



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

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1. **2023 Supplementary Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 399) - First Reading**
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. **Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 233) - First Reading**
Sen. Banigo, Ipalibo Harry (*Rivers West*).
 3. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (SB. 292) - First Reading**
Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*).
 4. **Petroleum Tankers Safety Bill, 2024 (SB. 293) - First Reading**
Sen. Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi (*Anambra South*).
 5. **Police Pension Board (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 294) - First Reading**
Sen. Yaroe, Binos Dauda (*Adamawa South*).
 6. **Nigeria Defence Academy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 332) - First Reading**
Sen. Nwoko, Ned Munir (*Delta North*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the 2023 Supplementary Appropriation Act in order to extend the implementation year from 31st March, 2024 to 30th June, 2024 and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 399) - Second Reading**
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
2. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, CAP E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; to Expand the Scope of Application and for Related Matters, 2024 (SB. 377) - Second Reading**
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
3. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Legal Matters Act, 2018, and for Related Matters, 2024 (SB. 376) - Second Reading**
Sen. Emmanuel Udende (*Benue North-East*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions

Confirmation of the Nominations of the following Four (4) persons as Managing Director and Executive Directors of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)

Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokunbo (*Lagos East*)

- That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nominations of the following Four (4) persons as Managing Director and Executive Directors of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Gbenga Alade	Managing Director
2.	Adeshola Lamidi	Executive Director
3.	Lucky Adaghe	Executive Director
4.	Dr, Aminu Mukhtar Dan'amu	Executive Director

2. Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT)

Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill, 2024 (SB. 397)

Sen. Mohammed, Bomai Ibrahim (*Yobe South*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill, 2024 (SB. 397).

MOTIONS

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.
2. Urgent Need for immediate completion of the Abadigba-Egwume Power Plant Project in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Sponsor: Sen. Jibrin, Isah (*Kogi East*)

The Senate:

Notes that in 2007, the Federal Government embarked on a power plant project at Abadigba-Egwume in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State to enhance the provision of electricity to Kogi East Senatorial District, against the backdrop of the persistent poor power supply in the area;

Further Notes that the project advanced with the installation of various equipment, including three giant power plants and two transformers, in readiness for connection with GEREGU Power station at Ajaokuta, Kogi State;

Concerned that the project has been abandoned, as no effort has been made to complete it in line with the laudable intentions of the government, thirteen years after initiating it;

Worried that this continued abandonment of the project has led to the destruction of some of the connecting wires and cables due to bush burning, in addition to vandalisation by criminals, thereby occasioning avoidable losses to the government;

Informed that the project is at about 70% completion, according to information from engineers, and only requires minimal additional resources to make it functional; and

Convinced that completing the Abadigba Power Project will boost production activities and facilitate economic development, as most businesses currently rely on generating plants, with the attendant increase in cost of production,

Accordingly Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Power to take necessary steps for the immediate completion of the Abadigba-Egwume Power Project, and report back to the Senate within 2 weeks.

3. Rising spate of Abduction/Kidnapping of school children in Nigeria: the Need to urgently address the scourge through legislative intervention.

Sponsor: Sen. Saliu, Mustapha (*Kwara Central*)

The Senate:

Aware that by virtue of Section 14 (2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) declares that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government;

Also Aware that Section 4 of the Police Act confers on the Nigeria Police the primary duty to, among other things, protect the lives and properties of Nigerians within its geographical boundaries;

Further Aware, that the Section 4(b) of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (Establishment) Act, 2003 confers on the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps a duty to, among other things, protect the lives and properties of Nigerians within its geographical boundaries;

Also Aware that in support and in compliance with these Constitutional mandates, the National Assembly approves requisite budgetary allocation for the discharge of these responsibilities to the Nigeria Police and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps;

Also Aware that the issue of Kidnapping and abduction have been raised severally before this hallow Chambers with several resolutions made by this Senate to stem the tide of kidnapping and abduction especially in the northern part of the Country but the situation has now taking another dimension in the past few days;

