



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

Tuesday, 12th March, 2024

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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. Federal College of Education (Technical) Saminaka, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 170)
- *First Reading*
Sen. Khalid, Ibrahim Mustapha (*Kaduna North*)).
 2. Banks and Other Financial Institutions (BOFIA) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 383) - *First Reading*
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*).
 3. Federal College of Medical Science and Laboratory Technology (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 384)
- *First Reading*
Sen. Siyako, Yaro Anthony (*Gombe South*).
 4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (SB. 389) - *First Reading*
Sen. Moro, Abba Patrick (*Benue South*).
 5. Federal College of Health Technology Ikwuano, Abia State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 392) - *First Reading*
Sen. Akobundu, Austin (*Abia Central*).
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY
CONSIDERATION OF A BILL**

1. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi State to ensure equity and access to Tertiary Education in the country. The University is a conventional University with restricted programmes and limited and focused faculties and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 224) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Aliero, Adamu Mohammed Mainasara (*Kebbi Central*)
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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.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Various Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) Projects of Nigerian Refineries	Tuesday, 12 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Conference Room 211 Senate New Building
2.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Tuesday, 12 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
3.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate Alleged Incidences Of Corruption and Inefficiency at Ajaokuta Steel Company Ltd & National Iron Ore Mining Company	Tuesday, 12 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
4.	Marine Transport	Tuesday, 12 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
5.	Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petition	Tue. 12 th & Wed. 13 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 120 Senate New Building
6.	Public Accounts	Tue. 12 th – Thu. 14 th March, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
7.	Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes	Wednesday, 13 th March, 2024	2.30pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
8.	Corporation and Integration In Africa/NEPAD	Wednesday, 13 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 324 Senate New Building
9.	Agricultural Colleges and Institutions	Wednesday, 13 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
10.	Special Duties	Wednesday, 13 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 431 Senate New Building
11.	National ID Card and Population	Wednesday, 13 th March, 2024 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 323 Senate New Building
12.	States and Local Government Administration	Wednesday, 13 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
13.	Ad-hoc Committee on the Non-completion of the East - West Road	Wednesday, 13 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Suite 3.19 Senate New Building
14.	Health	Thursday, 21 st March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building