



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

Tuesday, 4th June, 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. Chartered Institute of Co-operative Professionals of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 603) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Federal Produce Inspection Service Bill 2024 (HB. 896) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (SB. 305) - *First Reading*
Sen. Khalid, Ibrahim Mustapha (*Kaduna North*).
 4. Border Communities Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 350) - *First Reading*
Sen. Daniel, Olugbenga Justus (*Ogun East*).
 5. Animal Husbandry and Ranches (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 2024 (SB. 466) - *First Reading*
Sen. Zam, Titus Tartenger (*Benue North West*).
 6. Federal University of Arts, Culture, Science and Tourism, Igbraoke-Oke Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (Sb. 467) - *First Reading*
Sen. Adegbonmire, Adeniyi Ayodele (*Ondo Central*).
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ORDER OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act; and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (HBs. 91, 172, 222, 670, 799 & SBs. 142, 146, 167, 176, 197, 198, 199, 274, 278, 283, 285, 303, 311, 315, 319, 327 & 355) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*) - *Consolidation of Bills*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Police Pension Board to handle pension matters for personnel of the Force; and for connected purposes, 2024 (SB. 294) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Yaroo, Binos Dauda (*Adamawa South*).

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri, to provide for the Administration and Management of the University, and for other related matters, 2024 (SB. 146)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (Imo East).
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CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters
Judicial Office Holders (Salaries & Allowances) Bill, 2024 (SB. 419)
Sen. Monguno, Mohammed Tahir (Borno North)
- That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters on the Judicial Office Holders (Salaries & Allowances) Bill, 2024 (SB. 419).
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MOTION

1. Urgent Need to Mitigate the Adverse Effects of Sugar-Sweetened Beverage (SSB) consumption on public health and enhance revenue generation through excise taxation, with emphasis on collaboration, synergy, and accountability between Government Ministries and Industry Stakeholders in promoting healthier beverage options and sustainable practices.
Sponsor: Sen. Banigo, Ipalibo Harry (*Rivers West*)

The Senate:

Recalls that in July 2022, the Nigeria Customs Service began enforcing the N10 per liter excise duty on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs), in line with the provisions of the Finance Act, 2021 and the Excise Duty (Non-alcohol, Carbonated, and Sweetened Beverage Regulations, 2022 ("the Regulations"). This tax, aimed at non-alcoholic sugar-sweetened beverages, serves as a crucial step in addressing the issue of excessive sugar consumption through SSBs. It has been recognized globally as an effective measure in discouraging unhealthy dietary habits by curbing the consumption of free sugars;

Aware that Nigeria is confronting a growing obesity epidemic and Sugar-Sweetened Beverage consumption plays a significant role in this crisis. It is estimated that approximately, 21 million Nigerian adults aged 15 and above are overweight, with an additional 12 million falling into the obesity category. It is well established that obesity is a risk factor for numerous health issues, including cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, certain cancers, and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) linked to the high consumption of SSBs;

Also aware that Nigeria's healthcare system already faces substantial challenges; the escalating cases of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) linked to SSB consumption further strains the system's resources. Based on the National Health Accounts, 2017, over N1.5 trillion was spent on NCDs in Nigeria. Worse still, individuals paid three-quarters of this expenditure out-of-pocket (FMOH, 2017), exacerbating the economic burden on affected individuals and the healthcare sector shouldering the bulk of the burden when it comes to the health problems linked to SSB consumption;

Notes that Nigeria shoulders a substantial portion of the productivity losses attributed to illnesses in low and middle-income countries (LMICs), amounting to approximately 50.9%, according to the WHO, in 2019. Its effect not only reduces the quality of life of affected individuals, but it is one of the leading sources of reduced work productivity impacting negatively on the nation's economy;

Also notes that the revenue-generating capacity of the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage tax presents an opportunity to allocate funds towards health promotion endeavors and initiatives targeting the prevention and management of non-communicable diseases. Empirical data highlights the potentials of SSB taxes to generate significant revenues, depending on factors such as the tax rate and the price elasticity of demand for these beverages;

Recognizes that Sugar-Sweetened Beverage taxes are widely acknowledged as an effective strategy for discouraging the overconsumption of these unhealthy beverages, governments worldwide are increasingly adopting higher SSB taxes to tackle rising health concerns. In 2021, Nigeria joined over 100 other countries in

implementing taxes on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages however, the current N10 per liter rate is not adjustable to inflation and is insufficient to achieve its public health objective,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister for the Economy to activate Sections 193-197 of the Nigeria Customs Service Act, 2023 to set an effective tax rate on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, immediately commence work on licensing fees for the production of SSB brands in Nigeria, and appropriate penalties for defaulters;
- ii. *Also urge* the Minister of Finance and+ Coordinating Minister for the Economy to work with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare's Inter-ministerial ad-hoc committee to begin the needed conversation of earmarking these funds for public health;
- iii. *Mandate* the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence to SSB taxation regulations and reinforce accountability and transparency in the implementation process;
- iv. *Further urge* the Ministry of Finance to conduct a comprehensive review of the excise duty rate on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) implemented by the Nigeria Customs Service;
- v. Engage the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment in promoting the reformulation of SSBs consumed in Nigeria. This could include providing incentives for the production of sugar-free beverages, supporting research and development in beverage innovation, and fostering partnerships with domestic and international stakeholders to advance sustainable and health-conscious practices in the beverage sector;
- vi. *Equally urge* the Nigeria Customs Service to enhance efforts to maximize revenue collection from the excise duty on sugar-sweetened beverages by improving enforcement mechanisms, streamlining administrative processes, and addressing tax evasion and smuggling activities that undermine revenue generation, and appropriate penalties for defaulters;
- vii. *Again urge* the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to explore opportunities for diversifying agricultural production towards healthier alternatives to Sugar-Sweetened Beverages.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Accounts	Tues 4 th - Thurs 6 th June, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
2.	Ad-hoc Committee to Crude Oil Theft	Tuesday, 4 th June, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
3.	Downstream Petroleum Sector	Wednesday 5 th June, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Federal Character and Governmental Affairs	Wed 5 th - Fri 7 th June, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Education (Basic & Secondary)	Thursday, 13 th June, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
6.	Privatization	Fri. 14 th & Sat. 15 th June, 2024 (Retreat)		Sheraton Hotel, Ikot- Ekpene, Akwa-Ibom State