

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 25th November, 2020

- 1. Prayers
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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Firearms Act CAP F28 LFN (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 549) First Reading Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central).
- Motor Vehicles Third Party Insurance Act CAP M23 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 579)
 First Reading

Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (Ogun Central).

- 3. Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Act CAP C05 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 573) First Reading Sen. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa (Benue North West).
- 4. Stamp Duties Act CAP S8 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 544) First Reading Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central).
- 5. Nigerian Correctional Services Academy (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 545) First Reading Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (Ogun East).

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Aviation

Unfair Competition: Urgent Need to Protect Nigeria's Indigenous Airlines from Extinction due to Multiple Designations and Multiple Frequencies granted Foreign Airlines in Nigeria.

Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (Kogi West)

-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Aviation on the Unfair Competition: Urgent Need to Protect Nigeria's Indigenous Airlines from Extinction due to Multiple Designations and Multiple Frequencies granted Foreign Airlines in Nigeria - To be Laid

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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

the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities in accordance with the provision of Section 32(3) of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2019.

| NO. | NAMES | POSITION | ZONE |
|-----|------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1. | Hon. Dr. Hussaini Suleiman Kangiwa | Chairman | North West |
| 2. | Oparaku Onyejelam Jaja | Member | South East |
| 3. | Philomena Isioma Konwea | Member | South South |
| 4. | Omopariola Busuyi Oluwasola | Member | South West |
| 5. | Amina Rahma Audu | Member | North West |
| 6. | Mrs. Esther Andrew Awu | Member | North Central |
| 7. | Abba Audu Ibrahim | Member | North East |

2. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of Professor Mahmood Yakubu for Appointment as Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)

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 Professor Mahmood Yakubu for Appointment as Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

3. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of Professor Abdullahi Abdu Zuru for Appointment as National Commissioner, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)

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 Professor Abdullahi Abdu Zuru for Appointment as National Commissioner, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in accordance with Paragraph 14 of Part I(F) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

4. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Commissioner for the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Commissioner for the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) in accordance with Sections 34 and 40(1) of the Electricity Power Reform Act.

| NO. | NAMES | POSITION |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Engineer Sanusi Garba | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. Musiliu Olalekan Oseni | Executive Vice Chairman |
| 3. | Aisha Mahmud | Commissioner |

5. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of Chief Onyemuche Nnamani for Appointment as Member of the Police 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 Nomination of Chief Onyemuche Nnamani for Appointment as Member of the Police Service Commission in accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

6. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as the Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)

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

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Development Commission (HYPADEC) in accordance with section 3(2) of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) Act.

| NO. | NAMES | STATE OF | POSITION |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | | ORIGIN | |
| 1. | Ityav Joseph Terfa | Benue | Chairman |
| 2. | Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa | Kebbi | Managing Director |
| 3. | Alh. Isa Ozi Salami, OFR | Kogi | Member |
| 4. | Taoheed Daud Toyin | Kwara | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Mikail A. Bmitosahi | Niger | Member |
| 6. | Saleh Mohammed Galadima Kanam | Plateau | Member |
| 7. | Engr. Aminu Muhammed Ganda | Sokoto | Member |
| 8. | Chief (Barr) Utum Eteng | Cross River | Member |

7. Executive Communication

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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. 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 Umaru Farouk Aminu for Appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission in accordance with the provision of Section 19(3) of the Pension Reforms Act, 2014.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment

Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Chairman, Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive, Executive Commissioners and Non-Executive Commissioners of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (Osun East)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman, Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive, Executive Commissioners and Non-Executive Commissioners of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission.

| NO. | NAMES | STATE | POSITION |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Barr. Emeka Nwankpa | Chairman | South-East |
| 2. | AVM Wakili Abdullahi Ahmed | Non-Executive Commissioner | North-West |
| 3. | Mrs. Yinka Osoba Apata | Executive Commissioner | South-West |
| 4. | Adamu Ahmed Abdullahi | Executive Commissioner | North-East |
| 5. | Babatunde Irukera | Executive Vice Chairman/CEO | North Central |
| 6. | Ben Obi Nwoye (JD) | Non-Executive Commissioner | South-East |
| 7. | Theophilus S. Oyebiyi | Non-Executive Commissioner | North-Central |
| 8. | Ayang Francis Eyam | Non-Executive Commissioner | South-South |

2. 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).

3. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

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-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)

4. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

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

Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)

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-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).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of =N=189,512,094,100 (One Hundred and Eighty Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Twelve Million, Ninety Four Thousand, One Hundred Naira) only, of which the sum of =N=71,898,469,314,00 (Seventy One B1lllon, Eight Hundred and Ninety Eight Million, Four Hundred and Sixty Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Fourteen Naira) only, is for Personnel

Costs; and the sum of =N=55,691,319,788,00 (Fifty Five Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs; while the balance of =N=61,922,304,998,00 (Sixty One Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty Two Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety Eight Naira) only, is for Capital Projects; for the service of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, for the financial year commencing from 1st January and ending on 31st December, 2020 (SB. 539) - Second Reading

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

- 2. 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).
- 3. 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).
- 4. 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).

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;

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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;

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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:

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- *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

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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:

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- 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. Approval for the restoration of Two (2) State Constituencies from Ushongo State Constituency of Benue State and further approve the restoration of Agasha State Constituency from Guma State Constituency in compliance with the decisions of the Courts and Section 115 of the Constitution.

