



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

Wednesday, 5th October, 2022

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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. Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science and Technology Jos Bill, 2022 (HB. 1421) - *First Reading*
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
 2. Federal University of Education Isiokolo, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1653) - *First Reading*
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
 3. Chartered Institute of Facility management (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 191) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (*Borno South*).
 4. Pandemic Response and Management Bill, 2022 (SB. 890) - *First Reading*
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*).
 5. Nigeria Re-Insurance Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 946) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (*Edo Central*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION FOR RE-COMMITAL OF A BILL

1. Re-Committal of the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (Establishment) Bill, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Sponsor: Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).

The Senate:

Recalls that the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (Establishment) Bill, 2022 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;

Aware that a Technical Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives and Directorate of Legal Services met and worked on the Bill;

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.

CONCURRENCE RESOLUTION

1. Use of excessive force and abuse of due process by Nigerian Air force against Blue Boulevard limited.

Sponsor: Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East-Senate Leader).

The Senate:

Notes that the House of Representatives considered and approve the report of its committees on Air force and justice on the investigation on the alleged Use of excessive force and abuse of due process by Nigerian Air force against Blue Boulevard limited and

Aware that the House of Representatives has transmitted the resolutions to the Senate for concurrence,

Accordingly resolves to:

Adopt the resolutions of the House of Representatives to:

- i. *Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to acquire the liability on behalf of the Nigerian Air Force and its Establishment, Nigerian Air Force Properties Limited by Paying off Total Investments made by Blue Boulevard Nigeria Limited for work done in the construction of a Shopping Mall located at NAF Base Port Harcourt, Rivers State the sum of thirty-five billion, four hundred and two million, seven hundred and twenty-five thousand, six hundred and twenty-two Naira (₦35,402,725,622.00) only as a result of the collapse of agreements between the parties which ought to end in 2032;*
- ii. *Order Blue Boulevard Nigeria Limited after it has been paid the sum of thirty-five billion, four hundred and two million, seven hundred and twenty-five thousand, six hundred and twenty-two Naira (₦35,402,725,622.00) to return subscribers funds in the sum of One Billion, Two hundred and seventy-five million, eight hundred and sixty-seven thousand, six hundred and eleven Naira (₦1,275,867,611) only to the Nigerian Air Force Properties Limited;*
- iii. *Also urge Blue Boulevard Nigeria Limited to approach the Court(s) to vacate all pending injunctions including the Federal High Court judgment in Suit No. FHC/PH/FHR/71/2017 restraining the defendant from gaining access and taking possession of the Shopping Mall upon the receipt of (₦35,402,725,622.00); and*
- iv. *Mandate the Committee on Appropriations to include the sum of thirty-five billion, four hundred and two million, seven hundred and twenty-five thousand, six hundred and twenty-two Naira (₦35,402,725,622.00) only in the 2023 budget as the liability of the Federal Government.*

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act 2022 to curb unnecessary expenditure of holding fresh election and for other connected matters thereto, 2022 (SB. 1051) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (Anambra Central).
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Industrial Development Authority and other matters connected therewith, 2022 (SB. 1050) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (Niger East).

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap N15, LFN 2004 to enhance the functions of the Centre and rename the Centre after Maryam Babangida, and for related matters, 2022 (SB. 1042) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (*Rivers West*).
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture and Maritime Studies, Mokwa, Niger State to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for related matters, 2022 (SB. 365) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Finance
2023 - 2025 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)
Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*).
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Finance on the 2023 - 2025 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP).
2. Report of the Committee on Upstream Petroleum Sector
Confirmation of the Nomination of Muhammad Sabo Lamido for Appointment as Executive Commissioner, Finance and Accounts for the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission
Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (*Akwa-Ibom North East*).
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Upstream Petroleum Sector of the confirmation of the nomination of Muhammad Sabo Lamido for appointment as Executive Commissioner, Finance and Accounts for the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission.
3. Report of the Committee on Electoral Matters
Confirmation of Appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners (RECs) for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
Sen. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim (*Kano South*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Electoral Matters on the confirmation of appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners (RECs) for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

NO.	NAMES	STATE	REMARK
1.	Ibrahim Abdullahi, <i>nni</i>	Adamawa	Renewal of Appointment
2.	Obo O. Effanga	Cross River	Renewal of Appointment
3.	Alh. Umar Ibrahim	Taraba	Renewal of Appointment
4.	Dr. Agboke Mitiu Olaleke	Ogun	Renewal of Appointment
5.	Prof. Samuel E. Egwu	Kogi	Renewal of Appointment
6.	Onyeka Pauline Ugochi	Imo	New Appointment
7.	Prof. Muhammed Lawal Bashar	Sokoto	New Appointment
8.	Prof. Ayobami Salami	Oyo	New Appointment
9.	Amb. Zango Abdussamadu Abdu, <i>nni</i>	Katsina	New Appointment
10.	Mrs. Queen Elizabeth Agwu	Ebonyi	New Appointment
11.	Dr. Agunndu Oliver Tersoo	Benue	New Appointment
12.	Yomere Gabriel Oritsemlebi	Delta	New Appointment
13.	Prof. Yahaya Makarfi Ibrahim	Kaduna	New Appointment
14.	Dr. Nura Ali	Kano	New Appointment
15.	Agu Sylvia Uchenna	Enugu	New Appointment
16.	Ahmed Yushau Garki	FCT	New Appointment
17.	Barr. Hudu Yunusa, <i>nni</i>	Bauchi	New Appointment
18.	Prof. Uzochukwu Ikemefuna Chijioke	Anambra	New Appointment
19.	Mohammad B. Nura	Yobe	New Appointment

4. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service
National Environmental Research and Training Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 527)
Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (*Kano Central*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the National Environmental Research and Training Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 527).
5. Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary)
Federal Medical Centre Obukpa, Nsukka Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 599)
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) on the Federal Medical Centre Obukpa, Nsukka Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 599).

MOTIONS

1. Urgent need for dredging and desilting of the River Niger, the Cross River, River Benue and other Inland Waterways in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*) & Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern the excessive rainfall that has caused the overflow of the banks of the River Niger from Sokoto, Kaduna, Niger and Kogi including the Kainji and Jebba Dams in Kwara State;

Notes that at Kogi Confluence, there is a large volume of water due to merging of Rivers Benue and Niger which now flows along the River Niger Channel to Onitsha/Asaba in Anambra/Delta States down to the Atlantic Ocean;

Notes also that the flood has ravaged many States especially those States along the River Niger, River Benue, the Cross River, the Gongola River, the Iyere River and their tributaries;

Further notes that a lot of people have lost their lives from mid-July to date due to the heavy downpour, while properties worth billions of Naira were washed away by the flood;

Aware of the disasters caused by this flooding has led to the blockage of the North - South highway at Lokoja making it difficult for commuters to proceed on their journey as a result of the volume of water on the high way;

Observes that the massive economic and infrastructural destructions occasioned by heavy rainfall is attributable to amongst other things failure to address certain inadequacies including the blockage of water channels which would have led excess rain water from the tributaries of River Niger, River Benue and other inland water bodies out to the ocean. The failure to unblock these channels has effected several rivers in the north such as the Rima River, Jama'are, Katsina Ala, Hadejia, Sokoto and Komadugu Rivers;

Further observes that unless concerted effort is made by the Federal and State governments and relevant ministries, departments and agencies statutorily charged with the responsibility of planning for and mitigating the effect of natural disasters such as the clearing of obstruction along water routes such as bridges, the channels through which excess water can flow through the Benue and Nigeria River to the confluence in Lokoja for subsequent emptying to the Ocean will continue to be obstructed;

Notes that there is an urgent need to dredge the coastlines of major rivers and oceans within the country's inland territories where sand has accumulated in order to further reduce the impact of the restriction of water channels on seasonal flooding. Such sand can also be directed to other uses, ensuring that no resource is lost ultimately; and

Convinced that it may be necessary to undertake emergency dredging and opening up of waterways from the Lagos - Delta - Onitsha - Bayelsa - Itu - Calabar estuaries to the Atlantic Ocean to allow flow channels for the expected volume of water to avert fatalities.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committees on Water Resources, Environment, Marine Transport and Special Duties to as a matter of urgency conduct a Public hearing on the state of preparedness of the Federal and State Government, their Ministries of water resources, Environment and Health, National Inland Waterways Authority and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to contain the predicted flooding and excess rainfall and report on a continuing basis to the Senate;
 - ii. *Mandate* the Committees to examine the level of siltation and blockade of these rivers and recommend possible phased out emergency desiltation and clearing of the channels to take large volumes of water;
 - iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to embark on the Construction and Expansion of the existing Dams to accommodate the flood waters; and
 - iv. *Direct* the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to scale-up its operations in all the flood affected areas, by providing relief materials to victims of the disaster.
2. Urging the Federal Government to promote the development of Classroom/Modern Libraries and a robust reading culture in Nigeria.

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

The Senate;

Notes with concern the recent decline in reading culture amongst most Nigerians which is even more visible in schools beginning from formative and basic years of primary school through secondary school and tertiary institutions;

Notes Further that a reading culture is knowledge-based and results to an enlightened and developed society. That is not the case any more in view of the poor reading culture among students of primary and secondary schools in Nigeria which has reached an alarming rate and needs to be addressed urgently before it worsens;

Aware that poor reading culture has arisen due to a flawed education system where emphasis is on memorising texts and not practical training, lack of well-equipped library facilities with state of the art Information and Communication Technology gadgets and ridiculously low patronage by the students even where libraries are available and accessible;

Recalls that in the 1980s and 1990s, public libraries were fully equipped and accessible to the general public. The reading culture amongst Nigerians was rated high even amongst school age children. In schools, there were Reading Clubs and students read together and borrowed books to read at home;

