

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 29th March, 2023

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

1. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Members of the Universal Service Provision (USP) Board

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

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Members of the Universal Service Provision (USP) Board in accordance with the provision of Section 116(3) of the Nigerian Communications Act, 2003.

| NO. | NAME |
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| 1. | Engr. Funke Opeke |
| 2. | Mr. Ahmed Abubakar Walama |
| 3. | Mrs. Fatima A. Kyari |
| 4. | Engr. Gbenga Adebayo |

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

 Conference Committee Report National Centre for Women Development Act Cap N15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 1042) Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West) -That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Committee Report on the National Centre for Women Development Act Cap N15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 1042).

- Report of the Committee on Special Duties *National Social Investment Programme (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2023 (SB. 1078)* Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (*Taraba Central*) -That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Special Duties on the National Social Investment Programme (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2023 (1078).
- 3. Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development Shea Development Council (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 147) Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on the Shea Development Council (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 147).

4. Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development Donkey Slaughter Regulation and Export Certification Bill, 2023 (SB. 496) Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on the Donkey Slaughter Regulation and Export Certification Bill, 2023 (SB. 496).

MOTION

1. Urgent Need for the Central Bank of Nigeria to Liaise with Commercial Banks to resume operation in Oron Local Government Area of Akwa-Ibom State.

Sponsor: Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (Akwa-Ibom South)

The Senate:

Notes that naira redesign and cashless policy of the Central Bank of Nigeria led to cash crunch nationwide and witnessed bank customers rushing to banks for money wherein the monies were not available;

Notes also that across the federation, there were incidents where bank customers, out of anger sacked bank staff, in some cases attacked bank staff because of non-availability of money for the staff to dispense;

Aware that one of the places that the scenario occurred was in Oron, Akwa Ibom State where bank customers converged at various bank premises for several days without money to pay them, and agitated customers protested and caused commotion in banking halls;

Further aware that from the statement released by the Nigeria Police that the agitation was initially peaceful until it was hijacked by hoodlums and criminals who attacked banks in Oron and destroyed properties, of which fifteen (15) persons had since been arrested for their crimes;

Observes that since after the incident which occurred on 17th February 2023, all banking operations have been suspended in the entire Oron LGA to date. Despite the strategic roles that those banks play in commercial activities and the economy of Oro nation comprising of five (5) Local Government Areas, Mbo, Okobo, Udung uko, Urue Offong/ uruko, and Oron LGAs;

Further observes that normalcy has returned in many parts of Nigeria particularly in Oron, and that the chaos at the banks is subsided, especially since after the order by the central bank of Nigeria for banks to pay the old N500 and N1000 notes; and

Concerned about the heavy hardship orchestrated by this continuous shut down of banks in Oron despite assurances by the Nigeria Police that they have taken punitive measures and absolute control to avert similar occurrence,

Accordingly resolves to:

Implore the Central Banks of Nigeria to liaise with the commercial banks that operate branches in Oron, namely; First Bank, UBA and Access Bank to resume full operations in Oron Local Government Area.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Investment and Securities Bill, 2023 (HB. 1787) – *Concurrence* Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).

- 2. Federal Audit Service Bill, 2022 (HB. 399) *Concurrence* Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).
- 3. Federal College of Horticulture, Okigwe (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 1456) *Concurrence* Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (*Sokoto East-Senate Leader*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| No. | Committee | Date | Time | Venue |
|-----|-----------------|--|-----------|---|
| 1. | Aviation | Wednesday, 29 th March, 2023 (Interactive Meeting) | 2.00pm | Committee Room 117 Senate New Building |
| 2. | Public Accounts | Wed. 29th & Thu. 30th March, 2023 (Public Hearing) | 2.00pm | Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building |
| 3. | Aviation | Thursday, 30 th March, 2023 (Interactive Meeting) | 12.00noon | Committee Room 117 Senate New Building |
| 4. | FCT | Thursday, 30 th March, 2023 | 12.00noon | Conference Room 231 Senate New Building |

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