Sponsor: Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (Benue North East)

The Senate:

Notes the decision of the Federal High Court Abuja on the 13th of January 2005 in the case of Ushongo Local Government v. INEC suit No. FHC/ABJ/CS/562/2004 which ordered the Independent National Electoral Commission to restore the suppressed Mata and Mbagwa State Constituencies in Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State;

Further notes the decision of the Supreme Court on the 10/10/2018 in the case of INEC v. GUMA LGA and 2 Ors suit No. SC/195/2016 wherein the apex court affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeal delivered on 16/06/2015 in suit No.CA/MK/137/2012 on the immediate restoration of Agasha State Constituency in Guma Local Government of Benue State;

Recalls that sequel to the said decisions of the Federal High Court and that of the Supreme Court on the restoration of the Mata, Mbagwa and Agasha State Constituencies respectively, and upon the request of INEC, the House of Representatives and the Senate on 14th May 2019, May 21, 2019 and May 28th, 2019 at the twilight of the 8th National Assembly respectively passed a concurrent resolution unanimously approving the restoration of two State Constituencies of Mata and Mbagwa from Ushongo State, and the restoration of Agasha State Constituency from Guma Local Government Area of Benue State in compliance with the orders of the courts and the provision of Section 115 of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, as amended;

Recalls further that due to the dissolution of the 8th National Assembly, its concurrent resolution on the restoration of the two suppressed state constituencies from Ushongo State Constituency and the restoration of Agasha State Constituency from Guma Local Government could not be transmitted to INEC for implementation hence the need for another resolution to approve the exercise as ordered by the Courts and in compliance with Sections 91 and 115 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution; and

Observes that the delay in complying with the order of the Federal High Court in Suit No FHC/ABJ/CS/562/2004 and that of the Supreme Court in Suit No.SC/195/2016 on the restoration of Mata and Mbagwa State constituencies from Ushongo State Constituency and Agasha State Constituency from Guma

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Accordingly resolves to:

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- i. *Approve* the restoration of Mata State constituency from Ushongo State Constituency as directed by the Federal High Court comprising:
 - i. Ikov (2);
 - ii. Mbagba (07);
 - iii. Mbagwaza (08);
 - iv. Mbayegh (10);
 - v. Uange (11).
- ii. Approve the restoration of Mbagwa State Constituency from Ushongo State Constituency as directed by the Federal High Court comprising:
 - i. Artikyese (01);
 - ii. Lessel (03);
 - iii. Mbaaka (04);
 - iv. Mbaanyam (05);
 - v. Mbaawe (06); and
 - vi. Mbakuha (09).
- iii. Approve the restoration of Agasha State Constituency by altering the boundaries of the current Guma State Constituency to create two State constituencies namely: Agasha State Constituency comprising Saghev, Ndzorov, Kaambe and Abinsi council wards, and Guma State Constituency comprising Uvir, Mbadwem, Mbabai, Mbawa,nyiev and mbayer/yandev council wards.
- iv. Direct the Independent National Electoral Commission to comply with this resolution to ensure the restoration of Mata and Mbagwa State Constituencies from Ushongo State and the restoration of Agasha State Constituency from Guma State Constituency takes effect in the next State Houses of Assembly election after the current life of the Benue State House of Assembly in compliance with Section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, as amended.
- v. *Seek* the concurrence of the House of Representatives in line with Section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, as amended.
- 4. Urgent need to deal with the outbreak of a strange ailment said to be Yellow Fever, ravaging Epeilo-Otukpa and Itabono-Owukpa communities in Ogbadibo Local Government Area of Benue State.

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

The Senate:

Notes with grave pain the outbreak of a strange ailment said to be yellow fever in Epeilo-Otukpa and Itabono-Owukpa communities of Ogbadibo Local Government Area of Benue South Senatorial District, Benue State, Nigeria;

Notes further that the strange ailment has not yet been effectively diagnosed by health authorities, even though, the Benue State Ministry of Health and Human Services has been able to intervene to some extent having collected samples and sent same to National Reference Laboratory to be able to establish the kind of organism that is causing the ailment and is availing victims of interim treatment; and

Deeply saddened that people affected in the rural localities and dying on a daily basis in their numbers with Epeilo and Itabono Communities recording 20 and 25 deaths respectively while death toll increases hourly and the disease is spreading to Ichama in Okpokwu where three deaths have been recorded.

i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Health, the National Arbovirus and Vector Research Centre (NAVRC) to investigate each case and respond to outbreaks;

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- ii. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Health to mobilize focal persons to the area to quickly complement the efforts of the Benue State Government to ascertain the nature of the ailment
- iii. *Urge* the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to promptly put up surveillance to contain the disease and see to the treatment of victims and protect others from further contacting it;
- iv. Further urge the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), to synergize and support the people of Benue South Senatorial District and in particular the Epeilo-Otukpa and Itabono -Owukpa Communities, to treat, prevent and or reduce the number of cases and deaths; and
- v. Further urge the Federal Ministry of Health to immediately activate and set up a multiagency yellow fever emergency Operatives Centre (EOC) in Benue South, should the result come out positive for yellow fever, to conduct mass vaccination and awareness campaigns in Benue South Senatorial District, being that yellow fever is a completely vaccine-preventable disease as a single shot of the yellow fever vaccine protects for a lifetime.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| No. | Committee | Date | Time | Venue |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--------|---|
| 1. | Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions | Tue. 15th & Wed. 16th Decmber, 2020 | 1:00pm | Committee Room 120 Senate New Building |

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