



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

Thursday, 9<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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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Prescribe the Salaries, Allowances, and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria, and for related matters, 2024 (SB.419) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
  2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Orthopedic Hospital Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal Orthopedic Hospital, Toro, Bauchi State and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB.364) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Umar, Shehu Buba (*Bauchi South*).
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Communications  
*2024 Budget of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)*  
Sen. Bilbis, Aliyu Ikra (*Zamfara Central*)  
- That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Communications on the 2024 Budget of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).
2. Report of the Committee on Communications  
*2024 Budget of the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Board*  
Sen. Bilbis, Aliyu Ikra (*Zamfara Central*)  
- That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Communications on the 2024 Budget of the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Board.
3. Report of the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters and Drugs & Narcotics  
*National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 472)*  
Sen. Monguno, Mohammed Tahir (*Borno North*)  
- That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters and Drugs & Narcotics on the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 472).

## MOTIONS

1. Notice on the death of Senator Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim, Kwara South (8<sup>th</sup> Assembly), Kwara State, Nigeria.

*The Senate:*

*Notes* the sudden demise of Senator Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024;

*Also Notes* that Senator Rafiu Ibrahim represented the good people of Kwara South Senatorial District during the 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly. He also served in the 7<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives between 2011–2015 as a member representing Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency of Kwara State. As a revered politician that he was, he was a member of the state House of Assembly, representing Oke Ogun constituency of Oyun Local Government, Kwara state between 2009–2011;

*Aware* that Senator Rafiu Ibrahim served as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and other financial institutions in the 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly. He was also a member of Senate Committees on Appropriation, Federal Character, Intergovernmental affairs, Media and Public Affairs;

*Further aware* that, as a Chairman of Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions, he sponsored reform legislation such as Credit Reporting Act, 2017 and Secured Transaction in Movable Asset Act, 2017 as well as sponsoring many other bills in the 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Senate. His sponsored bills contributed significantly to Nigeria's upward movement on getting credit index from number 44 to number 6. Furthermore, he was known for his dedication to serving the people of Kwara south and the nation at large; and

*Recognizing* the contribution of Senator Rafiu Ibrahim to the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate and the economy of Nigeria during his term as a Senator is worthy of a honour at his death,

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Observe* a minute of silence in memory of Distinguished Senator Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim and pray for the repose of his soul;
  - ii. *Commiserate* with the good people of Kwara State and the government of Kwara state over the demise; and
  - iii. *Send* a strong delegation to the government of Kwara State and his family for the purpose of condolence visit.
2. Persons with Disabilities (PWD) in Nigeria and call for full implementation of the Disabilities Act.

Sponsor: Sen. Izunaso, Osita Bonaventure (*Imo West*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that Persons with Disabilities (PWD) constitute a significant segment of the Nigerian population - Numbering about thirty-five (35) million, and facing various challenges and barriers to full inclusion and participation in the society;

*Notes also* that many buildings, public spaces, and transportation systems are not designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities, making it difficult for them to move around independently and access essential services. And that this lack of accessibility not only limits their mobility but also restricts their participation in various aspects of the society, including education, employment, and social activities;

*Aware* that the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act as was passed into law in 2018, provides comprehensive protection of the rights of persons with disabilities as well as prohibiting discrimination against them in all spheres of life;

*Aware also* that the full implementation of the Disabilities Act is crucial to ensuring equal opportunities, access to education, healthcare, employment, transportation, and public services for persons with disabilities, as well as promoting their full participation and integration into society, and for easy access to foreign and local grants; and

*Worried* that despite the enactment of the Disabilities Act in 2018, there remains a gap in the implementation and enforcement of its provisions, leading to continued marginalization, exclusion, and violation of the rights of persons with disabilities across Nigeria,

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Direct* the Disabilities Commission to post sign language interpreters to the National Assembly - to interpret both the plenary proceedings and public hearings;
- ii. *Set up* a disability desk in the Senate - to deal with all issues concerning Persons with Disabilities (PWDs);
- iii. *Create* a Standing Committee for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs);
- iv. *Commend* the twenty-three (23) states that have domesticated Disabilities (Prohibition) Act (2018), and urge others to prioritize and expedite the full implementation of the Act - in line with the international human rights conventions, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), and ensure disability mobility access in all senate facilities and other government and private buildings; and
- v. *Calls* for the allocation of adequate budgetary resources and funding for programs, initiatives, and services aimed at addressing the needs and priorities of persons with disabilities, including but not limited to education, healthcare, vocational training, assistive technology, and accessibility infrastructure.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Solid Minerals Development	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
2.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Oversight visit to South South)		
3.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
4.	Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA)	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
5.	Education (Basic & Secondary)	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
6.	Joint Committees on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) & Education (Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND).	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building

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7.	Power	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	12.00noon	Meeting Room 439 Senate New Building
8.	Culture, Art and Creative Economy	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
9.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Thur. 16 <sup>th</sup> - Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024 (Oversight visit to South West)		
10.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	11.00am	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
11.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2024	3.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
12.	Federal Character & Inter- Governmental Affairs	Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> - Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	2:00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building