



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

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

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1. **Prayers**
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**BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. Open Distance Learning Bill, 2020 (SB. 446) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*)
2. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 467) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)
3. National School Feeding (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 468) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*).
4. Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 469) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (*Imo East*).
5. National Animal Identification and Management Bureau (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 471) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*).

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**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

1. Reports of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND  
Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*)  
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the followings:
  - a. City University of Technology Auchu (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 22);
  - b. Nigerian Maritime University Okerenkoko (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 272);
  - c. Federal University of Technology Manchok, Kaduna State (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 141); and
  - d. Federal Polytechnic Aba (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 10) - *To be Laid*.
2. Report of the Committee on Health  
*National Health Insurance Scheme Act, CAP N42 LFN, 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 65)*  
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)  
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Health on the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, CAP N42 LFN, 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 65) - *To be Laid*.
3. Report of the Joint Committee on Communications and Trade & Investment  
*Investigation on the increasing rate of Drop Calls and other Unwholesome practices by Telecommunications Network Operators in Nigeria*  
Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)

-That the Senate do receive the report of the Joint Committee on Communications and Trade & Investment on the investigation on the increasing rate of Drop Calls and other Unwholesome practices by Telecommunications Network Operators in Nigeria - *To be Laid*.

4. Report of the Committee Land Transport

*National Transport Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 427)*

Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*).

-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee Land Transport on the National Transport Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 427) - *To be Laid*.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Executive Communication

*Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Non-Career Ambassadors*

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 Non-Career Ambassadors in accordance with Section 171(1), (2c) & Sub-Section (4) ) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended).

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE
1.	Mr. John J. Usanga	Non-Career Ambassador	Akwa-Ibom
2.	Air Commodore Peter Ndabake Gana (Rtd.)	Non-Career Ambassador	Niger

2. Executive Communication

*Confirmation of the Nomination of Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta for Appointment as Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)*

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 Nomination of Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta for Appointment as Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) in accordance with Section 8(1) of the Nigerian Communications Act, 2003.

3. Executive Communication

*Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB)*

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 Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) in accordance with Section 154(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended) pursuant to Section 1(2) & (3) of the Code of Conduct Bureau Act, LFN 2004.

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	STATE	ZONE
1.	Barr. Ben Umeano	Member	Anambra	South-East
2.	Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma	Member	Edo	South-South
3.	Olayinka Babatunde Balogun	Member	Ogun	South-West

### CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters

*Criminal Code Act CAP C38 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 2)*

Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Criminal Code Act CAP C38 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 2).

2. Report of the Committee on Solid Minerals, Steel Development and Metallurgy

*Need for the continuous implementation of policy reforms for the diversification of the Nigerian economy*

Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (*Nasarawa South*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Solid Minerals, Steel Development and

Metallurgy on the Need for the continuous implementation of policy reforms for the diversification of the Nigerian economy through the Solid Mineral Sector.

## MOTIONS

### 1. Urgent need to resuscitate and Re-Activate the Rehabilitation and Concession of the Eastern Rail line Project.

Sponsor: Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (*Abia North*)

Co-Sponsor:

Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*)  
 Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (*Abia South*)  
 Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (*Kebbi Central*)  
 Sen. Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji (*Ekiti North*)  
 Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*)  
 Sen. Akpan, Albert Basse (*Akwa-Ibom North East*)  
 Sen. Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi (*Zamfara North*)  
 Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (*Gombe North*)  
 Sen. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs (*Gombe South*)  
 Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (*Rivers West*)  
 Sen. Balogun, Kola Ademola (*Oyo South*)  
 Sen. Basiru, Surajudeen Ajibola (*Osun Central*)  
 Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (*Kano North*)  
 Sen. Barkiya, Abdullahi Kabir (*Katsina Central*)  
 Sen. Boroffice, Robert Ajayi (*Ondo North*)  
 Sen. Bulkachuwa, Adamu Muhammad (*Bauchi North*)  
 Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*)

East)

