



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

Wednesday, 8th December, 2021

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1. **Prayers**
 2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. **Finance Bill, 2021 (SB. 873) - First Reading**
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 2. **National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 987) - First Reading**
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 3. **Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc) Act CAP U15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 874) - First Reading**
Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*).
 4. **Nigerian Economic Diversification Bill, 2021 (SB. 875) - First Reading**
Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*).
 5. **Immigration Act 2015 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 877) - First Reading**
Sen. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule (*Abia Central*).
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Reports of the Committee on Aviation**
Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (*Kogi West*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Aviation on the following Bills:
 - a. Nigerian Metrological Agency Act 2003 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 192);
 - b. Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act CAP N96 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 193);
 - c. Nigerian Airspace Management Agency Act CAP N90 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 194);
 - d. Civil Aviation Act 2006 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 195);
 - e. Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria Act CAP F5LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 196); and
 - f. Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 197) - *To be Laid*.

2. Report of Joint Committee on National Security and Intelligence; Defence; Police affairs and Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters
#ENDSARS PROTEST: The mayhem visited on the Ancient City of Calabar the first capital of Nigeria on 23rd and 24th October, 2020.
 Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East*)
 -That the Senate do receive the report of Joint Committee on National Security and Intelligence; Defence; Police affairs and Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters on the **#ENDSARS PROTEST: The mayhem visited on the Ancient City of Calabar the first capital of Nigeria on 23rd and 24th October, 2020 - To be Laid.**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend relevant tax, excise and duty statues in line with macroeconomic policy reforms of the Federal Government; to amend and make further provisions in specific laws in connection with the public financial management of the federation and for other matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 873) - *Second Reading*
 Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 and for other related matters, 2021 (SB. 465) - *Second Reading*
 Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (*Abia North*).
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish University of History, Archaeology and Education, and for related matters, 2021 (SB. 328) - *Second Reading*
 Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (*Kwara South*).
4. A Bill for an Act to provide for the settlement of certain civil disputes by conciliation, mediation and traditional dispute resolution mechanism; to set out the guiding principles applicable; and for connected purposes, 2021 (SB. 848) - *Second Reading*
 Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Federal College of Forestry, Wawa Zange Dukku, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 308)
 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 Forestry, Wawa Zange Dukku, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 308)* (*Adjourned Consideration 23rd November, 2021*).
2. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Federal University of Education Numan (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 522)
 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 University of Education Numan (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 522)* (*Adjourned Consideration 23rd November, 2021*).

MOTION

1. Approval for Promissory Notes & Debt Issuance Programme of the Federal Government.
 Sponsor: Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that in order to address, in a systemic way, the burning issue of mounting obligations of the Federal Government inherited by the present Administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, the Federal Executive Council in July 2017 approved a Promissory Note and Bond issuance programme to clear the arrears of outstanding obligations;

Also notes that the Federal Government set up a Verification committee chaired by the then Minister of Power, Works & Housing to verify all claims submitted by the Ministry of Finance under the Promissory Notes and Bond Issuance Programme;

Further notes that the report of the verification was again subjected to Audit by the Presidential Committee on Continuous Audit (PICA) before a final amount was arrived at after rounds of negotiations and discount schemes agreed with proposed beneficiaries;

Aware that in March 2018 the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria sent a request to the Senate for approval by the National Assembly to commence a ₦2, 697, 820, 794, 305.91 Promissory note and Bond issuance Programme to clear outstanding obligations inherited by this Administration as follows:

- Unpaid obligations to pensioners, salaries and promotional arrears to civil servants in the sum of ₦740, 752, 291, 351.91;
- Obligation to Petroleum marketers on Subsidy in the sum of ₦429, 054,203,228;
- Federal Government Major Contractors and Supplier debts& outsourced liabilities of ₦654, 536, 409, 687.60;
- Unpaid power bills and obligations from tariff reversal in 2014 to DISCO's and GENCO's ₦496, 775, 452, 038.61;
- Export Expansion Grant (EEG) Scheme debts ₦350, 383, 295, 143.23;
- Judgement debts ₦112, 958, 703, 764.45; and
- Refunds to State Governments for projects undertaken on behalf of the Federal Government ₦584, 983, 966, 973.18;

Further notes that the 8th National Assembly approved some of the promissory notes and Bond issuance in the following amounts:

- ₦573, 494, 697, 133.63 as payment of refunds to 25 State Governments for Federal Highway Projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government;
- ₦206, 065, 107, 252.69 as payment to various major contractors;
- ₦348, 003, 054, 975 as payment to Petroleum Marketers for arrears of subsidy; and
- ₦195, 089, 234, 808.63 as payment to exporters as Export Expansion Grant;

Concerned that in spite of the above approvals in the sum of ₦1, 322, 652, 094, 169.95, a considerable number of these outstanding obligations which accrued from periods ranging from year 2000 to year 2017 (and now till date) still remain unpaid;

Disturbed that from the last figures published by the Debt Management office on its official Website in February 2020, only the sum of ₦914,212,563,852 (Nine Hundred and Fourteen Billion) has been issued under the Federal Government of Nigeria Promissory notes programme as at December 31, 2019;

Worried that after the approval of the ₦1.3 Trillion Naira from the total sum of 2.6 trillion by the 8th National Assembly, nothing has been done in respect of approvals of the outstanding balance of ₦1.3Trillion by the Senate;

Troubled that the long term debt effect on the various corporate entities whose monies still remains unpaid after several years, with the attendant financial consequences including interest accruals, Loss of Jobs and often failed Companies;

Further troubled that various Companies have legitimate claims for interest and or penalty payments due to them as contained in the various contract agreements signed with the Federal Government, an issue which will require serious consideration, dialogue and negotiations between Federal Government, the contractors and the financial institutions involved;

Observes also that for example, the outstanding claims in respect of the incentive and result based Export Expansion Grant Scheme covers a period from 2007 - 2016, clearly showing that some of the accruals are at least 14 years past due;

Worried that job losses, failed banks and companies going under which is a daily occurrence in Nigeria are occasioned by failure of Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies to meet financial obligations as contained in contractual agreements; and

Concerned that the amount of outstanding liabilities of the Federal Government ordinarily would have soared from the March 2018 figures and would require an update of figure from the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget & National Planning.

Accordingly Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Local & Foreign Debts, to resume the update and conclude consideration of the outstanding balance of ₦1.3 Trillion being the long-standing obligations of the Federal Government of Nigeria and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate for consideration on the Issuance of the Promissory Note and Bond Issuance Programme.

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*).
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Establishment and Public Service	Wednesday, 8 th December, 2021 (Screening Exercise)	2.30pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
2.	Public Accounts	Wed. 8 th & Thu. 9 th December, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
3.	Establishment and Public Service	Thursday, 9 th December, 2021 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
4.	Customs, Excise & Tariff	Thursday, 9 th December, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
5.	ICT & Cybercrime Building	Thursday, 16 th December, 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 1 White House

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