



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

Thursday, 22nd May, 2025

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1. **National Anthem**
 2. **Prayers**
 3. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
 4. **Oaths**
 5. **Announcements (if any)**
 6. **Petitions**
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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Corporate Social Responsibility Bill, 2025 (HB. 242) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (SB. 806) - *First Reading*
Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*).
 3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (SB. 821) - *First Reading*
Sen. Karimi, Sunday Steve (*Kogi West*).
 4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (SB. 823) - *First Reading*
Sen. Etim, Bassey Aniekan (*Akwa-Ibom North-East*).
 5. Customs and Excise Management Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 834) - *First Reading*
Sen. Jibrin, Isah (*Kogi East*).
 6. Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 835) - *First Reading*
Sen. Adebule, Idiat Oluranti (*Lagos West*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act and for related matters, 2025 (SB. 144) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
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MOTION

1. Demise of Senator Joseph Iorshagher Akaagerger (1956-2025)

Sponsor: Sen. Emmanuel, Udende Memga (*Benue North-East*)

The Senate:

Notes with deep sorrow the death of Senator Joseph Iorshagher Akaagerger, a distinguished Nigerian statesman, military officer, legal luminary, and former Senator of the Federal Republic, who passed away on 19th May 2025, at the age of 69;

Also notes that Senator Akaagerger was born on 5th May 1956 in Iber-Gaar, Konshisha Local Government Area of Benue State, and led an exemplary life of national service that spanned the military, legal, political, and traditional sectors of society;

Aware that Senator Akaagerger began his military training at the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna in 1976 and later proceeded to the world-renowned Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, United Kingdom (1977–1979), where he graduated as a commissioned officer of the Nigerian Army;

Also aware that he served in various sensitive and strategic positions, including:

- Adjutant of the 3 Provost Battalion, Jos (1983–1985);
- Officer Commanding D Company, 231 Battalion, Maiduguri (1986–1987);
- Commanding Officer, 195 Battalion, Ojo Cantonment, Lagos (1990–1991);
- Directing Staff and Deputy Chief Instructor, Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji (1991–1994), where he mentored and evaluated Mid-career Military Officers in operational command and ethics;
- Served at various times in Army Headquarters and was highly regarded for professionalism and loyalty;

Recalls that in August 1998, during Nigeria’s delicate democratic transition, he was appointed Military Administrator of Katsina State, where he governed effectively until May 1999 and was instrumental in creating a peaceful political environment that supported the election and transition from the military to civilian rule;

Notes that after his retirement from military service, Senator Akaagerger transitioned to a successful legal career. He held a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of Jos, and a Ph.D. in International Economic Law from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1987;

Also notes that he established a reputable law firm, J.I. Akaagerger & Co. (Ambe Chambers), through which he provided legal services to individuals, institutions, and the community;

Remembers that in 2007, Senator Akaagerger was elected on the platform of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) to represent Benue North East Senatorial District in the 6th Senate of the National Assembly (2007–2011);

Observes that during his tenure in the Senate:

- He served with distinction on several committees and was known for his deep legal insights and advocacy for rule of law and constitutional development;
- He was a vocal contributor to debates on national security, justice reform, military welfare, and good governance;
- He served as Publicity Secretary of the Northern Senators Forum, helping to coordinate positions and enhance regional collaboration;

Further notes that he was a traditional titleholder, bearing the revered Tiv title of “Ambe u Konshisha”, and was a trustee of the Jichira Development Association, playing a significant role in community development and peace building across Benue State;

Recognizes that Senator Akaagerger’s legacy is that of a principled patriot, who served Nigeria loyally in peace and in conflict, in uniform and in parliament, and whose life symbolized discipline, humility, and service above self; and

Also recognizes that he is survived by his beloved wife, Chief (Mrs.) Joyce Mbafan Akaagerger, and their children, and leaves behind a grateful constituency and a nation that benefitted from his labours,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Observe a minute of silence in honour of the late Senator Joseph Iorshagher Akaagerger; and*
- ii. *Send a high-powered Senate delegation to pay a condolence visit to his family and the Government and people of Benue State, especially Benue North East Senatorial District;*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 22 nd May, 2025 (Public Hearing)	3.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
2.	Joint Committee on Army & Air Force	Thursday, 22 nd May, 2025	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Mon. 26 th – Thu. 29 th May, 2025 (Investigative Hearings)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Joint Committee on Diaspora & Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs)	Tuesday, 27 th May, 2025 (Meeting with CSOs & Dev. Partners)	3.00pm	Meeting Room 327 Senate New Building
5.	Marine Transport	Tue. 27 th & Wed. 28 th May, 2025 (Meeting with Agencies)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	Diaspora & Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs)	Thursday, 29 th May, 2025	3.00pm	Meeting Room 327 Senate New Building