

# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 8<sup>TH</sup> March, 2022

- 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. Energy Commission of Nigeria Act Cap E10 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 243) First Reading
  - Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 2. Electoral Act 2022 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 952) First Reading Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 3. National Tax Crimes Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 951) First Reading Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (Abia North).
- 4. National Institute for Glass Development and Training Igbokoda, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 953) First Reading
  - Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (Ondo South).
- 5. Child's Right Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 954) First Reading Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central).

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### MOTION FOR RE-COMMITAL

1. Re-Committal of the Federal College of Education, Mutum Biyu, Taraba State to the Committee of the Whole.

Sponsor: Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).

The Senate:

Recalls that the Federal College of Education, Mutum Biyu, Taraba State (Establishment) Bill was passed by the National Assembly and was transmitted to the President for assent;

Observes that some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action by both Chambers of the National Assembly emerged after a critical analysis of the Bill by Mr, President C - in - C;

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Relying on order 1(b) and order 52(6) of Senate Standing Order, 2022 as amended.

Accordingly resolves to:

Rescind its decision on the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for re-consideration and passage.

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to make provision for the prevention of fire hazards and the safe guard of persons and property from fire disaster and other related matters, 2022 (SB. 98) Second Reading Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South).
- 2. A Bill for an Act to repeal the Federal Colleges of Education Act 1986 and to Re-enact Federal Colleges of Education and other related matters, 2022 (SB. 934) Second Reading Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North).
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture Oke-oyi, Kwara State and for other related matters, 2022 (SB. 916) Second Reading Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (Kwara Central).

## PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Joint Committee on Anti-Corruption & Financial Crimes and Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters

Proceeds of Crimes (Recovery and Management) Bill, 2022 (SB. 553 & SB. 645)

Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North) & Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (Ekiti Central)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Joint Committee on Anti-Corruption & Financial Crimes and Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters on the Proceeds of Crimes (Recovery and Management) Bill, 2022 (SB. 553 & SB. 645).

#### MOTION

1. The prerogative of Prison Inmates to vote in general elections in Nigeria: statutory, inalienable and non-negotiable.

Sponsor: Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (Benue South)

The Senate:

Notes that certain human rights are inalienable and come naturally with the birth of the individual. One of such rights is that of citizenship. Incarceration though is one of the legal grounds of depriving a person or an offender in custody of certain rights, the right of citizenship cannot at any point be taken away;

Notes further that Citizenship as encapsulated under the Nigerian Constitution 1999 (as amended) comes with many defined rights and civic responsibilities, one of which is the right to vote in general elections;

Notes again that there are certain persons in prison custody awaiting trial, undergoing trial or awaiting conviction for one offence or the other whose right to vote and citizenship remain sacrosanct;

Notes that being a Prison inmate is not impediment to the Prisoners' registration and voting rights as enshrined under Section 24 of the Electoral Act, 2022 and denying prison inmates access to the electoral process constitutes an infringement of their rights as Citizens of Nigeria as provided under Section 25 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which confirms the definition of

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Considers that the number of inmates in various prisons nationwide which is put at over 68,000 and the statistics of those awaiting trial who in the eyes of the law are presumed innocent until found guilty, it is forthright and just that such persons be allowed to exercise their franchise and any attempt by an individual or agency to deny inmates of their right to vote is unconstitutional, illegal, unlawful, null and void.

## Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Independent National Electoral Commission and all relevant agencies, to carry out a voracious voter's enlightenment in all prisons in Nigeria, to educate the inmates of their rights and necessity to exercise their franchise in general elections;
- ii. *Urge* the Independent National Electoral Commission and all relevant agencies to update its register of voters to take into account the prison population for the purpose of elections;
- iii. *Urge* the Independent National Electoral Commission in collaboration with the Nigeria Correctional Service to locate Voting Centres at Custodial Centres across the country to be used for voting; and
- iv. Further urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to allow duly registered and eligible prison-electorates to exercise their franchise during all general elections in Nigeria.

#### **BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

- 1. Nigerian Council for Management Development Bill, 2022 (HB. 1119) Concurrence Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 2. Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists Registration Board (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 374) Concurrence
  Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 3. National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 987) Concurrence Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).
- 4. Federal Medical Centre Billiri, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 677) Concurrence Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Power	Tuesday, 8th March, 2022	2.30pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
2.	Finance	Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
3.	Health (Secondary &Tertiary)	Tuesday, 8th March, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
4.	Appropriations	Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
5.	Environment	Wednesday, 9th March, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 (Public Hearing) Establishment and **Public Service** 

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2.00pm

Conference Room 231

Senate New Building
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