

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 24th November, 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. 2020 FCT Appropriation Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 539) First Reading Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 2. Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 423) First Reading Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 3. Federal College of Medical Sciences Nasarawa-Eggon, Nasarawa State Bill, 2020 (SB. 518) First Reading Sen. Akwashiki, Godiya (Nasarawa North).
- 4. FCT School of Nursing and Midwifery Abuja (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 571) First Reading Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (Niger East).
- 5. Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 578) First Reading Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (Ogun Central).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

1. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal

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 for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of Section 40(2) of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Act, 2018:

NO.	NAME	POSITION	ZONE
1.	Mrs. Saratu Mama Shafi	Chairman	North Central
2.	George Chukwuma Mbonu	Member	South-East
3.	Barr. Thomas E. Okosun	Member	South South
4.	Umar Dauda Duhu	Member	North East
5.	Mr. Ibrahim El-Yakubu	Member	North West
6.	Mrs. Sola Salako Ajulo	Member	South-West
7.	Kenneth Tersoo Gyado	Member	North Central

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PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions

Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (Ondo Central)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB):

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

2. Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts

Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance as refund to Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross River, Osun and Ondo States Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (Edo Central)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance as refund to Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross River, Osun and Ondo States Government for Projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government.

NO.	BENEFICIARY STATES	AMOUNT (₦)
1.	Bayelsa State	38,404,564,783.40
2.	Cross River State	18,394,732,608.85
3.	Ondo State	7,822,147,577.08
5.	Osun State	4,567,456,673.63
5.	Rivers State	78,953,067,518.29
	TOTAL	148,141,969,161.24

3. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

Federal College of Education Mutum Biyu (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 101)

Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal College of Education Mutum Biyu (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 101).

4. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

Federal University of Technology Manchok, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 141)

Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal University of Technology Manchok, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 141)

5. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

Federal Polytechnic Aba (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 10)

Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal Polytechnic Aba (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 10).

MOTIONS

1. Need for the Re-Construction and Dualization of Kano - Dambatta - Kazaure - Daura - Niger Boarder Road.

Sponsor: Senator Barau, I. Jibrin (Kano North)

The Senate:

Notes that road infrastructure is very critical for economic and commercial development of any developing economy;

Further Notes that the Kano - Dambatta - Kazaure - Daura - road is a very important gateway that connects the North Western part of the country to the neighbouring Niger Republic;

Observes that the volume of traffic on the road which has led to congestion thereby slowing down the free flow of vehicular movement has become a source of worry to drivers and commuters alike;

Concerned that travel time on the road has tripled owing to the narrow nature of the road with its attendant traffic resulting to a slow-down of commercial activities as well as movement of goods;

Disturbed that armed robbers, taking advantage of the narrowness and non-dualization state of the road and have become a law unto themselves, ambushing, robbing, dispossessing and killing commuters at will;

Notes that the state of the road requires immediate reconstruction and dualization to reduce the unacceptable level of accidents and robbery on the road; and

Notes that the importance of the road lies not only on the fact that it is a gateway to our neighbouring country, but also of its importance is the commercial, agricultural and other economic viability, especially the evacuation of agricultural and industrial produce which these cities have in abundance.

Accordingly resolves to:

- *i. Urge* the Federal Ministry of Works to designate the road for immediate Re-Construction and dualization; and
- ii. Urge the Federal Government to allocate adequate funds in the 2020 budget, currently being prepared, for the reconstruction and dualization of the Kano Dambatta Kazaure Daura road.
- 2. The urgent need for priority attention and completion of the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road in Bayelsa State.

