



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

Wednesday, 30th 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. Federal University of Technology Ipokia Bill, 2022 (HB. 512) – *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 2. Pharmaceutical Technologists and Pharmacy Technicians of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 459) – *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 3. Chartered Institute of Risk Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 139) – *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 4. Institute for Excellence and Leadership Development (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 965) – *First Reading*
Sen. Alimikhena, Francis Asekame (*Edo North*).
 5. Industrial Waste Minimization Bill, 2022 (SB. 974) – *First Reading*
Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*).
-

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Executive Communication
Confirmation of the Nomination Dr. Hale Gabriel Longpet for Appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioner for Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)
-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the confirmation of the nomination Dr. Hale Gabriel Longpet for Appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioner for Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in accordance with the provision of Section 154 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).
2. Executive Communication
Confirmation of the following persons for Appointment as Executive Commissioners for Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)
-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the confirmation of the following persons for appointment as Executive Commissioners for Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission in accordance with the provision of section 11 (3) of the Petroleum Industry Act 2021.

S/NO.	NAME	ZONE	POSITION
1.	Dr. Nuhu Habib	North-West (Kano State)	Member/Executive Commissioner, Development and Production
2.	Dr. Kelechi Onyekachi Ofoegbu	South-East (Imo State)	Member/Executive Commissioner, Economic Regulations and Strategic Planning
3.	Capt. Tonlagha Roland John	South South (Delta State)	Member/Executive Commissioner, Health, Safety, Environment and Community
4.	Jide Adeola	North Central (Kogi State)	Commissioner Corporate Services and Administration

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend some provisions of the National Biosafety Management Agency Act 2015 and other related matters, 2022 (SB. 968) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Yahaya A. Abdullahi (*Kebbi North*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Federal Polytechnic Orozo (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 911)
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 Polytechnic Orozo (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 911).
2. Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters and Anti-Corruption & Financial Crimes
Witness Protection and Management Bill, 2022 (SB. 641)
Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*) & Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (*Kaduna North*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters and Anti-Corruption & Financial Crimes on the Witness Protection and Management Bill, 2022 (SB. 641).

MOTION

1. Nigerians dumbfounded, outraged over Pay-Tv Tariff Hikes, demand for Pay-Per-View subscription model.

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

The Senate:

Notes with great concern the uproar within the public over tariff hikes, price increases by Pay-tv service providers on their bouquets;

Notes that the leading pay-tv service provider in Nigeria, (MultiChoice Nigeria) informed all DStv compact subscribers on August, 22 2020, to expect a 13.3% price increase to ₦7, 900 up from ₦6, 975 commencing from September 1, 2020; while the subscription fee for DStv compact plus was increased by 9.8% from ₦10, 925 to ₦12, 000, and DStv premium was increased from ₦16, 200 to ₦18, 400 indicating a 13.6% hike;

Notes also that MultiChoice Nigeria willfully and perpetually increases the cost of its bundles because there is no regulation whatsoever in the area of fixing rates;

Notes further that as usual, without recourse to the economic situation of the country MultiChoice has again raised the cost of its DStv and GOTv bundles stating them as follows, DStv Premium (#21,000),

Compact+ (#14,250), Compact (#9, 000), Confam (#5, 300), Yanga (#2, 950), Padi (#2, 150), Business(#2, 669), Xtraview+ PVR access fee (2, 900). Those of GOtv are as follows; GOtv Max (4,150), GOtv Jolli (#2, 6669), GOtv Jinja (#1, 900), GOtv Lite (#900);

Aware that thousands of pay-tv subscribers in Nigeria have bitterly reacted to this development on different social media platforms, ranging from deep shock to pure outrage with many asking the Nigerian government to checkmate the activities of pay-tv service providers in Nigeria especially in the area of fixing prices;

Aware also that pay-tv services are subscription-based television services, usually provided by both analogue and digital cable and satellite televisions;

Recalls that in Nigeria, entertainment was only about tuning in and watching any terrestrial channel one could reach;

Recalls also that the launch of a pay-tv service provider in 1996 began a gradual change of the narrative;

Recalls further that in the 2000s other pay-tv options found their way into the country breaking the monopoly of the only existing one in the late 1990s;

Notes again that among the bitter complaints of Nigerian subscribers of pay-tv services is the poor network service experienced as a result of bad weather/ epileptic electricity supply, which sometimes makes a whole month subscription wasteful without the subscriber watching anything before the expiration;

Notes once more that Nigerians are demanding that, rather than paying fixed rates for packages monthly, pay-tv service providers should introduce a subscription model which allows subscribers pay per-view to enable them match their TV consumption to subscription as it is the case with electricity metering and mobile telephony; and

Notes finally that the pay-per-view Nigerians are asking for does not have same meaning as that which applies to a one-off broadcast of high stakes games, such as football, boxing and wrestling matches; rather the pay-per-view that Nigerian subscribers are demanding for, is a flexible model plan of subscription which allows subscribers of pay-tv to pay-per watch, to avoid Paying for services which they do not consume.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, and the Nigerian Communications Commission to direct all pay-tv providers to introduce a pay-per-view model of subscription as against the month to month prepaid model presently in place; and
- ii. *Direct* all pay-tv service providers in Nigeria to immediately review their bouquet prices downwards in tandem with the prevailing reality of the economic situation in the country.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act 2022 (HB. 47) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 896) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
3. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1820) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
4. Federal College of Education (Technical), Yauri, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 629)
– *Concurrence*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 30 th March, 2022 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
2.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 30 th March, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
3.	Host Communities	Wednesday, 30 th March, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
4.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Thursday, 31 st March, 2022 (Public Hearing)	10.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
5.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 31 st March, 2022 (Public Hearing)	1.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
6.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 5 th April, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building

ABUJA

PRINTED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESS,