



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

Thursday, 28th May, 2020

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

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Nigerian Railway Corporation Act CAP N129 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 426)
-First Reading
Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*).
2. National Transport Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 427) *-First Reading*
Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*).
3. Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 428) *-First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*).
4. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 429) *-First Reading*
Sen. Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji (*Ekiti North*).
5. Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency Act CAP P43 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 430)
-First Reading
Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (*Cross River South*).

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs
Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission
Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella (*Kaduna South*)
-That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission - To be Laid.

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE	REMARKS
1.	Dr. Muheeba (Farida) Dankaka	Chairman	Kwara	New Appointment
2.	Hon. Henry, Ogbulogo	Member	Abia	New Appointment
3.	Dr. Salihu Bello	Member	Adamawa	New Appointment
4.	Obonganwan Dorah Daniel Ebong	Member	Akwa Ibom	New Appointment
5.	Rev. Ibeabuchi Uche	Member	Anambra	New Appointment
6.	Mohammad Tijjani	Member	Bauchi	New Appointment

7.	Tonye G. Okio	Member	Bayelsa	New Appointment
8.	Mr. Silas Mfa Macikpah	Member	Benue	New Appointment
9.	Abba Ali Monguno	Member	Borno	New Appointment
10.	Mr. Nsor Atangba	Member	Cross River	New Appointment
11.	Hon. Moses Anaughe	Member	Delta	New Appointment
12.	Chief George Afamefuna Ossi	Member	Ebonyi	New Appointment
13.	Imuetinyan Festus	Member	Edo	New Appointment
14.	Barr. Sesan Fatoba	Member	Ekiti	New Appointment
15.	Mrs. Ginika Florence Tor	Member	Enugu	New Appointment
16.	Hamza Mohammed	Member	Gombe	New Appointment
17.	Dr. Diogu Uche	Member	Imo	New Appointment
18.	Lawan Ya'u Roni	Member	Jigawa	New Appointment
19.	Hadiza Usman Muazu	Member	Kaduna	New Appointment
20.	Muhammad Awwal Na'iya	Member	Kano	New Appointment
21.	Hon. Lawai Garba	Member	Katsina	New Appointment
22.	Abubakar Atiku Bunu	Member	Kebbi	New Appointment
23.	Pharm. Idris Eneye Bello	Member	Kogi	New Appointment
24.	Daniel James Kolo	Member	Kwara	New Appointment
25.	Abdul Wasiu Kayode Bawa-Allah	Member	Lagos	New Appointment
26.	Barr. Alakayi Toro Mamman	Member	Nasarawa	New Appointment
27.	Maj. Gen. Suleiman Barau Said (Rtd.)	Member	Niger	New Appointment
28.	Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade	Member	Ogun	New Appointment
29.	Chief Olufemi Lawrence Omosanya	Member	Ondo	New Appointment
30.	Adeoye, Abdulrazak Olalekan	Member	Osun	New Appointment
31.	Prof. Adeniyi Olowofela	Member	Oyo	New Appointment
32.	Mr. Stephen A. Jings	Member	Plateau	New Appointment
33.	Wokocha Augustine	Member	Rivers	New Appointment
34.	Abdullahi Aminu Tafida	Member	Sokoto	New Appointment
35.	Alhaji Armaya'u Dauda Abubakar	Member	Taraba	New Appointment
36.	Hon. Jibril Maigari	Member	Yobe	New Appointment
37.	Hon. Sani Garba	Member	Zamfara	New Appointment
38.	Sen. Adamu Muhammed Sidi-Ali	Member	FCT	New Appointment

ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. The need to revive the Moribund Paper Mills in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Ekpeyong C. Stephen (*Akwa Ibom North West*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (*Abia South*)
 Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (*Akwa-Ibom North East*)
 Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)
 Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*)
 Sen. Balogun, Kola Ademola (*Oyo South*)
 Sen. Oriolowo, Adelere Adeyemi (*Osun West*)
 Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (*Rivers East*)
 Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)
 Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (*Nasarawa South*)
 Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (*Kebbi Central*)
 Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (*Edo Central*)
 Sen. Nnamani, Chimaroke Ogbornia (*Enugu East*)
 Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (*Gombe Central*)

Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (*Akwa-Ibom South*)
 Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)
 Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella (*Kaduna South*)
 Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*)
 Sen. Kyari, Abubakar Shaib (*Borno North*)
 Sen. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi (*Ebonyi North*)
 Sen. Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed (*Yobe South*)
 Sen. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule (*Abia Central*)
 Sen. Shettima, Kashim (*Borno Central*)
 Sen. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim (*Kano South*)
 Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)
 Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (*Ogun Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that the Nigeria's three Paper Mills: Nigeria Paper Mill (NPM) Kwara State, Nigeria Newsprint Manufacturing Company (NNMC) Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria National Paper Manufacturing Company (NNPMC) Ogun State were established by the Federal Government in the 1960s and 1970s to produce Corrugated Cartons, Sack Craft Paper, Kraft Paper, Linear and Chip Board as well as fluting media to meet the country's needs in writing and printing papers;

Further notes that these Paper Mills were privatized by Government as a result of lack of adequate funds to run them and non-performance, hence the redirection of the management into private hands through privatization to ensure effective and profitable management;

Aware that paper production is one of the major industrial activities regarded as a pointer to industrialization and educational development worldwide, making the sector a major booster to our economy and national development;

Observed that the sector has gone moribund since privatization, leaving the country with another huge income deficit. The companies who bought these mills have either abandoned them or not been able to revive them to full capacity making the country to depend on imported papers;

Worried by the recent statistics release by the Raw Material Research and Development Council (RMRDC) which indicate that Nigeria lost over N800 billion naira annually to paper importation, while the Printers Association of Nigeria put the figure at \$1 trillion US dollars annually through the importation of over one million metric tons of paper at the cost of \$1,000 US dollars per tones;

Recalls with nostalgia that these Mills formerly had a work force of over 300,000 people and an investment worth over ₦100 billion naira before the privatization policy by the Government;

Concerned that the unhealthy state of the printing industry is adversely affecting the education sector. Statistics show that over 100 million books are required annually in the country for the 20 million students in schools and by the National Book Policy, five books are the requirement set per pupil. 75 percent of these books are printed outside the country. This is because printers make more money printing abroad because the duty on importation of published books is zero percent while importation of paper, as raw materials into the country is up to 30 percent; and

Further worried that the result of the non-performance of the Paper Mills is the missed opportunity for job creation in the sector; this amounts to a loss for the Nigerian economy. If these Paper Mills are working, thousands of Nigerians would be actively employed working in these mills. Books and paper needed by students would have been cheaper since they are produced locally.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Privatization to investigate the activities and operations of the Mills and report back to the Senate;
- ii. *Urge* the Chartered Institute of Professional Printers of Nigeria (CIPPON) and Nigeria Customs Service to review duty on importation of published books and importation of paper as raw materials into the country and make it favourable to print locally in Nigeria; and
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to establish Federal Paper Mills in each Geopolitical Zones of the country to boost paper production, economic growth, and employment opportunities in the country.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Power	Thursday, 28 th May, 2020	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building

2.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Thursday, 28 th May, 2020	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
3.	Local Content	Tuesday, 2 nd June, 2020	1.30pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
4.	Public Accounts	Wed. 3 rd - Thu. 4 th June, 2020 (Public Hearing)	11:00am	Hearing Room 4 White House
	Building			
5.	Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 3 rd June, 2020 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building

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