Sen. Dimka, Hezekiah Ayuba (*Plateau Central*)  
 Sen. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi (*Ebonyi North*)  
 Sen. Ekweremadu, Ike (*Enugu West*)  
 Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda (*Sokoto North*)  
 Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (*Osun East*)  
 Sen. Gaidam, Ibrahim Alhaji (*Yobe East*)  
 Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East*)  
 Sen. Gumau, Lawal Y. (*Bauchi South*)  
 Sen. Hadejia, Hassan Ibrahim (*Jigawa North-East*)  
 Sen. Isah, Jibrin (*Kogi East*)  
 Sen. Jika, Dauda Halliru (*Bauchi Central*)  
 Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (*Kaduna North*)  
 Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella (*Kaduna South*)  
 Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (*Taraba Central*)  
 Sen. Mandiya, Bello (*Katsina South*)  
 Sen. Mohammed, Hassan (*Zamfara Central*)  
 Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (*Benue South*)  
 Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)  
 Sen. Na'allah, Bala Ibn (*Kebbi South*)  
 Sen. Nnachi, Michael Ama (*Ebonyi South*)  
 Sen. Nnamani, Chimaroke Ogonnia (*Enugu East*)  
 Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*)  
 Sen. Ogba, Joseph Obinna (*Ebonyi Central*)  
 Sen. Okorochoa, Anayo Rochas (*Imo West*)  
 Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang (*Cross River Central*)  
 Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (*Imo East*)  
 Sen. Oriolowo, Adelere Adeyemi (*Osun West*)  
 Sen. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa (*Benue North West*)  
 Sen. Sani, Uba (*Kaduna Central*)  
 Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (*Rivers East*)  
 Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (*Kano Central*)

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North*)  
 Sen. Adamu, Abdullahi (*Nasarawa West*)  
 Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*)  
 Sen. Olujimi, Biodun (*Ekiti South*)  
 Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (*Ondo Central*)  
 Sen. Akwashiki, Godiya (*Nasarawa North*)  
 Sen. Alimikhena, Francis Asekhome (*Edo North*)  
 Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (*Nasarawa South*)  
 Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (*Ogun Central*)  
 Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (*Kwara South*)  
 Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*)  
 Sen. Basse, Gershom Henry (*Cross River South*)  
 Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*)  
 Sen. Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed (*Yobe South*)  
 Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*)  
 Sen. Bwacha, Emmanuel (*Taraba South*)  
 Sen. Degi-Eremienyo, W.Biobarakuma (*Bayelsa*)

Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*)  
 Sen. Ekpeyong C. Stephen (*Akwa Ibom North West*)  
 Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*)  
 Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (*Akwa-Ibom South*)  
 Sen. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole (*Oyo Central*)  
 Sen. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim (*Kano South*)  
 Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (*Gombe Central*)  
 Sen. Gyang, Istifanus Dung (*Plateau North*)  
 Sen. Isa, Shuaibu Lau (*Taraba North*)  
 Sen. Ishaku, Elisha Cliff (*Adamawa North*)  
 Sen. Yaroo, Binos Dauda (*Adamawa South*)  
 Sen. Kyari, Abubakar Shaib (*Borno North*)  
 Sen. Lawali, Hassan Anka (*Zamfara West*)  
 Sen. Manager, James Ebiowou (*Delta South*)  
 Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (*Kogi West*)  
 Sen. Mohammed, Sabo (*Jigawa South-West*)  
 Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (*Rivers South-East*)  
 Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (*Ogun East*)  
 Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (*Borno South*)  
 Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)  
 Sen. Nwaoboshi, Peter Onyeluka (*Delta North*)  
 Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*)  
 Sen. Yakubu, Oseni (*Kogi Central*)  
 Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)  
 Sen. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey (*Enugu North*)  
 Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (*Edo Central*)  
 Sen. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule (*Abia Central*)  
 Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)  
 Sen. Sankara, D. Abdullahi (*Jigawa North-West*)  
 Sen. Ibrahim, A. Danbaba (*Sokoto South*)  
 Sen. Shettima, Kashim (*Borno Central*)

Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (*Benue North East*)

Sen. Tanimu, Philip Aduda (*F.C.T*)

Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (*Ondo South*)

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

Sen. Urhoghide, M. Aisagbonriodion (*Edo South*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that one of the greatest challenges facing the nation as an emerging economy is poor infrastructural development. Specifically, the movement of goods and persons from one point to another is becoming very cumbersome, if not hazardous;

*Further notes* that the Federal Government in recognition of the fact that there is dire need for transformation of the Nigerian Railway system into a more dynamic and functional one, encouraged the use of rail to reduce road traffic congestion problems and open up the sector to private sector investment to reduce its burden on the Federal Government;

