



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

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 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. Federal Medical Centre Igboho, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 37) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. National Council for Management Development Act Cap N99 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1119)  
- *First Reading*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
3. Federal College of Education Okobo, Akwa-Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 842) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (*Akwa-Ibom South*).
4. Nigerian Biodiversity Bill, 2021 (SB. 876) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule (*Abia Central*).
5. Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Act CAP N137 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 877) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Okorocho, Anayo Rochas (*Imo West*).

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**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

1. Report of the Committee on Communications  
*Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget proposal for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022*  
Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)  
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Communications on the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget proposal for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 - *To be Laid*.
2. Report of the Committee on Communications  
Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget proposal for the year 2022  
Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)  
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Communications on the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget proposal for the year 2022 - *To be Laid*.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## MOTION

1. Amendment of the Standing Rules of the Senate pursuant to Order 111 of the Senate Standing Rule, 2015.

Sponsor: Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*) & Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

*The Senate:*

*Notes that:* the Senate Standing Orders were last amended in 2015, to accommodate issues that will make such Orders dynamic to facilitate effective legislative process;

*Further Note that:* despite the amendment, there are a number of issues that still require further amendment in response to emerging developments that make Nigerian democracy which requires enhanced rules of practice and procedure for a sound legislation to tackle such developments;

*Aware* that the development necessitated and has made it imperative to amend the Standing Orders of the Senate 2015 (as amended) occasioned by the split and addition of Senate Standing Committees by the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate and to have their functions and jurisdictions reflect in the Standing Order of the Senate;

*Further aware* that there also exist some areas in the Senate Standing Orders that requires amendment to ensure reflection of present realities, smooth running of the Senate and international best parliamentary practice;

*Notes* that in the face of the Senate Standing Order there exist no provision for Order 4 to 8 and numbering error in Order 95; and

*Aware* that the amendments have been circulated to Senators in accordance with Order 111 Rule 2 of the Senate Standing Order.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Senate to consider and approve, as it deems fit, the proposed amendment to guide the Senate in their Legislative deliberations;
- ii. *Resolves* into the Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed Amendment; and
- iii. *Approves* the proposed amendment as contained therein.

## CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Assembly Budget and Research Office and for other matters connected thereto, 2021 (SB. 853) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*).
2. A Bill for an act to make provisions for the empowerment of women and gender equality to establish a legislative framework for the empowerment of women; to align all aspects of laws and implementation of laws relating to women empowerment, and the appointment and representation of women in decision making positions and structures; and to provide for matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 208) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Olujimi, Biodun (*Ekiti South*).
3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Aboh, Imo State and for other matters connected thereto, 2021 (SB. 783) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Okorocho, Anayo Rochas (*Imo West*).

PRESENTATION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts**  
*2018 – 2020 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan NO. 3*  
 Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (*Edo Central*).  
 -That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the 2018 - 2020 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan No. 3.
  
2. **Report of the Committee on Aviation**  
*Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act CAP N96 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 193)*  
 Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (*Kogi West*)  
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Aviation on the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act CAP N96 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 193).
  
3. **Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND**  
*Federal College of Education Act 1998 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 531)*  
 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 Act 1998 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 531).

MOTIONS

1. **Urgent need to effect the payment due to beneficiaries of the Federal Government's Special Public Works Scheme through their respective chosen banks.**

Sponsor: Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokunbo (*Lagos East*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)      Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*)

*The Senate:*

*Aware of the laudable initiative of the special public work (SPW) programme of the Federal Government which commenced in October 2019 arising from the need and desire of the Federal Government to create massive jobs at the lowest rung of the economy as well as to maintain critical public and social infrastructure at the rural base of the economy;*

*Aware further that the programme which seeks to address the problem of unemployment across the country, especially in the rural areas, targets the employment of 774,000 people, 1000 from each of the country's 774 local government areas who are to be paid an allowance of N20, 000 monthly for three (3) months;*

