



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

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 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. Broadcasting Practitioners Bill, 2024 (HB. 247) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
  2. Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 416) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
  3. Public Health Council of Nigeria Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 442) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Usman, Lawal Adamu (*Kaduna Central*).
  4. Standards Organization of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 446) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Rufa'i, Sani Hanga (*Kano Central*).
  5. Chartered Association of Out - of - Home Media Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 448) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (*Abia South*).
  6. Nigerian Mineral Development Corporation (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 451) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Ekong, Sampson (*Akwa-Ibom South*).
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Health Infrastructure Development Agency and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 135) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Osita, Ngwu (*Enugu West*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture and Entrepreneurship Bama, Borno State, make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 185) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Kaka, Shehu Lawan (*Borno Central*).

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap A12, LFN, 2004 to make provision for the establishment of Federal College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences at Umaisha in Toto Local Government Area Nasarawa State and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 56) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Aliyu, Wadada Ahmed (*Nasarawa West*).
4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal The Audit Ordinance Of 1956, And Enact The Federal Audit Service Bill, 2024 To Establish The Federal Audit Service, Provide Additional Powers And Functions Of The Auditor-General For The Federation, Establish The Federal Audit Board; and For Related Matters, 2024 (HB. 98) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

#### PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Special Duties  
*North West Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 90)*  
Sen. Kaka, Shehu Lawan (*Borno Central*)  
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Special Duties on the North West Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 90).
2. Report of the Committee on Power  
*Planned Hike in Electricity Tariff and the need to halt the proposed increase by Distribution Companies*  
Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (*Abia South*)  
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Power on the planned hike in electricity tariff and the need to halt the proposed increase by Distribution Companies amidst the economic situation in Nigeria.

#### MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need for Transformation of the abandoned Shell Airstrip at Oloibiri Oil Well 1, Otuogidi in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State to an Air force Base.

Sen. Agadaga, Benson Sunday (*Bayelsa East*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes that the Shell Airstrip Constructed in 1958 following the first discovery of crude oil in 1956, sitting on over 25 hectares of land situated at Itokopiri bush hosting the famous Oloibiri Oil well 1 in Otuogidi Community has long been abandoned;*

*Also notes that the Airstrip while in effective operation was a very valuable asset in the company's oil exploration and exploitation activities in airlifting of personnel and equipment for that period;*

*Observes that during the years of its functionality, heavy duty equipment, Company Workers, Captains of Industry, top Government functionaries and Diplomats resorted to this route for easy access to the Niger Delta region;*

*Regrets that since the gradual decline of Shell's operations in the area and final departure from Oloibiri oil field, the Airstrip and the land where it operated have been abandoned and left desolate. The land itself appears to have been sentenced to perpetual doom as no agricultural activity which is the economic mainstay of the local dwellers can no longer be carried out due to the concretized topography of the soil. It therefore poses environmental challenges and serious ecological complications to the Host Community as Shell has left the people in deprivation, squalor and lamentation after decades of operation;*

*Believes that upgrading the abandoned Airstrip to an Air force Base will bring renewed hope to the people, restore life to the area and attract the following benefits to the country:*

- *Strengthen* the security architecture of Nigeria as the creeks of Bayelsa up to Brass Island and the coast of the Atlantic Ocean in the gulf of guinea where the oil export terminal is located will be easily monitored and protected;
- *Reduce* the rate of oil theft and pipeline vandalism as it will enhance surveillance activities in the numerous oil producing and impacted communities of the area which constitute the hub of oil industry activities in Nigeria; and
- *Attract* more business opportunities in the area thereby creating additional jobs to boost the economic growth of our nation and ease the cost of living of the people;

*Recognizes* the fact that for the abandoned Airstrip to be transformed into an Air force Base of global standard, provision of the under listed prerequisite amenities and equipment is imperative:

- runway length measuring 2,500metres with a width of 45metres;
- (pcn) or load classification no (lcn) 100;
- a control tower with console;
- fire station/equipment;
- meteorological service system; and
- parking space and office buildings,

*Accordingly resolves to:*

*Urge* the Ministry of Aviation and the Nigeria Air force to take over and convert the deserted and uncultivable waste land of the abandoned Shell Airstrip at Oloibiri oil well one, Otuogidi to a modern Airforce Base in Bayelsa State.

2. Urgent Need for Government to construct embankments to protect our Coastal Communities from the effects of Coastal erosion.

Sponsor: Sen. Konbowel, Benson Friday (*Bayelsa Central*)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Joel, Onowakpo Thomas (*Delta South*)      Sen. Eshilokun, Sanni Wasiu (*Lagos Central*)

*The Senate:*

*Aware* that the ocean is a blessing as it provides a source of seafood, means of transportation, and trade routes, it has also been a source of existential threat to communities located along the seaboard;

*Also aware* that there are hundreds of communities lying along the 853km stretch of Nigeria's border with the Atlantic Ocean, making them vulnerable to phenomena like rising sea levels, ocean waves, ocean currents, and floods;

*Notes* that the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration has estimated that, globally, sea levels will rise by 26 inches by the year 2100 as a result of climate change, which could further jeopardise our low-lying coastal communities;

*Observes* that the World Bank has estimated the cost of erosion in the three states of Cross River, Delta, and Lagos at USD\$1.9 billion in 2018 alone;

*Aware* that there are many impacted communities along the seaboard stretching from the states of Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Bayelsa, Delta, Ondo, to Lagos, particular reference is made to some of the worst-affected like Akassa, Sangana, Koluama I, Koluama II, Ekine, Ezetu, Furopa, and Bilabiri, all in the local government areas of Brass, Southern Ijaw, and Ekeremor in Bayelsa State, and to Ibeno community in Akwa Ibom State;

*Also notes* that the aggravated threat to communal existence has been caused by the operations of multinational oil companies which conduct oil exploration activities in the area;

*Aware that Nigeria earns the bulk of its foreign exchange from the activities going on around these erosion-ravaged communities, with OPEC statistics showing that the country earned N1.6 trillion in the month of July 2022 from the sale of 31 million barrels of crude oil, which amounted to about 80% of the foreign exchange earnings of Nigeria;*

*Concerned that there is some level of restiveness in the impacted communities, which should not be allowed to flare up; and*

*Also observes that although these communities face the risk of being entirely washed away, they lack the means of protecting themselves from the huge, wild, and strong forces of the ocean – whether natural or man-made – and look up to the government for help,*

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency construct dikes, levees or sea walls to prevent and protect Coastal Communities from flooding and erosion;*
- ii. *Also urge the Federal Government to conduct an evaluation of the measures necessary to be adopted for tackling erosion in the threatened coastal communities; and*
- iii. *Further urge the Federal Government to immediately implement erosion control measures in the coastal communities impacted by ocean surges, especially the communities of Koluama, Ekeni, and Ezetu in the Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.*

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
2.	Education (Basic & Secondary)	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Special Duties	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
4.	Joint Committee Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters and Security & Intelligence	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
5.	Communications	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Thur. 16 <sup>th</sup> - Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Oversight visit to South West)		
7.	Diaspora & Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 324 Senate New Building
8.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	3.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
9.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building