



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

Tuesday, 5th May, 2020

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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

1. National Health Emergency Bill, 2020 (SB. 413) - *First Reading*
Sen. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey (*Enugu North*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Commissioners for the Federal Civil Service Commission

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Commissioners for the Federal Civil Service Commission in accordance with the provision of Section 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE REPRESENTED	NEW/RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT
1.	Dr. Frederick O. Ekwem	Commissioner	Imo&Abia	New Appointment
2.	Dr. Jonah Madugu	Commissioner	Benue, Nasrawa & Plateau	Renewal

2. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Members of the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Members of the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission in accordance with the provision of Section 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended).

S/N	NAME	STATE	POSITION
1.	Salamatu Mohammed Bala	Adamawa	New Appointment
2.	Hon. Alfred Egba, Esq	Bayelsa	New Appointment
3.	Alh. Adamu Shettima Yuguda Dibal	Borno	New Appointment
4.	Barr. (Sir) Emmanuel O. Nwosu	Imo	New Appointment
5.	Oladele Semiu Gboyega	Osun	New Appointment
6.	Bello Abubakar Wamakko	Sokoto	New Appointment

3. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission in accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE	REMARKS
1.	Dr. Muheeba (Farida) Dankaka	Chairman	-	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 Atamgba	Member	Cross River	New Appointment
11.	Hon. Alims Agoda	Member	Delta	New Appointment
12.	Hon. Tobias Chukwuemeka	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.	Are Miftah Bolaji	Member	Lagos	New Appointment
26.	Nasir Isa Kwarra	Member	Nassarawa	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.	Woko.cha 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

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Nigerian Security Challenges

Urgent need to Restructure, Review and Reorganize the Current Security Architecture

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Nigerian Security Challenges on the

MOTIONS

1. The present status of 5th Generation (5G) Network in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*)

The Senate:

Notes with growing concern, the ongoing discussion about the current status of the 5th Generation (5G) Network in Nigeria especially with regards to whether or not Nigeria is presently connected to the 5G Network;

Notes further the concern by some scientists and medical experts that the emissions from the 5G towers could adversely affect the health of citizens by causing symptoms like damage to eyes, antibiotics resistance, and other physiological effects on the nervous and the immune systems;

Mindful of the recurrent health hazards which are usually associated with technological advancements such as the 5G network, and the need to conduct a thorough test prior to the deployment of new technology;

Aware of a statement by Dr. Isa Pantami, Honorable Minister of Communication in October 2019 during the 39th Gulf Information Technology Exhibition (GITEX) in Dubai, UAE (Oct. 6 - Oct 10, 2019) that Nigeria was "ready to deploy 5G Network across the country" to ease network flow;

Aware also that in a subsequent interview, the Hon. Minister of Communication indicated that no License has yet been issued by the Federal Government of Nigeria for the operation of 5G network except for a 3-month study trial granted to MTN which commenced on the 25th of November, 2019 and intended to critically review and study the health & security implication of deploying 5G in Nigeria;

Acknowledges that 5G reportedly holds a lot of promise for mobile broadband services because of its faster speed and better capacity;

Further acknowledges that there is neither a conclusive proof, nor has it been universally established that the deployment of 5G network is either harmful to the human body, or is in anyway linked to the global pandemic of Covid-19. A lot of countries like South Korea, United Kingdom and Germany have successfully deployed and are using the 5G Network;

Concerned that the uncertainty surrounding whether or not the 5G Network has been launched in Nigeria will continue to fuel the speculations and rumors concerning the deployment of the 5G Network and its effect on the citizens of Nigeria;

Further concerned about the massive infrastructural upgrade as has never been seen before, which will follow the launching of 5G Network in Nigeria. For instance, for the deployment of 5G network in urban areas, the providers have to install a strong radiating mobile communications antenna approximately every 100 meters, producing what has been described as a "radiation tsunami" and taking up to a 1000-fold increase in the transmission power;

Informed that several countries, including Switzerland, one of the world's leaders in the rollout of 5G mobile technology, has placed an indefinite moratorium on the use of 5G network because of health concerns;

Desirous of investigating the true status of 5G network in Nigeria to ensure that Nigerian citizens are not exposed to an unreasonable risk of great bodily injury or harm.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct the Committees on Communications, Science & Technology and ICT & Cyber Crimes to conduct a thorough investigation to determine the status of 5G Network in Nigeria and its*

