



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

Wednesday, 8th May, 2024

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. Renewable Energy Bill, 2024 (SB. 431) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*).
 2. Federal Institute of Vision and Optical Research Enema, Ogba-Egbema Ndoni, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 304) - *First Reading*
Sen. Banigo, Ipalibo Harry (*Rivers West*).
 3. Federal College of Education Ekeremor, Bayelsa State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 427) - *First Reading*
Sen. Dickson, Seriake Henry (*Bayelsa West*).
 4. Sickle Cell Anaemia (Prevention, Control & Management) Bill, 2024 (SB. 428) - *First Reading*
Sen. Zam, Titus Tartenger (*Benue North West*).
 5. Unemployed Youth, Elderly and Indigent Sustainability Allowances Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 429) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (*Borno South*).
 6. Sheriffs and Civil Process Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 432) - *First Reading*
Sen. Adebule, Idiat Oluranti (*Lagos West*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) Act and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 265) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Olamilekan, Adeola Solomon (*Ogun West*).
2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Documentation and Protection of Domestic Workers and Employees and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 272) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Hussaini, Babangida Uba (*Jigawa North West*).

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Eye Centre Doma, Nasarawa State and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 193) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Onawo, Mohammed Ogoshi (*Nasarawa South*).
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Internship and Unemployment Benefit Scheme and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 258) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Salisu, Shuaib Afolabi (*Ogun Central*).

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 on the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 472).

MOTIONS

1. Demise of Senator Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim (12th December, 1966 - 17th April, 2024).

Sponsor: Sen. Yisa, Ashiru Oyelola (*Kwara South*)

The Senate:

Notes with grief the sudden demise of Senator Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 after a battle with an undisclosed illness;

Also notes that he joined the banking industry in 1990 and became an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria in 1995. He was also conferred with the Fellow of Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (FCIB) in 2009 and was chairman, Kwara Branch of CIBN in the same year through to 2010;

Further notes that he was an experienced banker and financial expert of 15 years in banking practice, specializing in investment, treasury management and project finance. His experience in business management cut across various sectors with interests in financial consultancy/services, marketing, security printing, manufacturing, construction and project development, concessionairing and management. Before his foray into politics, he was the managing director and chief executive officer of Ibrafund Limited;

Observes that his political career started under the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), as a Member of Kwara State House of Assembly in 2009, and was later elected in April, 2011 to represent Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives of Nigeria of the 7th National Assembly;

Also observes that he was elected Senator of the Federal Republic in 2015 to represent Kwara South Senatorial District at the Nigerian Senate. He lost his re-election bid into the 9th National Assembly to All Progressive Congress (APC) Candidate in the 2019 general elections;

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

Also aware that, as 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. 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;

Recognizes the contribution of Senator Rafiu Ibrahim to the 8th Senate and the economy of Nigeria during his term as a Senator is worthy of a honour at his death; and

Regrets that his death is a great loss to his family, the Senate, the people of his Senatorial District and Kwara State Government,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Observe a minute of silence in his honour;*
 - 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;*
- 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; and*
- vi. *Ensure that there is disability mobility access in all Senate facilities.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Solid Minerals Development	Wed. 8 th & Thu. 9 th May, 2024 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
2.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Wed. 8 th & Thu. 9 th May, 2024 (Oversight visit to South South)		
3.	Public Accounts	Wed. 8 th & Thu. 9 th May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
4.	Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA)	Thursday, 9 th May, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
5.	Education (Basic & Secondary)	Thursday, 9 th May, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
6.	Joint Committees on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) & Education (Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND).	Monday, 13 th May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
7.	Power	Monday, 13 th May, 2024	12.00noon	Meeting Room 439 Senate New Building
8.	Culture, Art and Creative Economy	Tuesday, 14 th May, 2024 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
9.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Thur. 16 th - Sat. 18 th May, 2024 (Oversight visit to South West)		
10.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Friday, 17 th May, 2024	11.00am	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
11.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday, 23 rd May, 2024	3.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building