

# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 28th September, 2021

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#### **BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act 2015 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 561) First Reading Sen. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa (Benue North West).
- 2. Arbitration and Conciliation Act Cap A18 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 564) First Reading Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (Rivers East).
- 3. Federal University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Aboh, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 783) First Reading Sen. Okorocha, Anayo Rochas (Imo West).
- 4. Community Health Practitioners (Registration) Act Cap C 19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 795) First Reading Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (Oyo North).
- 5. Self-Employment Funding and Social Security Guarantee Bill, 2021 (SB. 813) *First Reading* Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*).

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

# PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) Federal Medical Centre Owutu-Edda (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 295)

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 Medical Centre Owutu-Edda (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 295)

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Copyright Act Cap C28 LFN 2004 and to Re-enact the Copyright Act 2021 and for matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 769) - Second Reading Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).

- 2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, 2005, consolidate the laws relating to the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry and Enact the Electricity Act, 2021 to provide a comprehensive legal and institutional framework for the post privatization phase of the power sector in Nigeria and for related matters, Bill, 2021 (SB. 511) Second Reading Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (Benue North East).
- 3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal University Gusau Teaching Hospital and for other connected matters therein, 2021 (SB. 640) Second Reading Sen. Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi (Zamfara North).
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Ekiadolor, and for other related matters, 2021 (SB. 800) Second Reading Sen. Urhoghide, A. Matthew (Edo South).

#### MOTIONS

1. Urgent need to encourage all Multinational and Nigerian Oil and Gas Companies to relocate to their Operational Bases.

Sponsor: Senator Albert Bassey Akpan (Akwa Ibom North-East Senatorial District)

## **Co-sponsors:**

Sen. Ekpeyong C. Stephen (Akwa Ibom North West)
Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (Akwa-Ibom South)
Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (Abia South)
Sen. Degi-Eremienyo, W.Biobarakuma (Bayelsa East)
Sen. Nwaoboshi, Peter Onyeluka (Delta North)
Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (Edo Central)
Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (Imo East)
Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (Kwara North)
Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West)
Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (Ondo South)
Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (Rivers East)

Sen. Cleopas, Moses Zuwoghe (Bayelsa Central)

Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (Abia North)
Sen. Boroffice, Robert Ajayi (Ondo North)
Sen. Alimikhena, Francis Asekhame (Edo North)
Sen. Henry, Seriake Dickson (Bayelsa West)
Sen. Manager, James Ebiowou (Delta South)
Sen. Urhoghide, A. Matthew (Edo South)
Sen. Ibezim, Frank Chukwuma (Imo North)
Sen. Okorocha, Anayo Rochas (Imo West)
Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (Ondo Central)
Sen. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule (Abia Central)
Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (Rivers South-East)

The Senate

Notes with concern that multinational and Nigerian oil and gas companies have over the years been operating from their respective operational bases until militancy and insecurity in the host communities in the Niger Delta became the order of the day;

Also notes that the reason proffered by the oil and gas companies for not relocating to their host communities has always been due to insecurity and hostilities in the host communities;

Aware that operating outside the host communities and operational base is the reason for the high cost of production which has been the bane of the country's oil and gas industry, militating against maximum revenue from crude oil and gas sales to the Federation Account;

Recalls that this high cost of production has been one of the most contentious elements of our petroleum industry value chain;

Convinced that the recent passage and signing into law of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 (PIA) by the National Assembly and the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria respectively, is a major milestone towards the restoration of a lasting peace in the host communities;

Further convinced that the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 now places certain responsibilities on the security, peace and safety of oil and gas infrastructure on the host communities to safeguard and ensure peaceful coexistence between oil and gas companies and their host communities;

Further convinced that is an opportunity to restore, recover and rehabilitate the massive and huge infrastructural facilities abandoned by the various oil and gas companies in their various operational bases to ensure their full utilization; and

Assured that the relocation of these companies to their host communities will further boost development in those areas and enhance the corporate social relationship and strengthen our collective resolve to considerably reduce the contentious cost of production and ensure adequate returns to the federation account.

