



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

Wednesday, 20th March, 2024

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

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (SB. 400) - *First Reading*
Sen. Oyewumi, Kamorudeen Olalere (*Osun West*).
2. Gender and Equitable Opportunities Bill, 2024 (SB. 401) - *First Reading*
Sen. Adebule, Idiat Oluranti (*Lagos West*).
3. Nationwide Toll Bill, 2024 (SB. 402) - *First Reading*
Sen. Yar'adua, Abdulaziz Musa (*Katsina Central*).
4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (SB. 403) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*).
5. Federal College of Agriculture, Ocheja, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 404) - *First Reading*
Sen. Jibrin, Isah (*Kogi East*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT (*Adoption*)

1. Report of the Conference Committee on the Retirement Age of Legislative Officers of the National Assembly
Sen. Bamidele, Opeyemi Michael (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*)
- That the Senate do receive and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Retirement Age of Legislative Officers of the National Assembly.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 398)
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 Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 398).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022, to Enable Nigeria Implement Targeted Financial Sanctions Relating to Terrorism and Terrorism Financing Without Delay and for other related matters, 2024 (SB. 379) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Emmanuel Udende (Benue North-East).
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act No. 11 of 2011 to include Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency in the surveillance and prevention of money laundering in Nigeria and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 378) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration and other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 267) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Suleiman, Umar Sadiq (Kwara North).
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 212) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Moro, Abba Patrick (*Benue South*).
5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Revenue, Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act Cap R7 laws of the federation of Nigeria 2004 and enact the Revenue, Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission to grant the commission enforcement powers in the monitoring of accruals to and disbursement of revenue from the federation account and bring the act in conformity with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) and for other matters related therewith, 2024 (HB. 471) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

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.	Information and National Orientation	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Poverty Alleviation & Social Investment Programme (SIP)	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 117 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	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 324 Senate New Building
4.	ICT and Cyber Security	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024 (Assessment Visit)		Front of Senate Building Senate New Building
5.	Communications	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
6.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 323 Senate New Building

7.	Joint Committee on the Killing of Nigerian Army Personnel in Okuama Community Delta State	Wednesday, 20 th March, 2024	3.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
8.	Public Accounts	Wed. 20 th & Thu. 21 st March, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
8.	Finance	Wed. 20 th & Thu. 21 st March, 2024 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
9.	Health	Thursday, 21 st March, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building