Livestock Production, Salt Companies, Wood & Furniture Companies, Insurance Companies, Film Production Distribution, Flour Milling, Cattle Ranches, Construction & Engineering Coy, and Dairy Companies;

Understands that many public enterprises were established not to serve profitable commercial ends but to meet social needs which raises serious policy concerns as to their viability for national economic development, and, implicitly, their failures have generated high capital and job flights;

Concerned that privately-owned businesses have not fared better in Nigeria;

Informed that only one-third of all family businesses are successfully transferred to the next generation, and only about 15% are transferred onto the third generation. Succession planning experts link the high failure rate to a founder's failure to effectively plan for the transfer of ownership and management of the business;

Nostalgic that such robust business concerns of the 50s and 60s like Kingsway Stores, Bata (with their irreplaceable Cortina brand), Leventis, Eastern Shop, etc have become distant memories of Nigeria's initial burst of energy;

Concerned that the short life-span of businesses has affected Nigeria's economic outlook and should be a major concern of government in addressing unemployment and the attendant security implications;

Despaired that neighbouring nations are taking advantage of the inconsistencies in our economic policies and our lack of support for our public and private business ventures to create hubs of economic activities around Nigeria for foreign investors to locate their businesses in them. Togo, Cote d'Voire, Ghana, Benin, Niger, Chad and Cameroun have leveraged on their proximity to Nigeria to take advantage of our inefficiencies for their own economic growth. The Ports in Cotonou and Abidjan have become destination ports for goods intended for the consumption of the huge populations in Nigeria. Lome and Accra Airports have been positioned for the reception of international travellers transiting to Nigeria. Ghana is soaking up our educational and trade deficiencies to their advantage; and

Recognizes the efforts of government in opening up the business horizons with its policy of ease of doing business but concerned at the high rate of business failures and the attendant unemployment and security issues it generates.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Set-up* an Ad-hoc Committee to comprehensively investigate the issues around the failures of public and private enterprises in Nigeria and recommend ways to support, sustain and encourage businesses in Nigeria to achieve rapid economic development; and
 - ii. *Urge* successive governments of the federation of Nigeria, irrespective of the party in control at the centre, to abide by the national development and rolling plans of the country as documented to ensure consistency of policies to allow for long-term planning by investors and business managers.
3. The need to curb ongoing unjustifiable and unjust employment and casualization of skilled workers by The Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA).

Sponsor: Sen. Ubah, Ifeanyi Patrick (*Anambra South*)

The Senate:

Notes the growing state of unemployment in the country and the attendant social economic hardship that many Nigerian families are enduring as a result;

Further notes that the state of affairs in the labour market is now creating major vulnerabilities for Nigerian workers, consequently, leading to the unwholesome practice of irregular and perpetuated casualization of workers;

Observes that there are disturbing reports of the practice of casualization where Nigerian citizens are brought in as contract staff in agencies of government without the mandatory regularization after 6months is now being adopted by some agencies of government; this is a disturbing development that has seen many workers being kept as contract staff for more than 7years without regularization;

Further observes that this disturbing trend is further worsened, if one considers the recent report received about PPPRA which has gone on employment drive and taken in over 140 new workers and failed to use the opportunity of this new employment drive to regularize the casual workers that have now been casualised for over 7 years. By so doing, they have failed to right the wrong and injustice already meted on these innocent Nigerians who are working hard every day for the PPPRA in conditions that are both discriminatory and unlawful;

Regrettably notes that the report received paints a disturbing picture, practice and condition of service in the agency where this unlawful practice is now being used and concentrated against mainly casual workers from the eastern part of the country in the agency;

Acknowledges that the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigerian 1999 as amended makes it unconstitutional for a citizen of the country to be deprived or discriminated on the basis of his political creed, ethnicity, sex or religion;

Observes therefore that the recent employment drive by the PPPRA which leaves so much to be desired and which has left a segment of the PPPRA workers perpetually casualised as well as disgruntled does not meet with the constitutional standards and must be reviewed; and

Convinced that unless this kind of practices are nipped in the bud and justice immediately restored, we will be exposing our citizens to inhumane and degrading treatments in agencies of government paid for by the same citizen's tax and resources.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the PPPRA to immediately review its casualization program and ensure justice for all by regularizing staff who have been casualised beyond the regulated period;
- ii. *Urge* the PPPRA to review its casualization program to ensure that it is fair, humane and impartially managed; and
- iii. *Mandate* the PPPRA to submit its revised and reviewed casualization practice to the Senate Committee on Labour by the 31st of January 2020.

S/N	NAME	STATE	QUALIFICATION	YEARS IN SERVICE
1	Mr Anthony Obiechina	Anambra	M.Sc	7years
2	Mrs Chinelo Ofoma	Anambra	B.Sc	7years
3	Mr Kenekukwu Mgbemena	Anambra	B.Sc	7years
4	Mr Casmir Onuchukwu	Anambra	B.Engr	7years
5	Mr Uzor Walter	Anambra	B.Sc	7years
6	Mr Daniel Abia	Akwa-Ibom	PGD	7years
7	Mr Udofia Efiong	Akwa-Ibom	B.Sc	7years
8	Mr Idachaba Yusuf	Benue	HND	7years
9	Mrs Regina Nche	Cross Rivers	M.Sc	7years
10	Mr Essien Michael	Cross Rivers	B.Sc	7years
11	Mrs Anthonia Eleghe	Edo	B.Sc	7years
12	Ms Sylvia Egbuji	Enugu	PGD	7years
13	Mrs Ochi Perpetual	Enugu	M.Sc	7years
14	Mr Ozoene Ifeanyi	Enugu	HND	7years
15	Mr Eche Njideka	Enugu	M.Sc	7years
16	Mr Ugwu Chinedu	Enugu	B.A	7years
17	Mr Olowokere Ayo	Ekiti	M.Phil	7years
18	Mr Lawal Kabir	Kaduna	B.Sc	7years
19.	Mr James Samuel	Kaduna	B.Sc	7years
20	Mr Nalaya Williams	Kaduna	B.Sc	7years
21	Mr Didom Paul	Kaduna	M.Sc	7years
22	Ms Bello Rashidat	Kwara	B.Sc	7years
23	Mr Abdul Christopher	Kogi	B.Sc	7years
24	Mr Tuned Olanrewaju	Ondo	M.A	7years
25	Mr Ayodele Omoyeni	Ondo	B.Tech	7years
SUMMARY				
1	Anambra State - Five (5)			
2	Enugu State - Five (5)			
3	Kaduna State - Four (4)			
4	Akwa Ibom State - Two (2)			

5	Cross Rivers State - Two (2)
6	Ondo State - One (1)
7	Benue State - One (1)
8	Ekiti State - One (1)
9	Kwara State - One (1)
10	Kogi State - One (1)
11	Edo State - One (1)
TOTAL = Twenty Five (25)	

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Thursday, 12 th December, 2019 (Round Table Discussion)	10.00am	NAF Conference Centre Abuja.
2.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Thursday, 12 th December, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
3.	FCT	Thursday, 12 th December, 2019 (Budget Deliberation)	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
4.	Foreign Affairs	Monday, 16 th December, 2019	11.00am	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
5.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Tuesday, 17 th December, 2019 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
6.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 18 th December, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