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate its Committees on Petroleum Resources Upstream; Downstream Petroleum Sector and Gas to liaise with the Ministry of Petroleum Resources and the Presidential Implementation Committee on the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), to facilitate the relocation of the oil and gas companies in Nigeria to their various operational bases to ensure their smooth operations.

2. Urgent need to conduct investigation on allegation of Fake Covid-19 Test Results being used to defraud Nigerians in Ghana and the obtainment of Fake Covid-19 Vaccination Cards.

Sponsor: Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (Kwara Central)

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (Kwara North) Sen. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey (Enugu North)

Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West)

Recall that the COVID-19 infection declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) in February 2020 is still ravaging the world;

Aware that in the absence of a definitive cure for the COVID-19 infection, the main stance of management are the COVID-19 vaccinations and the observance of non-pharmaceutical prevention methods; use of hand sanitizers/hand washing, use of face mask and social distancing;

Aware also that in the early stages of the pandemic the socio-economic life in many countries is shut down due to the consequence of closure of borders and air travels;

Further aware that with the improved understanding of the epidemiology of the disease, countries opened up their boarders and economy with the enforcement of compliance to negative COVID-19 testing and various quarantine conditions instituted by the countries;

Notes that while the global roll-out of COVID-19 vaccinations continues to accelerate, it's worth remembering that only around 1% of the world's population have received their full course of injections. Billions are still waiting for their first dose, which inevitably leads those people to question exactly when they will get it. Especially as plans are being made internationally to allow those that have been vaccinated, or can prove they have had a recent negative test, the freedom to travel to other countries, attend large-scale events, take a new job, and more;

Notes also that there's a strong and growing demand for vaccinations and test results because of the greater freedoms they will give to people. Also, there will always be people who don't want to wait for their official vaccination, or for an official negative test result – and shady people willing to service that demand;

Further notes that there is a serious allegation that the Ghanaian authorities are diagnosing Nigerians who travel to their country of testing positive for Covid even after testing Negative in Nigeria;

Observes that the Ghanian Authorities, usually, commit Nigerians who visit their country to isolation for two weeks and are made to pay about seventy thousand Nigeria Naira per day;

Observes also that this allegation was exposed following a visit by a Nigerian artiste, Bella Shmuda, who was told in Ghana that he had Covid-19 even after testing negative at a Nigerian facility in Nigeria. He rejected

Worried that Nigerians travelling to Ghana or through Ghana lamented that they are made to pay almost one million naira while in isolation;

Further worried that most of the Nigerians travelling to Ghana or through Ghana have alleged that the Ghanaian authorities have made them targets for the purpose of making money;

Concerned that if this allegation is not properly investigated and addressed, the exploitation will continue thereby unlawfully taking away the resources of Nigerians in this global economic recession; and

Worried that if the allegation of people obtaining and using fake COVID-19 vaccination cards to travel is not debunked, it may have negative consequence for Nigerians with genuine COVID-19 vaccination cards from travelling outside the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

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Direct its Committees on Health (Secondary & Tertiary), Primary Health and Communicable Diseases and Foreign Affairs to conduct detailed investigations on the two allegations of fake COVID-19 test result being used to defraud Nigerians in Ghana and obtainment or use of fake COVID-19 vaccinations cards.

## **BILL FOR CONCURRENCE**

1. National Road Fund Bill, 2021 (HB. 367) - Concurrence Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Sports & Youth Development	Tuesday, 28th September, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Primary Healthcare and Communicable Diseases	Tuesday, 28th September, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
3.	Public Accounts	Tue. 28th – Thu. 30th September, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
4.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Wednesday, 29th September, 2021	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
5.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Wednesday, 29th September, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
6.	Joint Committee on Education (Basic & Secondary) and Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND	Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
7.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday, 30th September, 2021 (Screening Exercise)	1.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
8.	Local and Foreign Debts	Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> - Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
9.	Health	Tuesday, 12th October, 2021	2.00pm	Conference Room 022

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