

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021

- 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. Federal High Court Act Cap F12 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 214) First Reading Sen. Ekweremadu, Ike (Enugu West).
- 2. Modibbo Adama University Yola Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 630) First Reading Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (Adamawa Central).
- 3. Federal University Gusau, Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 640) First Reading Sen. Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi (Zamfara North).
- 4. Witness Protection and Management (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 641) First Reading Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Non-Career Ambassador-Designate Sen. Bulkachuwa, Adamu Muhammad (Bauchi North)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador-Designate.

NO.	NAMES	STATE	
1.	General Abayomi G. Olonisakin (Rtd)	Ekiti	
2.	Lt. General Tukur Y. Buratai (Rtd)	Borno	
3.	Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete E. Ibas (Rtd)	Cross River	
4.	Air Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar (Rtd)	Bauchi	
5.	Air Vice Marshal Muhammad S. Usman (Rtd)	Kano	

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital and for other connected matters therein, 2021 (SB. 616) - Second Reading Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (Nasarawa South).

2. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal College of Crop Science and Food Technology, Lere, Kaduna State and for other related matters thereof, 2021(SB. 160) - Second Reading Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North).

MOTION

1. Urgent need for the Restoration and Revalidation of the Safe School Initiative in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Stephen, Adi Odey (Cross River North)

The Senate:

Aware that the future of any nation in today's dynamic world is dependent on the provision of quality education for its citizenry at the basic and post-basic stages of education;

Equally aware that the "Safe School Initiative" was launched to promote security and safety of schools, pupils, student, teachers, as well as facilities in 2014;

Further aware that the "Safe School Initiative" was formulated to design and implement the best of global standards in the educational sector in Nigeria through the employment of qualified teachers, provision of library and laboratory equipment, conducive environment for teaching and learning, as well as provision of habitable classrooms and hostels;

Concerned that the unfortunate increase in the insecurity crisis in the country, with the advanced target at schools in diverse locations, especially the regrettable kidnap of the Chibok and Dapchi School Girls in Borno and Yobe States respectively, the Kankara School Boys in Katsina State and, most recently, the kidnap of students of Government Science College, Kagara in Rafilga Local Government Area of Niger State, have exposed the unimaginable decadence and dilapidation in the schools in Nigeria, drawing inference from the footages from the school environments;

Worried that these ugly and condemnable activities of insurgency, kidnapping, wanton killings and other associated crimes will not abate, especially in consideration of the payment of "Ransom" for the release of victims and as reportedly hinted by the immediate past Chief of Army Staff (COAS) in the course of his confirmation as ambassadorial nominee;

Also concerned that these incidences of kidnapping school children/students or invasion of school premises across Nigeria have created negative publicity for Nigeria with the attendance loss of confidence by foreign investors in the Nigerian economic climate;

Further concerned that our Nation has lost a large number of men and women as well as military resources of our over-stretched military to these Kidnappers, Terrorists, Bandits and other criminal elements, including the recent plane crash which resulted in the death of our Air Force Officers who were on an a mission to aid the release of the recently kidnapped Kankara School students and workers;

Worried that these incidents may instill fear in parents and guardians and force them to withdraw their children and wards from schools or prevent them from sending their children to schools which will in turn defeat the government's educational policy of "literacy for all" and further deprive our children of the opportunity of having quality education to compete with their peers globally;

Convinced that the latest twist in the criminal activities associated with insecurity in Nigeria especially as it relates to the invasion of school premises as well as kidnap of students and teachers for ransom can be contained and defeated through the full implementation of the "Safe School Initiative" by all stakeholders; and

Also convinced that the full implementation of the Safe School Initiative will ensure the best of global standards in the educational sector in Nigeria through the employment of qualified teachers, provision of library and laboratory equipment, conducive environment for teaching and learning, as well as provision of habitable classrooms and hostels.

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Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to collaborate with the various State Governments, in order to restore, revive and revalidate the *Safe School Initiative* in Nigeria;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government of Nigeria to collaborate with the various States and Local Government Areas/ Area Councils to urgently design and implement a workable arrangement to deploy well-armed security teams around all Schools in Nigeria;
- iii. *Urge* the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to urgently make the necessary directives in this regard; and
- iv. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Education to urgently design a blueprint on the implementation of this laudable programme.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

- 1. National Commission for Refugees Act Cap N21 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 171) Concurrence
 - Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 2. University of Agriculture, Jalingo (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 750) *Concurrence* Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS Committee No. Date Time Venue Joint Committee on Banking, 12.00noon Conference Room 231 1. Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 **Insurance & Other Financial** (Interactive Meeting) Senate New Building Institutions, ICT and Capital Market 2. National Security and Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 2.00pm **Committee Room 204** Intelligence Senate New Building **Power** 2.00pm **Committee Room 224** 3. Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 Senate New Building 4. Aviation Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 2.00pm **Committee Room 117 Senate New Building** 5. Trade and Investment Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 11.00am Committee Room 107 Senate New Building Joint Committee on Defence, Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 **Committee Room 211** 6. 2.00pm Army, Navy and Air Force (Screening Exercise) **Senate New Building** 7. **Finance** Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 2.00pm **Committee Room 221** (Budget Defence) **Senate New Building Committee Room 431** 8. Federal Character and Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 2.00pm **Inter-Governmental Affairs** Senate New Building 9. **Public Accounts** Tue. 23rd - Thur. 25th February, 2021 11.00am **Hearing Room 4**

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10.	Joint Committee on Communications, Science & Technology, ICT & Cyber Crimes and Primary Healthcare & Communicable Diseases	Thursday, 25 th February, 2021 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
11.	Solid Mineral	Thursday, 25th February, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
12.	Joint Senate and House Committee on INEC & Electoral Matters	Tuesday, 2 nd March, 2021	1.30pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
13.	Education (Basic & Secondary)	Tuesday, 2 nd March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
14.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 2 nd March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
15.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tue. 9th & Wed. 10th March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building