



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

Tuesday, 30th January, 2024

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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Harmonised Retirement Age for Staff of National Assembly Service Bill, 2024 (HB. 529) – *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Institute of Information and Communication Technology Umuahia North, Abia State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 321) – *First Reading*
Sen. Akobundu, Austin (*Abia Central*).
 3. National Institute for Border Studies Imeko, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 323) – *First Reading*
Sen. Olamilekan, Adeola Solomon (*Ogun West*).
 4. National Road Transport Council (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 324) – *First Reading*
Sen. Yisa, Ashiru Oyelola (*Kwara South*).
 5. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 325) – *First Reading*
Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokunbo (*Lagos East*).
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CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the North West Development Commission to serve as a catalyst to develop the arrays of potentials of the North West as well as address the gap in infrastructural development of the region and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 90) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund to provide a sustainable source of funds for the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), skill acquisition, training and empowerment of Corps members, training and retraining of the personnel of the NYSC, development of camps and NYSC formations and facilities; and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 260) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Adaramodu, Adeyemi Raphael (*Ekiti South*).
3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education Numan, Adamawa State and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 270) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Yaroe, Binos Dauda (*Adamawa South*).

MOTION

1. Compelling Need to tackle the challenge of Out of School Children in Nigeria

Sponsor: Sen. Adebule, Idiat Oluranti (*Lagos West*)

The Senate:

Notes that the issue of out of school children has become worrisome, given the 2022 report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that about 20 million Nigerian children are out of school which represent 10 percent of the estimated Nigerian population of 200 million people and also represents the highest number of Out of School Children from any country globally;

Also notes that though the Ministry of Education disputed the figure but it is generally agreed that whatever the real figures, the issue of Out of School Children has become an albatross on the neck of the Nigerian State that must be dealt with as a matter of urgency;

Further notes that the social impacts of having about 20 million Out of School Children on the Nigerian State will include:

- Impediment to achieving some of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially goal (4) which is to ensure inclusiveness and equitable quality of education and promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all;
- Providing easy pool for recruitment into criminal gangs, banditry and terrorism which are the biggest security issues the Nigerian State has been dealing with for many years;
- Achievement of national economic justice and inclusiveness will further be jeopardized, and many more Nigerians may become ill-equipped to climb out of the poverty bracket; and
- Other social problems that might arise from this condition are gender inequality, early/child marriage, general socio-political instability.

Aware that the past successive administrations made several efforts to deal with the Out of School Children problem and the last being the deployment of home-grown school feeding programs by the Muhammadu Buhari administration and supported with other programmes by development partners like the World Bank's sponsored "Better Education Service Delivery For All" programme. However, all these efforts have had little impact on the surging number of Out of School Children, and we therefore need new thinking and more aggressive strategy to deal with this menace.

Convinced that when all the institutions concerned are committed to their responsibilities, the menace of out of school children would be overcome because the situation is of concern to the Federal Government of Nigeria,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committee on Education (Basic & Secondary) to engage the Federal Ministry of Education with a view to paying special attention to the issue of Out of School Children with the ultimate objective of drastically reducing the number;
- ii. *Urge* the Ministry of Education, its related parastatals and agencies such as the Universal Basic Education stakeholders including non-governmental organisations to:
 - a. severally and jointly bring up new strategy to effectively deal with Out of School Children problem as well as rekindle the national consciousness through sensitization and advocacy on the importance of education to the growth and development of our country and the benefits of having majority educated population;

- b. set a time limit of two years for the diligent implementation of the UBE Act as stipulated in section 2 (2).
- iii. *Urge* governments at all levels to implement targeted intervention programmes that will address all the factors militating against free access to quality and basic education particularly, multidimensional poverty and insecurity;
- iv. *Equally urge* the Judiciary in the 36 States of the Federation to take steps towards setting up mobile courts for the enforcement of the UBE ACT.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	National ID Card and National Population Commission	Wednesday 31 st January, 2024 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday 31 st January, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
3.	Health	Tuesday 6 th February, 2024 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building