

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 16th November, 2022

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
- 3. Oaths
- 4. Announcements (if any)
- 5. Petitions

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION FOR RE-COMMITAL OF BILLS

1. Re-Committal of Bills to the Committee of the Whole.

The Senate:

Recalls that the following Bills were passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives and were transmitted to the Clerk of the National Assembly for onward transmission to the President C-in-C for Assent;

The Bills are:

- 1. Customs and Excise Management Act CAP C45 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2022; and
- 2. Federal College of Education Keana, Nasarawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2022;

Observes that some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action by both Chambers of the National Assembly emerged after a critical analysis of the Bills 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 Bills;

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

Accordingly resolves to:

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

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Act No. 16, 2006 and Re-enact the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Bill, 2022 and for other related matters, 2022 (SB. 1055) - Second Reading

Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of Ad-hoc Committee to investigate Oil Lifting, Theft and the impact on Petroleum Production and Oil Revenues

Oil Lifting, Theft and the impact on Petroleum Production and Oil Revenues

Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Ad-hoc Committee to investigate Oil Lifting, Theft and the impact on Petroleum Production and Oil Revenues on the Oil Lifting, Theft and the impact on Petroleum Production and Oil Revenues.

MOTIONS

1. Un-even disbursement of Half a Trillion Naira Loan to Six Geo-Political Regions by the Nigeria's Development Bank.

Sponsor: Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (Borno South)

Co-Sponsor: Sen. Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed (Yobe South)

The Senate:

Notes a huge disparity and un-even disbursement of Half a Trillion Naira Loan to Six Geo-Political Regions of Nigeria and the States in the country in 2021 by the Nigeria's Development Bank;

Notes that while Lagos State goes home with 47% of the total loan, the Northern region in total gets 11%;

Aware that the Bank's Annual Integrated Statutory Report 2021 obtained on 13th July, 2022, from the organization's website, the bank was able to disburse a loan worth Four Hundred and Eighty Thee Billion Naira (N483, 000, 000, 000) only out of which only 11% went to the 19 states of northern Nigeria, while 47% went to Lagos alone;

Aware also that the 11% of the loan that went to the North totals about Fifty Three Billion, One Hundred and Thirty Million Naira (N53, 130, 000, 000) and that the 47 percent that went to Lagos State alone totals Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Billion and Ten Million Naira (N227, 010, 000, 000) only;

Concerned that the loans were given out to the country's Six Geopolitical Zones, where the data showed that the South-West accessed the lion's share with 57% of the total loan, which is estimated to be around Two Hundred and Seventy Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty Million Naira (N274,740,000,000) only;

Worried that South-South accessed 17%, which is roughly Eighty One Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty Million Naira (81,940,000,000) only; The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and the North-Central region accessed 11% which was Fifty Three Billion and Twenty Million Naira (\$\frac{1}{2}\$53,020,000,000) only. South-East accessed a paltry 9% which was roughly Forty Three Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty Million Naira (\$\frac{1}{2}\$43,380,000,000) only while the North-West which has 5% accessed Twenty Four Billion, One Hundred Million Naira (\$\frac{1}{2}\$24,100,000,000) only. The North-East accessed only 1%, the least share of the total loan at roughly Four Billion, Eight Hundred and Twenty Million Naira (\$\frac{1}{2}\$4, 820, 000, 000) only.

Recalls that the Development Bank of Nigeria exists to alleviate financing constraints faced by Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) in Nigeria through providing finance, partial credit guarantees, and technical assistance to eligible financial intermediaries on a market-conforming and fully financially sustainable;

Notes that the top five sectors considered for the loan are Oil and Gas (42.0%), Manufacturing (16.0%), Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (7.2%), Trade and Commerce (6.3%), and Transportation and Storage (3.5%); and

Regrets that lack of awareness of the existence of the loan or even the Bank (DBN); religious belief that precludes Muslims from taking interest loans, considering that the bulk of people in the North are Muslims, and lack of formalization of business as most loans require that one has a registered company, Corporate Bank Account, and a good business plan has hampered the uneven loan disbursement.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Set up an ad-hoc Committee to carry out a holistic investigation into the matter and report back to the Senate;
- ii. *Urge* the Bank to ensure the equitable disbursement of the loan in the all the Six Geographical Zone of the country; and
- iii. *Urge* the Bank to expand its loan facilities beyond the five sectors already captured.

2. The negative impact of the 2022 flood on Nigerian roads and the need for urgent and improved funding of FERMA from Service Wide Vote & NNPC Tax Credit Scheme.

Sponsor: Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South)

Aware that this year's floods are the worst that Nigeria has experienced in decades as the rise in water level is more than the 2012 and 2020 episode;

Further aware that the 2022 floods have further worsened the deplorable state of Nigeria's federal roads;

Worried that some major inter-state roads are impassable as water has washed off most parts of the road and bridges creating economic and human security crises;

Concerned that road transportation is the major means of transportation in Nigeria since air transportation and others are not within the reach of most Nigerians; and

Further concerned that the heavy vehicular and human movement of Nigerians associated with end of year festivities will be impacted negatively as a result of the deplorable roads occasioned by the 2022 flood.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Call on the Federal Government to
 - a. Declare a State of Emergency on Federal Roads and improve its funding;
 - b. Dedicate part of the Service Wide Vote allocation of N500 Billion to the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency for the urgent rehabilitation of roads ravaged by the 2022 floods; and
 - c. Direct the NNPC Ltd Road Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme should be expanded to cover maintenance of failed sections of federal roads.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

- 1. Nigeria Health Infrastructure Development Bank (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 908) Concurrence Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East-Senate Leader).
- 2. Students Loan (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2022 (HB. 6) Concurrence Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East-Senate Leader).
- 3. Dieticians Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 515) Concurrence Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East-Senate Leader).
- 4. Federal College of Education Omu-Aran, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 131) Concurrence Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East-Senate Leader).
- 5. Federal University of Technology Ipokia Bill, 2022 (HB. 512) Concurrence Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East-Senate Leader).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Ad-hoc Committee of Pay-TV Tariff Hikes	,	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
2.	Capital Market	Wednesday, 16 th November, 2022 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
3.	Public Accounts	Wed. 16 th November - Tue. 13 th December, 2022 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building

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