*Aware* that the Federal Government in 2017 entered into an agreement with General Electric, a Boston ,United States based company, under the Rehabilitation and Concessing of Western and Eastern Railway lines to connect Abia, Rivers, Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Kwara, Kaduna, Katsina, Enugu, Bauchi, Gombe, Plateau, Borno, Yobe and Kano States. And while the Western lines of 1,126 km are from Lagos to Kano and to Nguru 230 km, Funtua 100km and Kaura Namoda 121 km. The Eastern lines are from Port Harcourt to Kaduna 915km, Maiduguri 706 km, Jos 35 km;

*Also aware* that in spite of the fact that the railways are more efficient in haulage of bulk loads over long distances in environmental and economic ease including cargoes and petroleum products, the sector suffers neglect especially the Eastern rail line which commences in Port Harcourt in Rivers State, passing through Abia State, Enugu, Benue, Kogi, Kaduna, Kano to Gombe and terminates in Maiduguri, Borno State;

*Disturbed* that the Eastern rail line had been denied a similar attention given to Lagos Kano (Western) rail line in spite of the fact that investigations revealed that the Eastern rail line remains the most lucrative route in Nigeria;

*More disturbed* that in spite of being the most lucrative route in Nigeria and a distance of about 1402 km having passed through Aba in Abia State, the commercial nerve center of the South East is regrettably left in a comatose condition resulting in Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) losing at least N208 million Naira each year since 2014 totaling N1, 248 Billion Naira in the past 6 years;

*Concerned* that despite this colossal loss of revenue in this corridor and the attendant economic benefits that would be accrued, the commencement of the rehabilitation and concession of the Eastern Rail lines as entered by the Executive has not taken off like that of the Western corridor with 2 to 3 different companies, GE, Transnet and its consortium partners which include Sino Hydro of China and Dutch based APM Terminals for unexplained reasons;

*Further concerned* that the Federal Executive Council is yet to give approval for the commencement which leaves not just the government as losers but all host communities to the rail line from Port Harcourt to Maiduguri; and

*Worried* that with the non-existence of an airport or inland port in the whole of Abia State with its high volume of commercial activities, it has posed a serious hindrance to export and import activities, a situation that would have necessitated a prioritized consideration and commencement of the concession agreement especially in cognizance that the Senate had approved loans for infrastructure developments.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Executive to prioritize the commencement of the Rehabilitation and Concession agreement for the Eastern corridor in recognition of its huge revenue potentials to the national economy and for movement of people to reduce the burden on dilapidated roads in this axis;
- ii. *Mandate* its Committee on Land Transport to interface with the relevant Ministry and agencies of the Executive to facilitate the commencement of the Eastern corridor; and
- iii. *Mandate* its Committee on Compliance to ensure compliance and report back to the Senate in 3 weeks for further legislative action.

2. Urgent need to ensure strict compliance with statutory regulations and provisions regarding the Nigerian Diving Sector and also urge the Ministry of Labour to as a matter of urgency inaugurate the Diving Advisory Board to ensure the regulation of its operations in the sector.

Sponsor: Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)

Co-Sponsor:

Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (*Ogun East*)

Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*)

Sen. Ogba, Joseph Obinna (*Ebonyi Central*)

Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (*Kwara South*)

Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)

Sen. Mandiya, Bello (*Katsina South*)

Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that in line with the provisions of Diving At Work Regulations, 2018, the Minister of Labour and employment is mandated to set up a Divers Advisory Board to regulate the activities of divers in the diving sector and oversee the activities of diving including safety, education, remuneration and local content development;

*Also notes* that in recent times there has been rising complaints by Nigerian Divers who blame the underdeveloped state of the profession on unregulated practices and foreign dominance to the failure of the Ministry of Labour and Employment to establish a Diving Advisory Board;

*Aware* that offshore oil and gas exploration comprising wells drilled in shallow or deep-water requires commercial diving intervention to execute a range of hazardous underwater activities in extremely challenging irrespirable environments; hence, commercial diving has become one of the most dangerous but rewarding professions in Nigeria and all over the world;

*Also Aware* that in line with the Schedule of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (2010) local participation in all aspects of oil operations, include the following: 65 percent of divers in offshore energy projects must be Nigerian; 60 percent of steel ropes used in projects must be made locally; all contracts awarded in excess of \$100 million must include a "labor clause," mandating the use of minimum percentage of Nigerian labor or the use of indigenous companies of a minimum size;

