10<sup>TH</sup> SENATE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION NO. 22



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023

1. Prayers

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

#### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### MOTION

### 1. Urgent Need to Avert the Intending Strike of the Nigeria Labour Congress

Sponsor: Sen. Abdulrahman, Kawu Suleiman (Kano South)

The Senate:

*Notes* that the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) has given the Federal Government a seven-day ultimatum to reverse what the union termed as "anti-poor policies" or face an indefinite nationwide strike from Wednesday 2nd August, 2023;

*Also notes* that the NLC has directed all its affiliates and state councils to immediately begin mobilization of workers and other Nigerians, including civil society allies, for a long-lasting strike and mass protests;

*Aware* that the labour movement in a statement signed by its National President accused the Federal Government of failing to meet up with the demands it presented to it following the removal of the subsidy on petrol, which caused an astronomical rise in the pump price of the commodity;

*Disturbed* that the strike would cripple the country as movement would be severely curtailed as commercial transport operators would withdraw their services, while markets, schools and healthcare facilities would be forced to shut down;

*Further disturbed* that the action could heat up the polity when it occurred, and the gains from the strike are far below the costs to either of the parties in conflict;

*Reflects* that the strike threat by the NLC, if not averted, could plunge Nigeria into deeper economic woes, dislocate businesses, hunger, frustration, more hardship that would lead to unquantified financial losses and reduce Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

*Further aware* that NLC strike is also a bad reputation for the Nigerian economy and the educational system because it portrays the country in a bad light to the external world and discourages foreigners from coming to do business or study in Nigeria;

*Concerned* that the society always bears the brunt of strikes, like the saying that an idle hand is the devil's workshop, increase in crime rate, social vices like armed robbery, oil bunkering, prostitution, cyber scams, etc;

# Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Mandate* the Leadership of the Senate to interface between the Nigeria Labour Congress and the Federal Government in order to avert the intending strike of the NLC.

# MINISTERIAL SCREENING

# 1. Confirmation of Nominations.

Confirmation of the following Nominees for Appointments as Ministers of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Sen. Bamidele, Opeyemi Michael (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).

- That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander – in - Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointments as Ministers of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in accordance with Section 147 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) - (*Committee of Whole*).

S/NO.	NAMES	STATE
1.	Sen.Abubakar S.Kyari	Borno
2.	Abubakar Eshiokpekha Momoh	Edo
3.	Nyesom Ezenwo Wike	Rivers State
4.	Engr. Prof. Joseph Terlumun Utsev	Benue
5.	Sen. John Owan Enoh	Cross River
6.	Hon.(Bar) Bello Muhammad	Sokoto
7.	Mohammed Badaru Abubakar	Jigawa
8.	Amb.Yusuf Maitama Tuggar	Bauchi
9.	Sen. Abubakar Sani Danladi	Taraba
10.	Barr. Uju-Ken Ohaneye	Anambra
11.	Hon. (Dr). Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo	Ondo
12.	Dr. Betta C.Edu	Cross River
13.	Imaan Sulaiman Ibrahim	Nassarawa
14.	Arch. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa	Katsina
15.	Chief Uche Geoffrey Nnaji	Enugu
16.	Stella Erhuvwuoghene Okotete	Delta