Sponsor: Sen. Degi-Eremienyo, W.Biobarakuma (Bayelsa East

The Senate:

Notes that the Federal Government of Nigeria has had the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road project on the drawing board from the colonial era and eventually appropriated funds for its construction in the 1973 Budget proposal coded F227;

Aware that the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road alignment leads to Communities such as Ogbia, Nembe (Bassambiri), Nembe (Ogbolomabiri), Okpoma, Twon Brass, Egwema etc. in Ogbia, Nembe and Brass LGAs respectively;

Further aware that these Communities play host to Federal Government oil and gas critical assets of high Strategic National economic interests;

Reminded specifically of the presence of Nigeria Agip oil Company multibillion dollars oil export terminal and tank farm as well as Brass LNG project; the multi billion dollars Brass fertilizer and petro chemical project in and around Brass Island besides Oloibiri, Bassambiri-Santa Babara, Nembe Creek SPDC oil fields all located along the main alignment of this road;

Notes that Brass oil and gas city project is proposed to position Nigeria as a leading hub for downstream oil and gas industrial and manufacturing activities in Africa and the world; and Brass is the terminal location of the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road;

Worried that absence of road in this area had negatively affected our foreign exchange earnings and National revenue. The fluctuations in oil production is attributable among other factors to the complex challenges bordering on surveillance and security of pipelines and other oil installations located in the swampy mangrove terrain with crisscrossing rivulets, tributaries, rivers and large bodies of water which empty into the Atlantic ocean. This situation has implication of threat to our National Security;

Further worried that the Federal Government losses several millions of Petro dollars on account of the non-completion of the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road;

Disturbed that over the years, the attention of Government and occasional paltry budgetary provisions had never matched the Socio-Economic value derivable from the road when completed. Apparently, the five hundred and thirty five million, eight hundred thousand naira provided for the project by the Federal Ministry of works in the 2020 budget can be likened to a drop of water in an ocean; and

Convinced that if this road is given priority attention and completed it will serve as a main supply route to the Nigerian Naval Base at Egwema and other Military formations on the alignment of this road with the strategic benefits of effectively enforcing coordinated surveillance and security in the Central Niger Delta region where major oil and gas National critical assets are situated.

Accordingly resolve to:

- i. Commend the Federal Government on efforts at building and maintaining critical road infrastructure in various regions of the Country;
- ii. Urge the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Works to make adequate provision in the 2021 Budget to expeditiously execute the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road with the aim of completing it before the end of 2023; and
- iii. Urge the Federal Government to classify the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road as a top priority project deserving possible external funding for National Economic Interest and Security.
- 3. Mayhem visited on the Ancient City of Calabar the first capital of Nigeria on 23rd and 24th October, 2020.

Sponsor: Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South)

Co-Sponsors:

Cross River State;

Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang (Cross River Central)
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (Anambra North)
Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)
Sen. Barkiya, Abdullahi Kabir (Katsina Central)
Sen. Ogba, Joseph Obinna (Ebonyi Central)

Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (Anambra Central)

Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (Edo Central)

Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West)

Sen. Ekpeyong C. Stephen (Akwa Ibom North West) Sen. Urhoghide, M. Aisagbonriodion (Edo South) Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (Akwa-Ibom South)

Notes that on the 23rd day of October, 2020 a large crowd masquerading as Endsars protesters invaded and looted the Cross River State Covid-19 Palliative Warehouse located at Bishop Moinagh Street in Calabar,

Further notes that as a result of the invasion of the Covid-19 Palliative Warehouse, the Cross River State Government imposed a 24 hours curfew in Calabar that started from 6pm on the same 23rd October to avert further breakdown of law and order;

Worried that despite the 24 hour curfew, a group of vandals on the next day being 24th October invaded over 120 properties in Calabar and vandalized, looted, burnt down some high value properties belonging to individuals, the State Government and Federal Government;

Further worried that the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) Office, West African Examination Council (WAEC) Office, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Office, the brand new state of the art Calabar International Convention Centre (ICC), the sprawling Tinapa Business Resort, the Federal Neuro Psychiatric Hospital, the Infectious Diseases Hospital amongst others and private residence mostly of past and present Federal Law Makers were vandalized, looted or burnt;

Convinced that the mayhem of 24th October was an invasion of the sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it was premeditated, selective and targeted at highly valued Federal and State Government infrastructure and Federal Law Makers;