*Worried* that despite the above provisions including the provisions of Section 28 (1) of the same Act which provides *inter alia* that Nigerians shall be accorded first consideration for employment and training in any project executed by any operator or project promoter in the Nigerian oil and gas industry, there have been recurring concerns by Nigerians over the domination of foreign divers, who have allegedly flooded the Nigerian oil and gas market depriving the indigenous divers by about 90 per cent;

*Also worried* that according to the President, Under Water and Hyperbaric Medical Society of Nigeria (UHMSON), over 2,000 Nigerian divers are recently being unemployed at the expense of the employment of foreign divers;

*Concerned* that with rising unemployment rates in the face of the viability of the diving sector and its position to contribute revenue to the economy while possibly catering for over 10 percent of the nation's unemployment margin, it is curious to note that the inability of the Ministry of Labour and Employment remains the impediment in this regard; and

*Desirous* to enforce compliance with statutory provisions under the Nigerian Local Content law and particularly, the diving profession in Nigeria in order to ensure the proper regulation of the profession for optimal performance towards strengthening the Nigerian economy and its workforce.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Mandate* the Committees on Local Content to liaise with Minister of Labour and Employment with a view to causing the immediate inauguration of the Divers Advisory Board to regulate and oversee the activities of diving in Nigeria; and
- ii. *Mandate* the Committees on Local Content to investigate the claims of contravention of relevant statutory provisions in the area of diving in the oil and gas sector.

3. The need for the establishment of a Military Unit in Jigawa State.

Sponsor: Sen. Hadejia, Hassan Ibrahim (*Jigawa North-East*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes with concern* the invasion of our communities by Insurgents and Bandits fleeing mounting pressure from across other northern part of the country where Security Agencies are tackling them head on;

*Notes also* the need to secure our communities from these migrant alien settlers, masquerading and mixing with herders trooping to the area because of the fertile flood plain and thick forest cover;

*Aware* that the zone is bordered by Yobe and Bauchi States and Niger Republic and has faced challenges of insurgents sneaking in to take temporary refuge from army operations in there, but proactive measures by the security operatives in conjunction with a reporting mechanism using traditional institutions has ensured they are neutralized before they localize and take root;

*Worried* that most of these herders and other armed groups that mingle with them appear to be non-nationals and their activities in the last 12 months has assumed a dangerous dimension resulting in attacks and raiding of villages;

*Worried also* that they have also adopted unwarranted destruction of farm produce to discourage farmers from planting in what appears to be an extension of the strategy in the far northwest to disrupt agricultural production and precipitate calamitous food insecurity in the country to aid in their strategy of creating instability through hunger and local economic devastation. The three local Governments affected form the flood plain of the Hadejia River Basin and are the most productive in the zone providing fertile land and abundant water to thousands of families who can achieve 3 harvest annually;

*Saddened* that the perpetrators have no fear or regard for the police and the local inhabitants are also losing confidence in the authorities as no one has yet been apprehended and successfully prosecuted, and our Joint Operations Squad Operation Salama is covering all 27 local governments in the state so dedicating it to that operation will seriously hamper its larger overall objective;

*Concerned* that several lives have been lost as the marauders mercilessly hack down innocent villagers in a gruesome manner with the latest incident claiming almost 10 lives last week. There is need for take preventive measures so as to avert the Zamfara and Katsina experience;

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to direct the immediate deployment of a Semi-Permanent Platoon or forward operation base of soldiers to decisively uproot the marauders from the surrounding communities so they can resume their farming and other economic activities;
  - ii. *Call* on NEMA, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Service to immediately arrange for distribution of relief materials and agricultural inputs respectively so the communities affected can get some relief and resume immediate cultivation to race advantage of the rainy season to recoup their losses.
4. Urgent need for Government Intervention to curb the menace of Erosion in communities in Imo West Senatorial Zone, Imo State.

