



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

Tuesday, 20th April, 2021

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
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**BUSINESS OF THE DAY
PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. Federal College of Agriculture Kirikasamma, Jigawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 382) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 2. Dishonoured Cheques Act Cap D11 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 687) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokumbo (*Lagos East*).
 3. Federal University of Agriculture Mpu, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 690) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ekweremadu, Ike (*Enugu West*).
 4. Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act Cap C52 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 691) - *First Reading*
Sen. Degi-Eremienyo, W.Biobarakuma (*Bayelsa East*).
 5. Public Complaints Commission Act Cap P37 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 692) - *First Reading*
Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (*Akwa-Ibom North East*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population
Confirmation of the Nomination of Muhammad Dattijo Usman for Appointment as Federal Commissioner, National Population Commission
Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (*Gombe North*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population on the confirmation of the nomination of Muhammad Dattijo Usman for appointment as Federal Commissioner representing Niger State in the National Population Commission.
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CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to amend the Nursing and Midwifery (Registration Etc.) Act Cap N143 LFN, 2004 and other matters connected thereto, 2021 (SB. 304) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Mohammed, Hassan (*Zamfara Central*). *- Health -*

2. A Bill for an Act to establish the Critical Infrastructure Protection, Coordination Committee, the Critical Infrastructure Protection Task Force and other matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 610) - *Second Reading*; Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*). - *Establishment and Public Service*
3. A Bill for an Act to establish the Integrated Data Management Commission as the body responsible for comprehensive collation, harmonization of certificates issued by corporate statutory regulatory bodies, graduation based on compliance with enabling laws regulating corporate entities in Nigeria and other matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 102) - *Second Reading* Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (*Taraba Central*).
4. A Bill for an Act to provide for the National Livestock (protection, control and management e.t.c) Bureau for the purpose of livestock identification, traceability registration, cattle rustling control and for other related purposes, 2021 (SB. 471) - *Second Reading* Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*). *Agriculture Services and Rural Development*

MOTIONS

1. Fire Incidence in Namu Central Yam Market in Plateau State.

Sponsor: Sen. Nora, Ladi Daduut (*Plateau South*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern the fire incident that razed the Namu Yam market in Plateau State in the early hours of Sunday, 28th March, 2021 where foodstuff, yam seedlings, and other valuables worth millions of Naira were destroyed, hence, resulting in severe economic loss;

Notes that the Namu Central Yam Market is situated in Qua'anpan Local Government Area of Plateau State and the market is one of the sources of revenue to both the State and the Local Governments and serves as major income to both the farmers and traders in Plateau State;

Further Notes that the Namu Yam Market is known for quality Yams and seedlings not only in Plateau State but across the country. The market is a major supplier of both yams for immediate consumption as well as seedlings for planting. For more than four (4) decades, Namu yam market has been Supplying yams not only to Plateau state but also to other major commercial towns like Lagos, Port-Harcourt, Kano, Maiduguri, Sokoto etc;

Aware that the cause of the fire was linked to a spark from a grinding engine in the market, and the fire spread and destroyed most of the yams and other valuables. Furthermore, the dry grasses used to preserve yam heaps at the market made it easy for the fire to rage quickly and has affected hundreds of farmers and traders;

Further worried that the overwhelming losses suffered by the farmers and traders have rendered the business community penurious leading to serious social crises which if not urgently addressed, can lead to a breakdown of law and order;

Observes that farmers, traders, and other stakeholders are overwhelmed in their efforts to ameliorate their condition and their determination to address the challenge cannot be successful without the intervention of the government;

Further observes that it is the constitutional responsibility of the Federal Government of Nigeria to provide for the security and welfare of the people of this country as a whole, and Qua'anpan Local Government Area of Plateau state, in particular;

Further concern that the consequences of this episode is that there might be yams/yams seedling shortage resulting in price hike and economic activities will dwindle worsening the already economic challenges in the country;

Concerned that the extent of destruction of yams and other valuable properties calls for urgent national intervention to give a practical demonstration to the Federal Government of Nigeria's constitutional responsibility to the people of affected communities.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs; NEMA and other relevant government Agencies to immediately provide relief materials to the traders as well as respond to the huge financial losses resulting from the fire outbreak, to provide succor to all those affected; and
- ii. Urge the Federal Government to carry out any other immediate action which will improve the condition of living of the affected community, resulting from the fire outbreak.

