



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

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

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

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 171) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
  2. Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act CAP A11 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 451) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*).
  3. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 458) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Gyang, Istifanus Dung (*Plateau North*).
  4. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 463) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Basse, Gershom Henry (*Cross River South*).
  5. National Institute of Management Act No. 14 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 464) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*).
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**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

1. Reports of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters  
Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*)  
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the followings:
  - a. Criminal Code Act CAP C38 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 2);
  - b. Sexual Harassment Bill, 2020 (SB. 77); and
  - c. Alleged Court Invasion by Officers of the Department of the State Security Services (DSS) on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 - *To be Laid*.
2. 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. Federal College of Education Mutum Biyu (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 101);
  - c. Federal College of Education Giwa Kaduna State (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 121); and
  - d. Federal College of Education (Technical) Ibokun (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 134) - *To be Laid*.

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 Alhaji Bashir Abdullahi and Five (5) others against MTN Group Limited and Airtel Nigeria for alleged unbearable noise and discomfort caused by Telecommunication Mast mounted at No. 20 Oke-Agbe Street, Garki, Abuja;
- b. Petition from Hon. Julius Ibere and Nwojiji Abraham on behalf of Izzi Development Union (IDU) against the Federal Ministry of Education for siting the newly approved Federal College of Education in Ebonyi South Senatorial District instead of Ebonyi North Senatorial District;
- c. (2) Petitions from Okuzo Leaders of Thought and Oba Patriotic Union respectively, against Rev. Uche U. Ibeabuchi who was seen as unqualified to be nominated for Appointment as a representative of Anambra State in the Federal Character Commission (FCC); and
- d. Petition from CSP Ebereuche Mike (Rtd) against the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) for the poor retirement Benefits /Pension of retired Nigeria Police Officers - *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Herdsmen attack on Echori and Itakpa communities in the Benue South Senatorial District of Benue State: urgent need for legislative intervention.

Sponsor: Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (*Benue South*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes with grave concern the recent twin attacks of suspected Fulani herdsmen on two communities of Echori and Itakpa of Obi local government area of Benue South Senatorial District of Benue State on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2020 respectively;*

*Notes further with sadness that two person, Innocent Joseph and Tony Ogbu Alapa and 11 Persons, 1. Christian Abe Igo 2. Sunday Atubu, 3. Steven Okwute, 4. Okwu Joshua 5. Ogo Imuila Ogbu 6. Friday Adekpe Ola, 7. Mrs. Cecilia Onah, 8. Onah Ogaga AKA Orisha, 9. Linus Udor, 10. Sunday Okarika and 11. Enokela Ameh were mowed down by the Marauders;*

*Saddened that this is one in a series of attacks and kidnappings carried out by the herdsmen in Communities in Benue South Senatorial District leaving in their wakes Loss of Lives and wanton destruction of properties; and*

*More saddened that as at today, no single person out of the perpetrators of the heinous attacks have been apprehended.*

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. Urge the Nigeria Police and other relevant Security agencies to carry out a comprehensive investigation of these dastardly attacks with a view to arresting the perpetrators;*
- ii. Urge the federal government to mount Comprehensive Surveillance at the affected areas to proactively detect and deter further future attacks;*
- iii. Urge the Nigeria Police and other relevant Security agencies as a matter of national emergency necessity to review their operational mechanism with a view to being more proactive;*
- iv. Request the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately mobilize relief materials to those many persons displaced by these recent attacks in Echori and Itakpa Communities; and*
- v. Request the Senate to observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased persons.*

## 2. International Day of Parliamentarianism.

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

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that the International Day of Parliamentarianism was established on June 30, 1889 by the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution A/RES/72/278 and aimed at recognising the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies and in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at national and global levels;

*Further notes* that the day celebrates parliaments and is also an opportunity for parliaments to take stock, identify challenges, and ways to address them effectively;

*Aware* that every country in the world has some form of representative government with 79 bicameral and 114 unicameral chambers of parliaments with over 46,000 members of parliament;

*Further aware* that today 30 June, 2020 is the 131st anniversary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the celebration of the third edition of International Day of Parliamentarianism;

*Concerned* that despite the parliament being the most important arm of government in a democracy due to its representativeness, it is the most vilified and misunderstood arm of government; and

*Further concerned* that parliaments all over the world are needed more than ever to put in place legislations to respond to the health and economic crisis occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic, protect vulnerable people and help scrutinize government's actions and spending.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Congratulate* the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the community of parliamentarians the world over, on this occasion of the International Day of Parliamentarianism; and
- ii. *Urge* Parliamentarians in Nigeria both at the State and Federal levels to use this opportunity to take stock and reposition themselves as the pivots of democracy and nation-building in the country.

