

**LEAD DEBATE ON THE NIGERIA POLICE ACT, 2020  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 (SB. 551).**

Sponsor: **Senator Michael Opeyemi Bamidele, CON** (Senate Leader-Ekiti Central).

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, I humbly rise to lead the debate on the general principles of this Bill.

The Bill was read for the *First Time* today, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024.

Mr. President, my dear Colleagues, this Act seeks to enable a person appointed to the office of Inspector-General of Police to remain in office until the end of the term stipulated in the letter of appointment. The Bill aims to revolutionize police operation by enhancing accountability, modernizing policing method and fostering a more harmonious relationship between the police and the community.

Accordingly, I hereby urge you all to support the quick passage.

Thank you.

**REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIA POLICE ACT, 2020 TO ENABLE A PERSON APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL THE END OF THE TERM STIPULATED IN THE LETTER OF APPOINTMENT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 551).**

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amendment of the Nigeria Police Act</b></p> <p>1. The Nigeria Police Act, 2020 (“Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Bill.</p>	RETAINED
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amendment of Section 18</b></p> <p>2. Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (8A);</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(8A) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (8) of this section, any person appointed to the office of Inspector-General of Police shall remain in office until the end of the term stipulated in the letter of appointment in line with the provisions of section 7(6) of this Act”.</p>	RETAINED
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Short Title</b></p> <p>3. This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024.</p>	RETAINED
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Explanatory Memorandum</b> (This note does not form part of this Act, but it is intended to explain its purport)</p> <p>This Bill seeks to enable a person appointed to the office of Inspector-General of Police to remain in office until the end of the term stipulated in the letter of appointment.</p>	RETAINED