



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

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

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1. **Prayers**
  2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
  3. **Oaths**
  4. **Announcements (if any)**
  5. **Petitions**
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**BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. Waste Management and Malaria Eradication Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 172) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Nwoko, Ned Munir (*Delta North*).
  2. Compulsory Treatment and Care of victims of Gunshots Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 279) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Banigo, Ipalibo Harry (*Rivers West*).
  3. Federal Medical Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 283) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (*Gombe Central*).
  4. National War College Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 284) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Wammako, Magatarkada Aliyu (*Sokoto North*).
  5. Whistle Blowers Bill, 2023 (SB. 286) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*).
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to allow political parties nominate and replace validly elected candidates in the event of resignation, death or vacancy (of seats) of serving members in national Assembly and State Assemblies and for connected matters therewith, 2023 (SB. 119) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Karimi, Sunday Steve (*Kogi West*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Health Sciences, and Technology Tsafe, Zamfara State as a training institution for the development of medical and health sciences and to make comprehensive provisions for the management and administration of the University; and for Related Matters, 2023 (SB. 161) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Bilbis, Aliyu Ikra (*Zamfara Central*)

## PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

## 1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

*Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 174)*

Sen. Mohammed, Dandutse Muntari (*Katsina South*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 174).

## 2. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters

*Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointments as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)*

Sen. Oluwole, Fasuyi Cyril (*Ekiti North*)

- That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee Establishment and Public Service Matters on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointments as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC).

NO.	NAME	POSITION	STATES REPRESENTED
1.	Prof. Tunji Olaopa	Chairman	
2.	Dr. Dauda Ibrahim Jalo	Member	Adamawa/Gombe/taraba
3.	Obong Ededet Eyoma	Member	Akwa-Ibom/Cross River
4.	Dr. Chamberlin Nwele	Member	Anambra/Ebonyi/Enugu
5.	Rufus N. Godwins	Member	Bayelsa/Delta/Rivers
6.	Dr. Adamu Hussien	Member	FCT/Niger
7.	Aminu Nabegu	Member	Jigawa/Kano
8.	Hindatu Abdullahi	Member	Kaduna/Katsina
9.	Shehu Aliyu	Member	Kebbi/Sokoto/Zamfara
10.	Odekunle Rukiyat Aduke	Member	Kogi/Kwara
11.	Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan	Member	Lagos/Ogun
12.	Dr. Festus Oyebade	Member	Osun/Oyo

## 3. Report of the Committee on Police Affairs

*2023 Budget of the Nigerian Police Trust Fund*

Sen. Abdulhamid, Mallam-Madori Ahmed (*Jigawa East*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the 2023 Budget of the Nigerian Police Trust Fund.

## MOTION

1. The Need to address the travails of Pensioners, their Next-of-kin and deceased relatives over unpaid pensions, gratuities and other entitlements.

Sponsor: Sponsor: Sen. Chukwu, Chizoba Kelvin (*Enugu East*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* the many cases of undue delay, sufferings and trauma our senior citizens and family members are subjected to over unpaid pensions, gratuities and other entitlements of their loved ones who have spent a chunk of their productive years toiling and serving the country meritoriously;

*Also notes* that due to bureaucratic bottlenecks and endemic corruption in the payment process, the situation has subjected many pensioners to abject penury, with some even dying in queues of protracted and never-ending verification exercises that yield little or no result whatsoever;

*Further notes* that a time when pensioners are supposed to be enjoying their lives after spending their youthful years serving the country, the reverse is the case in this country, as the monthly dues of many of them are delayed for months and even years sometimes;

*Aware* that the prevailing issues include the non-payment of outstanding arrears to scores of pensioners, non-enrolment of thousands of pensioners on the pension payroll, non-payment of death benefits to deserving Next-of-Kin, non-implementation of payments to pensioners to reflect the salary review and payment of pension in line with relevant increases in the minimum wage and the snail's pace at which pension payment is being processed;

*Also aware* that this is made worse by improper keeping of records, unscrupulous officials who demand different documents and call for similar verification exercises time and time again, and some who engage in underhand dealings to process payments, coupled with brazen failure to sanction defaulters;

*Further aware* that the administration of pension funds has been enmeshed in unprecedented corruption over the years with some public officers, institutions of government and even banks all complicit, generously helping themselves to filthy lucre while denying pensioners their due in the process. The government's undignified silence and inaction most times on this very grave matter in spite of sustained criticism and complaints by concerned citizens has been shocking;

*Worried* that except pensioners receive fair and prompt treatment, the country is unwittingly encouraging the propensity of civil servants to be corrupt, as a career in civil service is no more attractive, especially as senior citizens are treated shabbily. It goes further to speak of our value system, as any society that cannot treat its elderly citizens with care, respect and dignity advertises its disregard for values;

*Concerned* that considering the fact that our senior citizens are no longer very relevant in the labour market, the government must do something drastically to ameliorate the trauma and sufferings of pensioners. After many years of hard labour, a worker is indeed entitled to some peace and security at old age,

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Condemn* in the strongest of terms, the dastardly acts committed against our senior citizens, as this is the height of man's inhumanity to his fellow man;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government through its Agencies; the National Pension Commission and the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD) to consider very seriously and urgently, the inequities in the pension fund administration in the country. A mechanism where pensioners or their beneficiaries are credited directly without so many hassles or having to grease some palms to help fast-track the process should be considered as a matter of grave urgency;
- iii. *Also urge* the National Pension Commission and the Pension Transitional Directorate Arrangement (PTAD) to live up to their mandate of regulating, supervising and ensuring the effective administration of pension matters in tandem with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2014;
- iv. *Mandate* the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes to investigate the activities of Pension Fund Administrators in the country with respect to payment of benefits to pensioners, as the PFAs were set up to eliminate inefficiency and corruption in the system which has now proved counter-productive in a lot of cases; and

v. *Also mandate Committees on Legislative Compliance, Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes to ensure compliance.*

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Northern Senators Forum	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	2.00pm	Meeting Room 301 Senate New Building
2.	Finance	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 304 Senate New Building
3.	Oil and Gas Host Communities	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	2.00pm	Meeting Room 324 Senate New Building
4.	Industries	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Niger Delta Affairs	Tue. 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	3.00pm	Meeting Room 323 Senate New Building
6.	Public Accounts	Tue. 28 <sup>th</sup> - Thu. 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
7.	Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
8.	National ID Card and National Population Commission	Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Interactive Session)	3.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
9.	Solid Minerals	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	3.00pm	Meeting Room 328 Senate New Building
10.	Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
11.	Planning and Economic Affairs	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Pre-Budget Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 341 Senate New Building
12.	Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petition	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	3.00pm	Meeting Room 120 Senate New Building
13.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Various Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) Projects of Nigerian Refineries	Tue. 5 <sup>th</sup> & Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
14.	Planning and Economic Affairs	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (Pre-Budget Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
15.	Downstream Petroleum Sector	Thu. 7 <sup>th</sup> - Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (Oversight Tour)		