

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 8th 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 BILLS

- 1. Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria Bill, 2024 (HB. 1261) *First Reading* Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
- 2. National Council for Traditional Rulers (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 546) *First Reading* Sen. Simon, Bako Lalong (*Plateau South*).
- Federal College of Agriculture and Tropical Studies, Ido-Ekiti (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 581)
 First Reading Sen. Oluwole, Fasuyi Cyril (*Ekiti North*).
- 4. Federal Orthopaedic Hospitals Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 582) *First Reading* Sen. Fadahunsi, Adenigba Francis (*Osun East*).
- 5. Land Use Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 587) *First Reading* Sen. Adebule, Idiat Oluranti (*Lagos West*).
- 6. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 588) *First Reading* Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (*Abia North*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

 A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Investment and Securities Act 2007 (Act No. 29 2007) and Enact the Investments and Securities Bill 2024 and to establish the Securities and Exchange Commission as the apex regulatory authority for the Nigerian Capital Market as well as regulation of the market to ensure capital formation, the protection of investors, maintain fair, efficient and transparent market and reduction of systemic risk and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 128) - Second Reading
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Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader) & Sen. Izunaso, Osita Bonaventure (Imo West)

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture Akure, Ondo State and to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for related matters, 2024 (SB. 436) - *Second Reading* Sen. Adegbonmire, Adeniyi Ayodele (*Ondo Central*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 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 (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 345).
- Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND Federal University of Applied Sciences, Manchok (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 13) 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 Applied Sciences, Manchok (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 13)

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				
No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Foreign Affairs	Tuesday, 8 th October, 2024 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
2.	Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matter	Tuesday, 8 th October, 2024 s	3.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
3.	Ad-hoc Committee on Abandoned Important Federal Government P		3.00pm	Meeting Room 439 Senate New Building
4.	Public Accounts	Tue. 8 TH - Thur. 10 th October, 2024 (Public Hearing)	3.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
5.	Establishment and Public Service	Thursday, 10 th October, 2024 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 327/328 Senate New Building
6.	Agricultural Colleges and Institutions	Monday, 14 th October, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
7.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Tuesday, 15 th October, 2024 (Oversight Visit)		South South Zone
8.	Works	Wednesday, 16 th October, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building