2. Need for Liberalization of Cement policy in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Senator Ashiru Oyelola Yisa

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*) Sen. Oriolowo, Adelere Adeyemi (*Osun West*)
 Sen. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi (*Ebonyi North*) Sen. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim (*Kano South*)
 Sen. Nnachi, Michael Ama (*Ebonyi South*)

The Senate:

Aware that Cement is of strategic importance to our infrastructures such as roads, bridges, drainages as well as in the construction of residential and public buildings;

Notes that Cement is one of the few building materials in which Nigeria is self-sufficient. As at 2018, the installed capacity of cement producers was about 47.8MMT which is far above the estimated (2018) consumption of about 20.7MMT. Yet, the prices of cement in Nigeria (N380) is about 240% higher than global average;

Cognizant that Cement takes a large share of domestic expenditure, and the price of such commodity significantly impacts the government's ability to provide much-needed infrastructural works required for the growth of our economy;

Further cognizant that the recent increase in price of Cement (from N2,600 - N3,800) slowed down the amount of construction work being embarked upon thus negatively affecting labour engagement and almost collapsed the procurement plan of the governments in 2020 Appropriation Act;

Mindful that the Nigerian cement market is oligopolistic in nature with three players (Dangote Cement (60.6%); Lafarge Africa Plc (21.8%) and BUA Group (17.6%) largely dominating the scene therefore making it susceptible to price fixing practices;

Convinced that if the status quo persists, the negative consequences of high prices on the economy will outweigh the benefits of producing cement locally;

Worried that the significant rise in cement prices in the country and the low purchasing power of Nigerians may result in substandard building constructions and non-completion of planned infrastructural works;

Strongly believes that there is an urgent need to encourage more local production of cement to satisfy the demands of Nigeria with a steady growth rate of approximately 3% per annum; a housing deficit of 30 million units and less engagement of over 10.5 million workforce of the building and construction industry; and

Further strongly believes that unfavourable government policies such as imposition of multiple taxes, erratic power supply, government ban on importation in violation of ECOWAS Trade liberalization Scheme (ETLS) and subsequent lifting of importation in favour of few producers have negative implications on the growth of our infrastructures.

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Accordingly Resolves to:

- i. Urge the Senate to advise the Federal Government to liberalize her current policies on cement production, particularly license restriction, to attract more investors in order to make cements more available to Nigerians at a moderate price; *SS100. [Signature]*
- ii. ✓ Call on the Federal Government of Nigeria to provide more industrial incentives and industrial protections such as offering concessionary loans and larger tax incentives for new entrants in order to boost production of cements, reduce price and encourage more valuable producers in Nigeria; and, *encourage investors.*
- iii. *20th April* Urge the Federal Government to set up a Committee to investigate anti-competitive practices by local cement producers; direct the cement industries in Nigeria to increase their production and reduce the price of 50 Kg of cement to barest minimum considering the fact that the materials for its production are mainly sourced locally. *[Signature]*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Tuesday, 20 th April, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	ICT and Cybercrime	Tuesday, 20 th April, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
3.	Customs, Excise & Tariff	Tuesday, 20 th April, 2021 (Interactive Meeting)	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
4.	Sub-Committee on the Status and Update on previous Constitution Amendment Exercise	Tuesday, 20 th April, 2021	3.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
5.	Public Accounts	Tue. 20 th - Thu. 22 nd April, 2021 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
6.	Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organizations	Wednesday, 21 st April, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
7.	Power	Wednesday, 21 st April, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
8.	Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes	Wed. 21 st & Thu. 22 nd April, 2021 (Oversight)	12.00noon	EFCC, NFIU & ICPC
9.	Health	Thursday, 22 nd April, 2021	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
10.	Land, Housing and Urban Development	Thursday, 22 nd April, 2021	3.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
11.	Information and National Orientation	Tuesday, 27 th April, 2021 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
12.	Public Accounts	Tue. 27 th - Thu. 29 th April, 2021 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Hearing Room 4 White House Building