



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

Wednesday, 23rd June, 2021

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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. Explosives Act Cap E33 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 749) - *First Reading*
Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (*Nasarawa South*).
 2. National Sesame and Hibiscus Development Council (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 750) - *First Reading*
Sen. Hadejia, Hassan Ibrahim (*Jigawa North-East*).
 3. Federal College of Agriculture, Ubiaja (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 751) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (*Edo Central*).
 4. Federal College of Forestry, Ijebu-Igbo (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 752) - *First Reading*
Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (*Ogun East*).
 5. Federal University of Health Sciences, Otuipo Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 753)
- *First Reading*
Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (*Benue South*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND**
Federal College of Education Gwoza (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 342)
Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal College of Education Gwoza (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 342).
2. **Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary)**
Federal University of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Abeokuta Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 26)
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) on the Federal University of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Abeokuta Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 26).

3. Report of the Committee on Public Accounts

Annual report of the Auditor-General for the Federation on the accounts of the Federation for the year ended 31st December, 2015 (Part I & II)

Sen. Urhoghide, M. Aisagbonriodion (*Edo South*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the annual report of the Auditor-General for the Federation on the accounts of the Federation for the year ended 31st December, 2015 (Part I & II).

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

Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (*Ondo Central*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Petition from E. C. Igwe, Esq. on behalf of employees of Transport and Port Management System of Nigeria Limited against the Nigerian Shippers' Council and Transport and Port Management System of Nigeria Limited for alleged Non-payment of Salaries;
- b. Petition from Usman Hamzah K/bai against Trustfund Pensions Plc for alleged Persistent Refusal to pay agreed Agency Fees in the Sum of ₦35,894,799.95 on the roll-over of pension accounts from five Organization's;
- c. Petition from V.A. Oladapo and Two others on behalf of Forty other disengaged staff of Conoil Plc against Conoil Plc for non-payment of Their Final Entitlements After Being Disengaged From the Service of the Company; and
- d. Petition from Pastor Niyi Adebajo on Behalf of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) against Cartil Construzioni Nigeria Limited for Unjustly Claiming the Sum of N151,508,901.22 as reimbursement for the rehabilitation of Ife-Ifewara Road, Osun State which was actually rehabilitated by the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Supplementary Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦895,842,465,917 (Eight Hundred and Ninety Five Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventeen Naira) only, of which ₦173,445,506,664 (One Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Four Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Five Hundred and Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Four Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦722,396,959,253 (Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-Three Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2021 (SB. 754) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the management, administration, operation, regulation and supervision of payment, clearing and settlement systems in Nigeria and for related matters, 2021 (SB. 148) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*).
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture Mpu, Enugu State to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for other related matters, 2021 (SB. 690) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ekweremadu, Ike (*Enugu West*).

4. An Act to provide for the establishment of a teaching hospital for the Federal University Gusau and of a management board for the hospital and for other related matters, 2021 (SB. 640) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi (*Zamfara North*).
5. A Bill for an Act to establish the National Burns and Rehabilitation Center Ilaro, Ogun State to provide intensive treatment and the rehabilitative needs of Burns Victims and to train capable hands in the treatment of burns related injuries and for other related matters, 2021 (SB. 676) - *Second Reading*
Sponsor: Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*).

MOTIONS

1. Need for the Federal Government to address the astronomical rise in food prices and its adverse effect on Nigerians.

Sponsor: Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (*Osun East*)

Co-Sponsor:

Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)

Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (*Kebbi Central*)

Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*)

Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (*Ondo Central*)

Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (*Taraba Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that price of foodstuffs (which everyone needs) in markets across the country today is beyond the reach of the common man;

Notes also that these prices have continued to change as a result of forces of demand and supply interplay arising from insecurity, cost of transporting and low productivity level, as well as herders farmers clashes;

Observes that a survey conducted across the country early May and at the tail end of May shows that the prices of basic foodstuffs like rice, beans, maize, corn, Irish potatoes etc have increased at about 50% as seen below:

- Rice (50kg Bag) locally produced, that was sold between N14,000 to N17,000 now sells at N27,000 to N30,000;
- Rice (50kg bag) foreign that was sold N26,000 and N30,000 now sells at N33,000 to N36,000;
- Beans (50kg Bag) locally produced that was sold N30,000 to N39,000 now sells at N48,000 to N60,000;
- Garri (50kg Bag) White that was sold N16,000 to N21,000 now sells at N27,000 to N30,000;
- Yam tuber that was sold N400 to N700 per tuber now is selling for N700 to N1500 per tuber;
- Nodules cartons that was sold between N1900 to N2200 now selling for N4,000 to N5000;
- A create of Egg that was sold N1100 to N1200 now sells for N1,600 to N1,800; and
- Others like a loaf of breads is now sold at N650 to N700, Milk (refill sells at N1,600 to N1,700, Sardine fish (common man's fish) now sells at N400 etc;