Observes that Nigeria has one of the highest number of school-age children who are not enrolled in schools and some have dropped out of school in a statistic of about 20 million school age children worldwide as reported in the 2017 International Journal of Technology and Inclusive Education;

Further Observes that in a recent UNICEF report, it was stated that over ten million children in Nigeria are out of school which is the highest rate in the world and that one in five out-of-school children in the world is a Nigerian. Being out-of-school may most likely translate to inability to read fluently and it goes without saying that such out-of-school children cannot have a reading culture;

Concerned that today, quite a number of secondary school students in Nigeria cannot read simple sentences nor speak grammatically correct English Language which is Nigeria's *lingua franca*. There are some students in the universities, polytechnics and colleges of education who cannot read fluently;

Notes that a society without a good reading culture cannot boast of knowledgeable citizens that can contribute meaningfully to national development;

Further Concerned that a society with a poor reading culture such as Nigeria is bound to have leadership crisis because of a dearth of knowledgeable leaders and these school-age students in focus are the future leaders of our great country Nigeria. Lack of a good reading culture also affects the ability to tolerate one

Observes that at individual level, poor reading culture impedes personal development and success in life. Lack of reading has affected a good number of Nigerians. Most adults lack the capacity to read and understand simple instructions and warning signs such as ‘use the pedestrian bridge’ or ‘do not cross major highways on foot’. Not surprisingly, lack of a reading culture is also a reason why some students are not performing well academically in school today as they fail to read and understand instructions;

Disturbed that the National Library project is struggling with no hope in sight. The Senate in 2019 had frowned at the fact that 57 years after independence and since 2006 when the project to build a befitting National Library began, it is yet challenged by dilapidated facilities, outdated books and no state of the art Information Communication tools. Also that the National Library of Nigeria is not expanding its branches across the country neither is it rehabilitating existing ones to encourage Nigerians to cultivate a good reading culture;

Further disturbed that the absence of modern library facilities in major cities and towns across the country is affecting negatively the reading culture of Nigerians. In the Federal Capital Territory, the public library even though is open to the general public has restrictive closing hours which are not favourable to most Nigerians who can only visit the library after the usual working hours to read. In addition, the library does not permit the borrowing-out of books;

Concerned that even private library facilities are not readily available and accessible to students and the generality of Nigerians. Only few of the private libraries are functional like the Bamaga Tukur Library located in Wuse II District of the Federal Capital Territory. These private libraries are meant to act as supplementary libraries supporting the public libraries. The private libraries have space constraints to accommodate a large number of Nigerians who desire to develop a reading culture;

Convinced that there is an urgent need for the Senate to act speedily and call for collaboration between relevant stakeholders in Nigeria’s educational sector who can assist in making the issue of cultivating a reading culture a national issue and a front burner with a view to addressing the challenges that limit access to library facilities and to encourage reading culture among Nigerians; and

Further Convinced that the Federal government can work in synergy with Private Library owners by granting tax reliefs which will encourage them to offer ease of access to their library facilities and ultimately encourage students and the general public to take up reading and develop a reading culture.

Accordingly resolves;

- i. *Mandate* the Committees on Education (Basic and Secondary) to interact with the Minister of Education with a view to receiving briefing from the Minister on what has been achieved so far regarding provision of Library facilities in schools across Nigeria, and to report back within two weeks;
- ii. *Mandate* the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to interact with the Minister with a view to ascertaining the state of public library facilities across the Federal Capital Territory and arriving at a practicable solution to encourage the culture of reading among Nigerian students and the general public;
- iii. *Direct* UBEC and other Relevant MDA’s to implement IFON Classroom libraries in Primary 1 and 2 classrooms to improve reading culture and enhance foundational Education;
- iv. *Urge* the general public to take seriously the issue of reading and imbibe a good reading culture which has the potential to assist the Government’s efforts on integration and religious tolerance;
- v. *Urge* the relevant education stakeholders to rise to the occasion and create awareness through campaigns on the necessity of cultivating a good reading culture; and

- vi. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Education in collaboration with Ministries of Education across the various states of the Federation to set aside a day as an Annual Reading Day to draw attention to the importance of a virile reading culture to national development.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Nigeria Health Infrastructure Development Bank (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 908) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
 2. Dieticians Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 515) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
 3. Federal College of Education Omu-Aran, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 131) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
 4. Federal University of Technology Ipokia Bill, 2022 (HB. 512) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
 5. Alex Ekwueme Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakiliki (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1325) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Foreign Affairs	Wednesday, 5 th October, 2022 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
2.	Police Affairs	Wednesday, 5 th October, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
3.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Wednesday, 5 th October, 2022	3.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
4.	Public Accounts	Wed. 5 th & Thu. 6 th October, 2022 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
5.	Tertiary Institution and TETFUND	Thursday, 6 th October, 2022 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
6.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Thursday, 6 th October, 2022	12.00noon	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
7.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Thursday, 6 th October, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
8.	Power	Tuesday, 11 th October, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building

