



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

Thursday, 27th March, 2025

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1. **National Anthem**
 2. **Prayers**
 3. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
 4. **Oaths**
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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Item Bende (Establishment) Bill 2025 (HB. 25) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Federal College of Education, Bende (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 125) *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 3. National Youth Council of Nigeria Bill, 2025 (SB. 761) - *First Reading*
Sen. Adaramodu, Adeyemi Raphael (*Ekiti South*).
 4. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 767) - *First Reading*
Sen. Nwoko, Ned Munir (*Delta North*).
 5. Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 768) - *First Reading*
Sen. Simon, Bako Lalong (*Plateau South*).
 6. Federal University of History and Archeology Esie, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 769) - *First Reading*
Sen. Yisa, Ashiru Oyelola (*Kwara South*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

AMENDMENT OF THE STANDING ORDERS

1. Amendment of the Standing Orders of the Senate pursuant to Order 109 of the Senate Standing Orders, 2023 (As Amended).

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

The Senate:

Notes that the Senate Standing Orders was amended in 2023 to accommodate issues that will make the Orders dynamic to facilitate effective legislative process;

Aware that it is imperative to further amend the Standing Orders of the Senate, 2023 (as amended) to establish additional Committees and have their functions and jurisdictions reflected in the Standing Orders to reflect the current realities;

Also notes that in view of the foregoing, there would be need for a consequential approval of the Senate to renumber the Rule in Order 96, to accommodate the new Committees;

Also aware that the amendments have been circulated to Senators,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider and approve the proposed Amendments; and*
- ii. *Direct the Clerk Senate to reprint the Senate Standing Orders with the new amendments.*

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to provide for the participation of elected office holders as Statutory Delegates, provide for the schedule of election to hold on same day and reduce the period of campaign in election and for other related matters, 2025 (SB. 701) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Saliu, Mustapha (*Kwara Central*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police University of Science and Technology Erinja, Ogun State and to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for other related matters, 2025 (SB. 750) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdulhamid, Mallam-Madori Ahmed (*Jigawa East*).
3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Insurance Commission and to enact the Insurance Regulatory Commission 2025 and for other matters connected therewith, 2025 (SB. 394) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokunbo (*Lagos East*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions
Confirmation of Nomination
Sen. Imasuen, Neda Bernards (*Edo South*)
-That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on the confirmation of the nomination of Hon. Ibrahim Zakari Sarina for appointment as Member of the Public Complaints Commission (PCC).
2. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions
Sen. Imasuen, Neda Bernards (*Edo South*)
-That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on the petition from Hon. Barrister Amaechi Nwoha (Commissioner, South East Zone) against the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) over an alleged appointment of two (2) New Commissioners from the zone in 2025 when his tenure as a Commissioner from same zone has not elapsed.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Item Bende (Establishment) Bill 2025 (HB. 25)
- *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
2. Federal College of Education, Bende (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 125) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
3. Nigerian Forest Security Service Bill, 2024 (HB. 90) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

MOTION

1. Urging the Federal Government to Halt the Sale of Lafarge Cement Plc to Chinese Investors in the interest of National Security.

Sponsor: Sen. Salisu, Shuaib Afolabi (*Ogun Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that Lafarge Cement Plc, one of Nigeria's foremost cement manufacturing companies, plays a critical role in the construction and industrial sectors, contributing significantly to the country's economic growth and development;

Also notes that the Company is located in Ewekoro Local Govenemnt Area an area adjudged with one of Nigeria largest deposit of limestone an essential raw material in Cement production;

Further notes that Lafarge Cement Plc has been a key player in job creation, infrastructure development and industrial expansion within Nigeria, making it a critical national asset;

Observes that there are ongoing plans for divestment of the company, reportedly involving Chinese investors, which has raised concerns about the potential for foreign dominance over such a strategic sector in the Nigerian economy;

Also observes that Holcim AG is set to sell its 83.8 percent stake in Lafarge Africa to a Chinese cement maker, Huaxin Cement Co., in a deal that values Lafarge Africa at \$1 billion. A deal which is to set to be finalised in 2025, subject to regulatory approval

Aware that the cement manufacturing industry is a critical sector directly linked to national security due to its significance in infrastructure development, including construction of roads, bridges, housing, and other vital public works;

Also aware that the dominance of foreign ownership in such a sensitive sector poses risks to Nigeria's economic sovereignty and national security interests;

Further aware that several local investors and stakeholders have expressed interest in participating in the divestment process but have raised concerns about transparency and their limited access to equitable shares;

Concerned that about the long-term economic implications of foreign-dominated ownership of Lafarge Cement Plc, including capital flight, job losses, and potential challenges to regulating the activities of foreign-owned entities in strategic sectors;

Also concerned that Nigeria has seen increasing foreign acquisition of key industries, raising fears of excessive reliance on external entities for critical components of national development;

Further concern that allowing foreign investors to dominate such a vital sector without significant local participation undermines Nigeria's efforts to build a self-reliant economy;

Recalls that Section 16 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), emphasizes the need to ensure that the economic system does not result in the concentration of wealth or means of production in the hands of a few individuals or foreign entities; and

Also recalls that the Federal Government, through its policies, has consistently promoted the empowerment of local investors to stimulate domestic economic growth and industrialization,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to immediately intervene in the ongoing sale of Lafarge Cement Plc and ensure that the divestment process prioritizes national security and economic sovereignty;
- ii. *Also urge* the Federal Government to halt any agreements that would result in the sale of the majority or controlling shares of Lafarge Cement Plc to foreign investors, particularly Chinese entities, until a thorough national security assessment is conducted;
- iii. *Call* on the relevant authorities, including the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), to ensure that the divestment process is transparent and allows for equitable participation by Nigerian investors and stakeholders;
- iv. *Encourage* the Federal Government to develop a framework that ensures local investors hold a reasonable percentage in the ownership of strategic industries like Lafarge Cement Plc; and
- v. *Mandate* the Committee on Industries and Trade & Investment to engage with stakeholders, including Lafarge Cement Plc, the Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment, and other relevant agencies, to ensure compliance with these resolutions and report back to the Senate within two weeks.