

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 3rd October, 2024

- 1. National Anthem
- 2. Prayers
- 3. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
- 4. Oaths
- 5. Announcements (if any)
- 6. Petitions

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

- 1. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 528) First Reading Sen. Khalid, Ibrahim Mustapha (Kaduna North).
- 2. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 535) First Reading Sen. Eze, Kenneth Emeka (Ebonyi Central).
- 3. Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 570) First Reading Sen. Bello, Sani Abubakar (Niger North).
- 4. National Vehicle Production Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 571) First Reading Sen. Ani, Anthony Okorie (Ebonyi South).
- 5. National Obstetrics Fistula Centres (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 573) First Reading Sen. Kaila, Samaila Dahuwa (Bauchi North).
- 6. Nigeria Coastal Guard Bill, 2024 (SB. 575) First Reading Sen. Eshilokun, Sanni Wasiu (Lagos Central).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- 1. A Bill for An Act to Amend the North West Development Commission Act 2024, CAP N75 to provide for geo political representation in the Governing Board of the commission and for other related matters thereto, 2024 (SB. 567) Second Reading
 - Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opevemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 2. A Bill for An Act to Amend the South East Development Commission Act 2024, and for other related matters thereto, 2024 (SB. 568) Second Reading
 - Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish South-South Development Commission charged with the responsibility to receive and manage funds from the Federation Account Allocation and other sources, donations, grants, aids for the integration, development, resolution of infrastructural deficit, militancy, communal crises as well as tackle ecological, environmental problems; and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 358) Second Reading Sen. Asuquo, Ekpenyong (Cross River South).

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Police Service Commission Training Institute to serve as a centre for the administration and management of the institute and determining the standard of knowledge and skill to be acquired by the personnel of the police service commission on it's oversight functions over the Nigeria Police Force and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 564) - Second Reading Sen. Abdulhamid, Mallam-Madori Ahmed (Jigawa East).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

Federal University of Technology Ilaro, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 345)

Sen. Mohammed, Dandutse Muntari (Katsina South)

- -That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal University of Technology Ilaro, Ogun State (Esstablishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 345).
- 2. Report of the Committee on Education (Basic & Secondary)

The Compelling Need to tackle the challenge of Out of School Children in Nigeria

Sen. Usman, Lawal Adamu (Kaduna Central)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Education (Basic & Secondary) on the Compelling Need to tackle the challenge of Out of School Children in Nigeria.

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need for Intervention in the Humanitarian Crisis caused by Flooding in Adamawa North Senatorial District

Sponsor: Amos K. Yohanna, (Adamawa North)

The Senate:

Note that there was massive flooding that caused catastrophic destruction in the Five Local Governments of Adamawa North Senatorial District, namely; Madagali, Maiha, Michika, Mubi North and Mubi South

Further note that hundreds of houses and farmlands were destroyed. The floods also washed away multiple culverts and bridges in Shuwa (Madagali LGA), Jigalambu, Watu, Kudzum (Michika LGA) and the Baladega Bridge along Mubi-Maiha road. More tragically is the fact that some lives were lost;

Aware that the flooding situation has overwhelmed local capacities, and left thousands of people in dire need of urgent humanitarian assistance in Kirchinga, Shuwa and Gulak (Madagali LGA), Dzuragu (Michika LGA) Mayo Bani (Mubi North LGA) Konkol (Maiha LGA), including shelter, food, medical care and clean water; and

Disturbed that this worsens the already difficult economic and security situation affecting the people and will relapse in the Internally Displaced Persons tragedy as thousands of displaced people are currently taking refuge in schools,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct* the National Emergency Management Agency to as a matter of urgent priority reach out to the affected communities and provide relief materials to the victims;
- ii. *Direct* the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to intervene in the rehabilitation of Shuwa, Jigalambu and Baladega Bridge; and
- iii. *Mandate* the committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure NEMA, FERMA carry out the Senate's resolution.

2. Urgent Need to address the challenges of increasing cases of Brain Drain in the Nigerian University System.

Sponsor: Sen. Ani, Anthony Okorie (Ebonyi South)

The Senate:

Notes that brain drain, otherwise known as capital flight, is referred to as large scale movement or migration of top manpower from developing nations to more developed countries, whereby qualified and skilled manpower of such countries, contribute to the socio-economic development of those other countries, thus creating economic gaps in their respective countries;

Also notes that over the years, there has been a significant outflow of highly educated professionals in Nigeria, especially in the academia, in quests of better working conditions, which has exacerbated skill gap in the workforce, capable of hindering economic growth and development of the country;

Further notes from the National Universities Commission (NUC) report that many Nigerian Universities operate with less than 50 percent of the required academic staff;

Aware that the remunerations of the Nigerian University Lecturers are among the poorest in the world, as it was last reviewed over 15 years ago and this cannot meet the current economic realities of the country;

Also aware that many universities in other Western African Countries have better working conditions than what is obtainable in the Nigerian university system, and this rather worrisome;

Worried that the continuous loss of experienced faculty members from our ivory towers to other countries, is capable of impacting negatively on the quality of education, thereby reducing the effectiveness of teaching/learning and mentorship for students in our higher institutions;

Also worried that brain drain has assumed an unprecedented posture in recent time, due to the current economic situation of the country. This should be a cause for concern, as it threatens the survival of the country's higher education, particularly in the engineering, medicine and sciences, which are critical for the socio-economic development of this country,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND to liaise with the Ministry of Education with a view to working out modalities to check the increasing spate of brain drain in the Nigerian Universities; and
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Education to increase budgetary allocation to Federal Universities in the 2025 budget so as to take care of the teething problems of Nigeria Universities.

| COMMITTEE MEETINGS | | | | | | | |
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| No. | Committee | Date | Time | Venue | | | |
| 1. | Public Accounts | Thursday, 3 rd October, 2024 (Public Hearing) | 3.00pm | Hearing Room 4 White House | | | |
| 2. | Power | Thursday, 3 rd October, 2024 | 3.30pm | Meeting Room 439 Senate New Building | | | |
| 3. | Poverty Alleviation & Social Investment Programme (SIP) | Thursday, 3 rd October, 2024 | 2.00pm | Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building | | | |
| 4. | Foreign Affairs | Tuesday, 8th October, 2024 (Screening Exercise) | 2.00pm | Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building | | | |

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| 5. | Public Accounts | Tue. 8 TH - Thur. 10 th October, 2024 (Public Hearing) | 3.00pm | Hearing Room 4 White House |
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| 6. | Works | Wednesday, 16th October, 2024 | 3.00pm | Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building |