



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

Tuesday, 8th December, 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. 2021 FCT Appropriation Bill, 2020 (SB. 596) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 2. Oaths Act CAP O1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 574) - *First Reading*
Sen. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa (*Benue North West*).
 3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 592) - *First Reading*
Sen. Sani, Uba (*Kaduna Central*).
 4. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act CAP E1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 546) - *First Reading*
Sen. Balogun, Kola Ademola (*Oyo South*).
 5. National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Eiyetoro Bill, 2020 (SB. 481) - *First Reading*
Sen. Odebisi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to establish the National Integrated Community Development Agency for the mobilization of rural communities and the development of the rural areas in Nigeria; and to charge the National Integrated Community Development Agency with diverse functions directed towards the improvement of the quality of the life in the rural areas, 2020 (SB. 199) - *Second reading*
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*).
2. A Bill for an Act to establish a unified scheme for a sound financial system that will facilitate and improve credit repayment culture by empowering Creditors Bank to track loan defaulters account in any Bank in Nigeria through the means of Bank Verification Number, recover past and due obligation without recourse to Borrower, provide penalties for breaches and violations of obligations and enhance loan recovery across banking sectors in Nigeria; and for other related matters, 2020 (SB. 492) - *Second reading*
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*).

3. A Bill for an act to repeal the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act 1988 and to re-enact the medical and dental practitioners' Act to establish the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria for the registration of medical practitioners and dental surgeons and to provide for a disciplinary tribunal for the discipline of members and related matters thereto, 2020 (SB. 480) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*).
4. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University Of Education, Ankpa, Kogi State to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 146) - *Second reading*
Sen. Isah, Jibrin (*Kogi East*).
5. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Studies and other matters connected therewith, 2020 (SB. 483) - *Second reading*
Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters
Confirmation of the Nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu for Appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission
Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (*Kano Central*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the confirmation of the nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu for appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission.
2. 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 Otuma Eric Susane and Five Others on behalf of Okpokunou Urban Community (OUC) against Shell Petroleum Development Company and Chief Charles Ayemi-Botu for denying Okpokunou Community of oil contracts and accruable benefits from Shell Petroleum Development Company operations at Okpokunou;
 - b. Two (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);
 - c. Petition from Barrister Chidi H. Onyiuke on behalf of his son, Akachukwu M. Onyiuke against the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) for allegedly withholding his 2019 JAMB result; and
 - d. Petition from Omemiroro Ogedegbe, Esq. on behalf of the family of late Chinedu Obi against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for alleged extra-judicial killing of their son, late Chinedu Obi by the Force and the refusal of the Force to bring the police Officer involved to justice.

MOTION

1. Urgent Need to investigate the loss of \$9 billion dollars annually due to illegal mining and the smuggling of gold in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Senator Orji Uzor Kalu (Abia North)

The Senate:

Notes that Nigeria lost close to \$54b from 2012 – 2018 due to illegal smuggling of gold. The country is said to be losing about \$9 billion yearly to illegal mining and gold exportation, a huge amount of money unaccounted for through under the radar sales of the expensive commodity;

Further notes that the activities of unlicensed miners were becoming prevalent within the industry and the incessant smuggling of the solid mineral out of the country by middlemen and smugglers, is leading to loss of government revenue;

Concerned that gold mining operations in Nigeria is capable of providing no fewer than 250,000 jobs and over \$500 million dollars annually in royalties and taxes to the federal government and as mineral resources;

Further concerned that this would further diversify our economy and improve the foreign exchange reserve. Given our current estimated gold reserves of over 200million ounces, most of which have not been exploited, developing sustainable programmes that will catalyse increased investment in the extraction and refining of gold sourced from mines in Nigeria, is indeed vital;

Observed that Data from the Ministry of Solid Minerals and Development show that there are gold deposits in Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Abia, Bauchi, Cross River, Edo, Niger, Sokoto, Kebbi, Oyo, Kogi, Zamfara, Osun and Kaduna states;

Further observed that if the country conserves her gold reserves, and ensures effective exploitation, the accruing revenue would surpass that of oil and gas;

Aware that Section 44 (3) of the Nigerian Minerals and Mining law of 1999 provides that ownership and control of all minerals in Nigeria is vested in the federal government, which is mandated to manage such natural resources in a manner as may be prescribed by the National Assembly;

Further aware that the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development is responsible for granting licences to operators and any operator without a licence from this ministry is deemed to be carrying out illegal activities;

Disturbed that Illegal gold mining has been a reprehensible activity and has continued to thrive despite government's threat to prosecute culprits. Unofficial figures from various open source websites such as the U.S. Geological Survey estimate that some 18,000kg of gold valued at about \$9 billion was smuggled out of Nigeria between 2018 and 2019 alone;

Further disturbed that beyond the economic leakages, illegal miners had also polluted the environment in the mining communities with poisonous heavy metals like lead, thereby making it unsafe for human consumption and irrigation;

Worried that illegal mining activities especially in Zamfara, Kebbi, Plateau and Osun are ongoing in collaboration with foreign nationals from countries like China and Burkina Faso. These criminal activities have significant effect on insecurity in the mineral producing states; and

Further Worried that the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and the containment measures designed to slow the spread of the virus, had led to a slowdown in global growth, which is projected to decline into negative territory for the first time since the Great Depression. This has also led to a 40 per cent drop in crude oil prices. The drop in crude oil prices, in Nigeria, has had a significant impact on government's revenue, as well as on our foreign exchange earnings.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Executive to intensify efforts to combat illegal mining activities and seal up all revenue leakages from such clandestine activities; and
- ii. *Urge* the Senate Committee on Solid Minerals, Mines, Steel Development and Metallurgy to investigate this matter and report back to the Senate in 6 weeks.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Joint Committee on Local Content, Downstream Petroleum and Legislative Compliance	Tuesday, 8 th December, 2020 (Investigative Hearing)	12:00noon	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
2.	Joint Committee on Finance, Customs, Excise & Tariff, Trade & Investment and Public Procurement	Tuesday, 8 th December, 2020 (Public Hearing)	12:00noon	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
3.	Power	Tue. 8 th & Wed 9 th December, 2020 (Screening Exercise)	12:00noon	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
4.	Public Accounts	Tue. 8 th - Thu. 10 th December, 2020 (Public Hearing)	11:00am	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
5.	Joint Senate and House Committee on INEC	Wednesday, 9 th December, 2020 (Public Hearing)	10:00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
6.	Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution	Wednesday, 9 th December, 2020	2:30pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
7.	Trade and Investment	Wednesday, 9 th December, 2020	1:30pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
8.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Thursday, 10 th December, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
9.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Thursday, 10 th December, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
10.	Health	Monday, 14 th December, 2020 (Public Hearing)	10:00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
11.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Thursday, 17 th December, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building

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