Notes that on Thursday, 7th March, 2024, the country was inundated with the disturbing news of abduction/kidnap of about 287 pupils and students from LEA Primary School and Government Secondary School (GSS), Kuriga, Kaduna State;

Notes also that similar situations were reported in parts of Sokoto (Gidan Bakuso) and Gombe States, where scores of students were kidnapped by men suspected to be gangs of bandits;

Further notes that a scenario akin to this, also manifested last year, precisely in the month of July, 2023, when a good number of students from the Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara State, were kidnapped by bandits;

Concerned that the recent *modus operandi* of these miscreants, which is now focused on abduction of pupils and students who are vulnerable and defenseless, can be seen as a direct affront and unprecedented onslaught against educational advancement in Nigeria, particularly, in the Northern part of the country;

Concerned also that the traumatic and emotional devastation caused by this ugly experience can affect the mental development and psyche of these young and vulnerable Nigerians. As it is necessary that measures are put in place to address any catastrophic consequence that may arise therefrom; The experience of some of my constituents who are based in Abuja, the Al-Kadriyar family whose six children where kidnapped and one of them, Nabeeha, murdered remains fresh in our memory;

Worried that despite the provisions of the Criminal Code Act, Cap C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022, all criminalizing the act of kidnapping amongst others, the spate of kidnapping in Nigeria is becoming more worrisome, alarming, and unprecedented with the kidnapping of 287 children from Kuriga, Kaduna state, and 15 children in Sokoto State and 200 other people, mostly women and children IDPs from an IDP camp in Borno, all within the spate of two weeks;

Concerned that this increased rate of kidnapping, is an assault on the future of Nigeria with a calculated attempt to intimidate and destroy the future generation;

Worried that if nothing is done to urgently nip this ugly trend in the bud, it will have far-reaching implication on the education developmental strides of this country. Accordingly, it is imperative that the Senate rise up to the occasion, by providing legislative measures that would curb the rising spate of abduction/kidnapping for ransom in the country;

Aware that the trend in International circle is to abolish capital punishment for crimes but the present state of our Nation deserves that a decisive action must be taken to curb this menace,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and other security agencies in the country to develop and come up with innovative measures, in line with global best practices, on how best to stop this ugly menace;*
- ii. Also urge the Senate to enact a specific and deliberate legislation that focuses on stringent punitive measures against perpetrators of these dastardly acts, to serve as deterrence;*
- iii. Further Urge the Federal Government, through its relevant agencies, to develop an interventionist system, whereby victims of abduction and kidnap in the country, especially children, can be well rehabilitated to enable a proper re-integration into the society;*
- iv. Urge the President and Commander-In-Chief to invoke death penalty on kidnapping to serve as deterrence to perpetrators; and*
- v. Refer the matter to the Committee on Police Affairs, the Senate Committee on Interior and the Senate Committee on National intelligence with a view to initiate a reform on our laws and impose a stringent punitive sanctions against perpetrators of this heinous crimes.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Joint Committee on Marine Transport	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Joint Committee to Investigate Crude Oil Theft	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
3.	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Poverty Alleviation and Social Investment Programme (SIP)	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
5.	Ad-hoc Committee on Ways and Means	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 431 Senate New Building
6.	Legislative Compliance	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
7.	Agriculture Production Services and Rural Development	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
8.	Communications	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	3.30pm	Committee Room 301 Senate New Building

9.	Joint Committee on Drugs & Narcotics and Judiciary, Human Rights & Lagal Matters	Tuesday, 19 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
10.	Public Accounts	Tue. 19 th – Thu. 21 st March, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
11.	Finance	Tue. 19 th – Thu. 21 st March, 2024 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
12.	Information and National Orientation	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
13.	Poverty Alleviation & Social Investment Programme (SIP)	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
14.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate Alleged Incidences Of Corruption and Inefficiency at Ajaokuta Steel Company Ltd & National Iron Ore Mining Company	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 324 Senate New Building
15.	ICT and Cyber Security	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024 (Assessment Visit)		Front of Senate Building Senate New Building
16.	Health	Thursday, 21 st March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building