Sponsor: Sen. Okorocho, Anayo Rochas (*Imo West*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that Imo West Senatorial Zone consists of twelve (12) Local Government Areas, namely: Ideato North, Ideato South, Isu, Njaba, Nwangele, Nkwerre, Oguta, Ohaji/Egbema, Orlu, Orsu, Oru East and Oru West;

*Further notes* that recently in Ideato South and Orlu LGAs, some villages and communities which include Umumaisiaku/Ogboko, Amanator/Umueshi and Umuchima/Obiohia have been ravaged by erosion caused by the current torrential rainfalls in the areas, resulting in economic losses, loss of properties and damage to roads;

*Aware* that the issue of erosion has been an ongoing menace in these areas and its environs for over five decades;

*Further aware* that in 2010, a World Bank Assisted Project, the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) was set up in order to help curb erosion and land degradation related issues across the country, which commenced operation in 2013;

*Cognizant* that in 2019, the Imo State Management Unit of the Nigeria Erosion Watershed management Project (IMO NEWMAP) awarded a contract for the construction and remediation works at Eziala-Obizi, Iyiuzo-Ogberuru, Umueshi and Umunumo-Ibeafor Gully Erosion Sites in Imo State;

*Further cognizant* that in 2014 and 2016 respectively, the Imo State Erosion and Watershed Management Project (IMO NEWMAP) assisted with erosion management, gully rehabilitation, compensation for loss of properties and resettlement of persons that lost their houses due to the Umueshi Erosion;

*Worried* that although the Federal and State Governments have assisted in the past in curbing the menace, it keeps re-occurring every year especially during the rainy season, thereby causing the inhabitants of these areas continued loss of properties and means of livelihood, due to the damage done to farmlands;

*Further worried* that some of the areas affected by the erosion are major Federal Government link roads such as the Owerri-Orlu-Ideato-Uga Federal Road in Imo State that links the Owerri, the capital of Imo State through Uga to Awka, the capital of Anambra State, and the stretch of road from Orlu-Mgbee-Umuchima-Obiohia-Urualla which has partly collapsed, with huge gullies;

*Cognizant* that one of the most important responsibility of government is to protect lives and properties of citizens;

*Further cognizant* that although the government has assisted in the past in addressing the menace caused by erosion in some parts of Imo West Senatorial Zone currently affected such as Umueshi community, however many areas have not benefitted from the Federal Government Erosion Management and Rehabilitation Aid, while assisted areas keep experiencing annual disrepair; and

*Regrets* that if no urgent action is taken to curb this menace and curb the raging effect of erosions in these communities, this may lead to loss of life and even more devastating economic consequences for the people of the affected communities in Imo State.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Direct* the Committees on Environment, Finance, National Planning and Economic Affairs, Water Resources and Works to jointly inter-face with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nigerian Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP), Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Works, Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and other relevant stakeholders to:-
    - a. *Determine* why previous Federal Government Interventions have failed to yield a lasting solution to this menace;
    - b. *Provide* a permanent and sustainable solution to the menace and report to the Senate within 2 weeks;
  - ii. *Direct* Nigeria Erosion and watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) to include these areas affected by erosion in Imo West Senatorial Zone in their 2020 work plan; and
- Issue* such further directives as deemed expedient in the circumstance to ensure compliance these resolutions.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Public Hearing)	10:00am	Conference Room 231 New Senate Building
2.	Information and National Orientation	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 117 New Senate Building
3.	Gas Resources	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 211 New Senate Building
4.	Joint Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 428 New Senate Building
5.	Customs, Excise & Tariff	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 107 New Senate Building
6.	Joint Committee on Primary Health Care & Communicable Diseases and Environment	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 224 New Senate Building
7.	Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 204 New Senate Building
8.	National Planning and Economic Affairs	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Screening Exercise)	2:00pm	Committee Room 327 New Senate Building
9.	Joint Committee on Niger Delta & NDDC (Senate/ House of Reps)	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Budget Defence)	1:00pm	Conference Room 022 New Senate Building
10.	Public Accounts Building	Tue. 14 <sup>th</sup> - Thu. 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Public Hearing)	11:00am	Hearing Room 4 White House
11.	Power	Tue. 14 <sup>th</sup> & Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Oversight visit)	11:30am	Front of New Senate Building
12.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Public Hearing)	11:00am	Committee Room 231 Senate New Building
13.	Establishment and Public Service	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Screening Exercise)	2:00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
14.	Joint Committee FERMA, Petroleum (Downstream) & National Planning	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
15.	Joint Committee on Local Content, Downstream Petroleum and Legislative Compliance	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (Investigative Hearing)	12:00noon	Conference Room 231 New Senate Building
16.	Privatization	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 204 New Senate Building
17.	Joint Senate/House of Reps.	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Conference Room 231



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