*Recalls that the National Assembly initially suspended the programme in June 2020 and only approved the continuation after the National Assembly was properly briefed about the recruitment process and the implementation modalities;*

*Recalls further that the programme has suffered untold delays since its inception because of the different challenges with logistics and inefficient payment system;*

*Alarmed that the Ministry of Labour and Employment/National Directorate of Employment initially approved the use of selected banks to register and collate data of the beneficiaries and the banks were to open accounts for all beneficiaries and in the process obtain BVN for those without accounts;*

*Alarmed further that the restriction to Six (6) particular banks in an industry of Twenty-Eight (28) healthy banks, to pay beneficiaries runs contrary to the spirit of competition and fair play and connotes the demarketing of other banks;*

*Concerned that this is not in accordance with the Federal Government/Central bank of Nigeria financial inclusion strategy and also limits the advancement Nigerian banking system has achieved in the areas of automation and digital transformation;*

*Notes that The Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Festus Keyamo, SAN, had informed the nation that N24 billion had been paid out to beneficiaries under the scheme as at June 24, 2021;*

*Bothered also that the Federal Government is yet to disburse N7.3billion to the remaining beneficiaries due to bank issues as a result of the logistical nightmare faced by beneficiaries arising from their inability to use only the designated payment banks;*

*Cognizant of the fact that this clarification was made by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 during the budget defence of the Ministry when responding to the request by the Committee on Labour and Employment as to the circumstances surrounding the delay in the payment of monthly allowance to the beneficiaries; and*

*Convinced without any shadow of a doubt that the current payment platform architecture in the Nigerian financial system is capable of handling all forms of payment to any designated bank under a well secured system.*

*Accordingly resolves to:*

*Direct the Ministry of Labour and Employment/National Directorate of Employment as implementing Ministry/Agency to immediately ensure and without further delay the payment to beneficiaries by allowing beneficiaries to use any bank of their choice instead of the only previously designated/selected banks.*

2. **Urgent need to curb bullying and inhumane treatment on Students across various schools in the country.**

**Sponsor: Sen. Ibezim, Frank Chukwuma (Imo North)**

*The Senate:*

*Notes the strategic importance of boarding schools in the character formation, and educational development, bonding and harmonious relationships as well as a positive competitive spirit amongst the students to mention but a few;*

*Saddened by the recently reported death on 27 November, 2021 of 12-year-old Sylvester Oromoni at Downen College, Lekki, Lagos, following injuries allegedly sustained at the hands of fellow students for his refusal to belong to a cult group;*

*Further notes the death on 22 June, 2021 of another 14-year-old student named Keren-Happuch of Premier Academy, Lugbe, Abuja. The death of another student named Aondodoo Apagher who died following complications after she was raped by her fellow students;*

*Aware that the social, print and electronic media have been awash with accounts of the emotional, psychological and mental damage this has caused Nigerians;*

*Conscious of the need for a campaign and sensitization by the government, school management and parents on ways to curb the recurring incidents of bullying and other forms of ill-treatment in Nigeria.*

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Condemn in strong terms the recent incidences of bullying and inhumane treatments and abuses across the country;*

- ii. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Education to set up Anti-Bullying Programmes in our schools across the country;

- iii. *Also urge* the Inspector-General of Police to immediately commission and take over the investigation, prosecution and punishment of the perpetrators of the identified heinous crimes; and
- iv. *Observe* a minute silence for Sylvester Oromoni and all those who have died as a result of bullying and other inhumane treatment across the country.

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#### BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Chartered Institute of Forensic and Fraud Examiners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1220) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act Cap R3 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 47) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
3. National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 12) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
4. National Centre for Ear, Nose and Throat Disease (NACENT) (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 13) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
5. Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 423) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Sports and Youth Development	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Joint Committee on Finance, Customs, Excise & Tariff and Trade & Investment	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
3.	Finance	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (FIRS Budget Defence)	4.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
4.	Public Accounts	Tue. 14 <sup>th</sup> - Thu. 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
5.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
6.	ICT & Cybercrime Building	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 1 White House

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