

# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 5th October, 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. Health Education Practitioners Board of Nigeria (Registration, etc) Bill, 2021 (SB. 299) First Reading Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (Kwara Central).
- 2. National Veterinary Research Institute, Gombe (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 782) First Reading Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (Gombe North).
- 3. Institute of Culture and Tourism Oke-Igbo, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 819) First Reading Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (Ondo South).
- 4. Legal Education (Consolidation) Act Cap L10 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 820) First Reading Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (Kogi West).
- 5. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act No. 7 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 821) First Reading Sen. Jarigbe, Agom Jarigbe (Cross River North).

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

1. Report of the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes

Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Secretary and Members of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)

Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Secretary and Members of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

S/NO.	NAME	POSITION	STATE OF ORIGIN
1.	George Abang Ekungu	Secretary of the Commission	Cross River
2.	Luqman Muhammed	Board Member	Edo
3.	Anumba Adaeze	Board Member	Enugu
4.	Alh. Kola Raheem Adesina	Board Member	Kwara
5.	Alh. Yahaya Muhammad	Board Member	Yobe

2. Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary)

Tertiary Hospital Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 136)

Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (Kwara Central)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) on the Tertiary Hospital Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 136).

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Disaster and Risk Management Council of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2021 (SB. 466) - Second Reading Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (Kwara North).

- 2. A Bill for an Act to amend the provisions of the River Basin Development Authorities Act CAP R9 LFN 2004 for equitable distribution of River Basin Development Authorities and for other matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 297) Second Reading Sen. Ekweremadu, Ike (Enugu West).
- 3. A Bill for an Act to amend Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots Act, 2017 to expand its scope, establish a Medical Emergencies Assistance Fund and align punishments contained therein with current realities and for related matters, 2021 (SB. 748) Second Reading Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central).
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education Idare, Ondo State and for other related matters, 2021 (SB. 300) Second Reading Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (Ondo Central).

### MOTIONS

1. 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 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 South State Constituency from Nsukka East State Constituency of Enugu 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

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

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- 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).
- 2. Need to restore Nyamatsor State Constituency of Benue State.

Sponsor: Dist. Sen. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa (Benue North West)

The Senate:

Notes that Nyamatsor State Constituency in Buruku Local Government Area existed among other State Constituencies in Benue State under the defunct Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979; and was made up of 8 Council Wards, including; Mbakyaan, Mbayaka, Mbaakura, Mbatyough, Mbaade, Mbaazagee, Etulo and Shorov;

Aware that the Nyamatsor State Constituency produced members into the Benue State House of Assembly from 1979 until the Third Republic was aborted by the Military in 1993;

Convinced that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) acted outside its statutory mandate when it excluded Nyamatsor State Constituency, which existed under the 1979 Constitution of Nigeria, during the conduct of the 1999 general elections;

Aware that Section 91 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a House of Assembly of a state shall consist of three or four times the number of seats which that state has in the House of Representatives divided in a way to reflect, as far as possible, nearly equal population;

Conscious that Benue State, with 11 seats in the House of Representatives, is supposed to have at least 33 State Constituencies as each seat in the House of Representatives is mandated to have 3 state constituencies in the State House of Assembly;

Concerned that the situation in the Benue State House of Assembly and Buruku Federal Constituency is such that Benue State House of Assembly has only 30 members instead of 33 as mandated by sections 91 and 112 of the Constitution:

Disturbed that Buruku Federal Constituency has only one member or seat instead of three members or seats as envisaged by the Constitution in the Benue State House of Assembly;

Worried that this injustice against the people of Nyamatsor State Constituency has also affected other State Constituencies across 19 States;

Recalls that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), in 2004, wrote to the National Assembly for approval to restore the suppressed State Constituencies across the nation;

Cognizant of the provisions of Section 114 (1) the 1999 Constitution for periodic review of State Constituencies which provides that the Independent National Electoral Commission shall review the division of every State into constituencies at intervals of not less than ten years, and may alter such constituencies following the provision of this section to such extent as it may consider desirable in the light of the review;

Also worried that the last review of State Constituencies in Nigeria by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was in 1998, resulting in the suppression of Nyamatsor and 65 other State Constituencies;

Regrets that from 1998 till date, over 22 years, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has continued to suppress the Nyamatsor State Constituency and other 65 State Constituencies across 19 States of the Federation; and

# Accordingly resolves to:

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- i. Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to restore Nyamatsor State Constituency in Buruku Local Government Area of Benue State to comply with extant laws and the provisions of Sections 91 and 112 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended);
- *ii. Urge* the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to carry out a general review of State Constituencies in Nigeria in compliance with section 114 of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria (as amended) well ahead, and in preparation for the 2023 general elections; and
- *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).

### **BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

- 1. FCT Area Courts Bill, 2021 (HB. 67) Concurrence Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 2. Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 57) Concurrence Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 3. National Centre for Ear, Nose and Throat Disease (NACENT) (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 13) Concurrence
  Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS						
No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue		
1.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building		
2.	Power	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building		
3.	Downstream Petroleum Sector	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building		
4.	National Planning and Economic Affairs	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building		
5.	Public Accounts	Tue. 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thu. 7 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House Building		
6.	Local and Foreign Debts	Tue. 5th & Wed. 6th October, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building		
7.	Health	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building		
8.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 12th 19th, 26th October, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building		

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