Aware that the intervention of the military bases and security installations like the 13 Amphibious Brigade in Calabar, Eastern Naval Command in Calabar, NNS Victory in Calabar, 207 Special Mobility Airforce Unit in Calabar and Zone 6 Police Command in Calabar prevented the mayhem from spreading; and

Further aware that Cross River State being a predominantly Civil Service State may not overcome the effects of the invasion since the destroyed state infrastructure were built from lean state resources over years.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Condemn* the attacks on private and public properties in Calabar on the 23rd and 24th October, 2020;
- ii. *Mandate* the Committee on National Security and Intelligence, Defence, Police Affairs, Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to investigate the invasion of the ancient city of Calabar on the 24th day of October, 2020; and
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to assist in the reconstruction, rehabilitation and repair of properties and infrastructure that were destroyed on 24th day of October, 2020 in Calabar, Cross River State
- 4. Urgent need for National Communication Commission to curb the DSTV act of arbitrary charges on customers.

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

Co-Sponsor: Sen. Balogun, Kola Ademola (Oyo South)

The Senate:

Aware that the National Communication Commission is saddled under Section 4 (1) (b) of the law establishing it with the responsibility of the protection and promotion of the interests of consumers against unfair practices including but not limited to matters relating to tariffs and charges for and the availability and quality of communications services, equipment and facilities;

Notes with the greatest dismay that DSTV within this year 2020 when pandemic has affected the economy of the world, increased prices of different subscriptions on her network twice which is completely arbitrary;

Concerned that despite the directive of the Federal Government for DSTV not to increase tariff, they still went ahead to increase the tariff rates. In breach of Section 108 of the NCC Act. Which provides as follows: "—(1) Holders of individual licences shall not impose any tariff or charges for the provision of any service until the Commission has approved such tariff rates and charges except as otherwise provided in this Part. (2) The licensees specified in subsection (1) of this section shall provide services at the tariff rates and charges so approved by the Commission and shall not depart therefrom without prior written approval by the Commission of such proposed changes in tariff rates and charges. (3) All licensees mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall publish the tariff rates charged to customers for their respective services and the modifications thereto as may be approved from time to time by the Commission. (4) The tariff rates established by a licensee mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be on the basis of such principles as the Commission may from time to time stipulate in its guidelines or regulation including the following—(a) tariff rates shall be fair and, for similarly situated persons not discriminatory; (b) tariff rates shall be cost-oriented and, in general, cross-subsidies shall be eliminated";

Further concerned that DSTV is now turning the country to a law-less country, where they can behave any how in breach of law; and

Further concerned that concrete measures be taken against DSTV by imposing fines and penalty on DSTV.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Summon the Chairman of National Communication Commission to appear before the senate committee to inform the committee on steps taken to curb this arbitrary increase of price of subscription by DSTV; and
- ii. *Urge* the Chairman of NCC to direct DSTV to revert to the former approved price for subscribers.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria National Commission Against the Proliferation Of Small Arms and Light Weapons to coordinate and implement activities to combat the problem of the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in nigeria in -line with the Economic Community of West African States convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 513) Second reading Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North).
- 2. A Bill for an Act to amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act 2007 and other matters connected therewith, 2020 (SB. 428) -First Reading Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (Ekiti Central).
- 3. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and other related matters, 2020 (SB. 282) Second reading Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (Kogi West).
- 4. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Legal Framework to establish the Federal Medical Centre Owutu Edda and for related matters (SB. 295) Second reading Sen. Nnachi, Michael Ama (Ebonyi South).
- 5. A Bill For an Act to establish the Federal University of Education Ankpa, Kogi State and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 146) Second Reading Sen. Isah, Jibrin (Kogi East).

	COMMITTEE MEETINGS					
No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue		
1.	FERMA	Tuesday, 24 th November, 2020 (Budget Defence)	12:00noon	Committee Room 211 New Senate Building		