## 3. Urgent need for Completion and Take-off of the Federal Government Aquaculture Project at Idah, Kogi State.

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

*The Senate:*

*Commends* the efforts of the Federal Government at diversifying the Nigerian economy, in view of the increasing unfavourable climate in the world oil market;

*Notes* that Agriculture forms one of the core spindles around which the Government's diversification programme revolves, and rightly so, given the enormous agricultural potentials in the country;

*Further notes* that the National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) was established in 2001 to undertake well-focused research and development in biotechnology, in priority areas of food and agriculture, health, industry, environment and other strategic sectors for national development, and draw up programmes and policies for biotechnology utilization, research, and development in Nigeria;

*Concerned* that according to NABDA, the demand for fish in Nigeria is currently about 3.2 million tonnes annually. Of this, 1.1 million tonnes is produced locally, while about 1.0 million tonnes is imported, leaving a deficit of about 1.1 million tonnes;

*Further concerned* that inadequate supply of quality fingerlings and fish feeds, and low quality pressed pellets produced locally, constitute the major challenges of aquaculture in Nigeria;

*Cognizant* that in fulfilling its mandate, outcomes of research and development of NABDA are disseminated, propagated and reproduced by 34 Centres it has established across the country, as the Centres have the scope, capacity and immediate access and contacts to host communities;

*Further Cognizant* that of the 34 Centres of NABDA, four are designated as Aquatic Bioresource Centres with focus on aquaculture. These are located at Idah (Kogi State), Pategi (Kwara State), Tunari (Taraba State), and Adiado (Cross River State), with Idah as the pioneer Centre established in 2015;

*Realized* that for proper take-off and functioning of the Idah Centre, a high-tech fingerling production equipment with capacity to produce 500,000 fingerlings per batch and 3 million fingerlings per year, was imported and has been at the Centre since 2018;

*Further realized* that the imported equipment represents a world class Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS), with the filtration, aeration, oxygenation, sterilization and decarbonizing units;

*Recalls* that a 500 kg/hr fish feed extruder line with all the machinery, comprising the grinder, mixer, preconditioner extruder, cutter, dryer, cooler, packaging machine, and a boiler has been equally procured and delivered to the Centre;

*Regrets* that the various machinery and equipment at the Idah Centre have not been installed since 2018, thereby inhibiting the take-off of the Project;

*Further regrets* that apart from the non-installation of the machinery and equipment, rainstorm has damaged parts of the buildings at the Centre, which calls for immediate attention to avoid further mishap; and

*Convinced* that the immediate completion of the Centre, through installation of the machinery and equipment, and the repair of the buildings, will adequately position the Centre to serve as a source of high quality fingerlings and fish feeds in the Country, which will be a major boost to the on-going economic diversification efforts into Agriculture. Meanwhile, the foreign exchange currently spent on importation of fingerlings and fish feeds would be conserved as part of the import substitution strategy of the government.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the National Biotechnology Development Agency to ensure immediate installation of the machinery and equipment, and equally address the repairs of the damaged buildings, to actualize the take-off of the project at Idah; and
- ii. *Urge* the Senate Committee on Science and Technology to interface with the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology and NABDA, to ensure expeditious take-off of the Centre, and report back to the Senate within a month.

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#### BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Electric Power Sector Reform Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 01) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. FCT Health Insurance Agency (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (HB. 60) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
3. Pharmacy Council of Nigeria Act CAP. P17, L FN, 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 334)  
- *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
4. Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc) Bill, 2020 (HB. 44) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Joint Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity	12:00noon (Public Hearing)	Conference Room 231	New Senate Building
2.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	12:00noon	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
3.	Public Accounts Building	Tue. 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Thu. 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2020 (Public Hearing)	11:00am	Hearing Room 4 White House
4.	Environment Building	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 107 New Senate
5.	Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of the Alleged Financial Recklessness in the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Building	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 221 New Senate
6.	Aviation Building	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 117 New Senate
7.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
8.	Power Building	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 224 New Senate

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