2. Urgent need to investigate Alleged Financial Recklessness in the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

Sponsors: Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (*Rivers East*)

The Senate:

Aware that the Niger Delta Development Commission was established following the enactment of the Commission's establishment Act No 6, 2000 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria as a Federal Government response to the long time agitation of the people of the Niger Delta Region;

Aware further that the people of the Niger Delta Region has clamoured against the backwardness and underdevelopment of their region, the environmental devastation of the area occasioned by the oil and gas exploitation and exploration activities as well as the production of same in the area for over 60 years going;

Notes that the Federal Government established the Commission in response to the quest of the people of the region to fast track development in the area and ameliorates the devastation done to the environment;

Notes also that the Act establishing the Commission has among other functions given the Commission the following mandates in Part 2 Section 7 Subsections 1 and 2 as follows:

To formulate policies and guidelines for the development of the Niger- Delta, area, conceive, plan and implement, in accordance with set rules and regulations, projects and programmes for the sustainable development of tie Niger-Delta area in the field of transportation including roads, jetties and waterways, health, education, employment, industrialization, agriculture and fisheries, housing and urban development, water supply, electricity and telecommunications; etc;

Worried that the accelerated development envisaged by the NDDC Establishment Act has not actually impacted on the Region, 20 years after its establishment as the operators of the commission's policies and programmes are neither focused or have completely abandoned the initial desire of the people of the area and used the commission's funds on programmes and policies that do not commensurate with funds so far transmitted to it by the Federal Government and other donors;

Worried further that there has been loud accusation of misuse of funds by previous management of the Commission, which portrayed the commission as a financial conduit pipe, especially when the aspiration of the founding fathers have been forsaken;

Believes that visible financial recklessness may have prompted the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to set up an Interim Management Committee (IMC) while ordering a forensic audit of the commission so as to reposition it for its intended mandate;

Believes further that while the President's action of setting up an IMC and the forensic audit may have been conceived to forestall the financial recklessness of the commission and reposition it for fast tracking of the development of the region, the IMC has been more bedeviled with the same financial misuse, misapplication, misappropriation or outright fraud in the management of the funds of the commission;

Alarmed that the IMC has inundated itself with undue gross misconducts in fraudulent contracts award without recourse to due process and flagrant disobedience to the provisions of the Sections 19, 25, 41, and 42 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007;

Worried that within the last three months the commission has spent over N40Billion Naira of the commission's fund without recourse to established processes of funds disbursement, which has open up further suspicion among stakeholders of the Niger Delta Region;

Worried further of the IMC's arbitrary use of executive power in alleged wrongful sacking of management staff of the commission without recourse to established civil service rules and practice with the aim of concealing the fraudulent financial recklessness they have committed;

Understands that many of the management staff sacked if not all still has many years to retirement based on the civil service rules, order and precedence;

Observes that the IMC has lost credibility and seen as a financial conduit pipe based on opinions of stakeholders in the region; this therefore urgently calls for an intervention by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to instill confidence in the people for whom the commission was primarily established;

Knows that the provision of Section 88 of the 1999 Constitution (as amended), has conferred on the National Assembly, the Senate in particular that has been appropriating funds to the Commission the power to ascertain whether the sum of N40Billion so appropriated and in the coffers of the Commission has been properly applied to programmes with recourse to established processes and procedure as contained in the Commission's mandate;

Agrees that the Senate can invoke Section 89 of the 1999 Constitution as amended, which has given it an irrevocable mandate to carry out investigation on any department of government to which it appropriates funds especially with the aim of exposing corruption, inefficiency or waste in the management of such public funds.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* its Committee on Niger Delta affairs to carry out an holistic investigation on all issues relating to but not limited to the alleged misapplication and misappropriation of the sum of N40Billion by the commission, as well as all procurements and financial transaction of the commission in this fiscal year (2020) and any other matter that is not in accordance with the provision of the NDDC Establishment Act, 2000 or any other extant law;
- ii. *Mandate* its Committee on Niger Delta Affairs to investigate appropriateness of the alleged arbitrary sack of the management staff of the Commission; and
- iii. *Direct* its committee to report its findings in three weeks.

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