Concerned that despite the huge intervention of federal government in the agricultural sector, the prices of locally sourced foodstuffs have remain very high raising question whether the intervention by the Federal Government on agriculture is yielding the expected positive result or whether the intervention is either diverted or misapplied to the targeted farmers;

Further concerned that this is another farming season when our farmers are expected to start farming activities. However, due to the crisis of farmers/herders, banditry, insurgencies etc that resulted in the insecurity we have in the land, farmers can no longer go to farm for the fear of losing their lives; and

Worried that government policy on school feeding may not be attainable due to scarcity of foodstuffs as well as the general wellbeing of the low income earners in our societies making it impossible for them to afford balance diet for their wards and themselves and in turn result in a feeble society that may lead to chaos since people would have to source their daily bread by all means.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* Mr. President Commander in Chief federal Republic of Nigeria to direct the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to open the Silos Reserves across the country to sell foodstuffs to the common man in the country to cushion the effect of the increase in prices;
 - ii. *Urge* all the Service Chiefs to ensure that farmers are protected to access their farmland across the country;
 - iii. *Constitute* an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate various interventions in the Agricultural Sector with the view of ascertaining whether the targeted beneficiaries benefitted and recommend to Senate for further Legislative action;
 - iv. *Urge* the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency embark on controlled importation of foodstuffs into the country to serve as urgent intervention to avoid looming food crisis in the country in order to avoid the attendant consequences; and
 - v. *Urge* the Federal government to consider opening the border for full commercial activities and allow Customs and Excise to collect appropriate dues so as to allow activities in the hinterland and along the borders.
2. Approval for the restoration of the suppressed Nsukka South State Constituency, Enugu State in compliance with the decision of the Federal High Court and Section 115 of the constitution.

Sponsor: Sen. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey (*Enugu North*)

The Senate:

Notes the decision of the Federal High Court Abuja on 20th of January 2017 delivered by Hon. Justice G.O Kolawole J in the case of *Hon. Cosmos Agbo & 7 Ors v. INEC, Suit No. FHC/ABJ/CS/281/2015* which ordered the Independent National Electoral Commission to restore the suppressed Nsukka South State Constituency, Enugu State;

Further notes that sequel to the said decision of the Federal High Court and in compliance with the order of the court and the provision of Section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, as amended it has become necessary for the National Assembly to pass a concurrent resolution to give legislative approval for the restoration of the suppressed Nsukka South State Constituency, Enugu State; and

Observes that the delay in complying with the order of the Federal High Court in *Suit No. FHC/ABJ/CS/281/2015* on the restoration of Nsukka State Constituency from Nsukka East State Constituency of Benue State is a serious constitutional aberration against the spirit of Section 91 and 115 of the 1999 Nigerian constitution and has over the years unjustly denied the people of Nsukka South their due representation in the Enugu State House of Assembly.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Approve* the restoration of Nsukka South State Constituency from Nsukka East State Constituency, Enugu State as ordered by the Federal High Court in *Suit No. FHC/ABJ/CS/281/2015* and in compliance with sections 91 and 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended;
- ii. *Approve* that the Independent National Electoral Commission complies with this resolution by ensuring that the restoration of Nsukka South State Constituency from Nsukka East State Constituency takes effect in the next State Houses of Assembly election after the current life of the Enugu State House of Assembly in compliance with Section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, as amended; and

iii. *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.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Joint Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill	Wednesday, 23 rd June, 2021	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
2.	Public Accounts	Wed. 23 rd & Thu. 24 th June, 2021 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
3.	Committee on Health (Tertiary & Secondary)	Wed. 23 rd & Thu. 24 th June, 2021 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
4.	Power	Thursday, 24 th June, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
5.	FCT	Thursday, 24 th June, 2021 (Public Hearing)	10.00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
6.	Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)	Thursday, 24 th June, 2021	3.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
7.	Power	Tuesday, 29 th June, 2021 (Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
8.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 29 th June, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
9.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 29 th June, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building

