

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 13th May, 2025

- 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. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (SB. 784) First Reading Sen. Barau, Jibrin (Kano North).
- 2. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (SB. 785) First Reading Sen. Barau, Jibrin (Kano North).
- 3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (SB. 786) First Reading Sen. Barau, Jibrin (Kano North).p
- 4. South South Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 781) First Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 5. North Central Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 782) First Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 6. South West Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 783) First Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the South South Development Commission Act, 2025 and for other related matters, 2025 (SB. 781) Second Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the North Central Development Commission Act, 2025 and for other related matters, 2025 (SB. 782) Second Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the South West Development Commission Act, 2025 and for other related matters, 2025 (SB. 783) Second Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).

4. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Yaba Federal University of Technology and Vocational Studies Yaba, Lagos State and to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for other related matters, 2025 (SB. 738) - Second Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Police Affairs

Nigeria Police University of Science and Technology Erinja, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 750) Sen. Abdulhamid, Mallam-Madori Ahmed (Jigawa East)

- -That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the Nigeria Police University of Science and Technology Erinja, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 750).
- 2. Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 624) Sen. Simon, Bako Lalong (Plateau South)
 - -That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 624).

MOTION

1. Urgent Need to alter the Composition of Federation Account Allocations Committee (FAAC) by including representatives of Local Governments and Area Councils.

Sponsor: Sen. Barau, Jibrin (Kano North)

The Senate:

Notes that LGCs established by Section 7(1) CFRN 1999, as a 3rd tier of the Federation, are entitled as such and by Section 162(3) CFRN 1999 to share directly in Federation Account Allocations as benefitting entities;

Also notes that the Supreme Court has construed Sections 162(5) and (6) CFRN 1999, to the effect that the States are agents of the Federation to collect Local Government allocations from the Federation Account and pay to LGCs and did not give the States any right or interest in the said allocations to the LGCs, from the Federation Account. The Supreme Court went further to also state that the duty of the States is to simply convey to the LGCs their allocations from the Federation Account;

Aware that the Supreme Court has further recognised that the approach of a direct payment to the LGCs will achieve the intention and purpose of the Constitution and accord with the smooth running of the system of paying the LGCs their allocations from the Federation Account;

Also aware that the Supreme Court has also pronounced to the effect that paying the LGCs through the States of the Federation has not worked, therefore justice demands that LGCs' allocations from the Federation Account should henceforth be paid directly to the LGCs;

Observes that section 5 of the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc) Act 1981 prescribes the membership of the Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC) to be only representatives of the Federal Government and State Governments to the exclusion of the 3rd tier of Government, i.e. Local Government Councils (LGCs);

Also observes that this provision of the Act is no longer consistent with the current interpretation of Sections 162(5) and (6) CFRN 1999 as recently determined by the Supreme Court in its judgment of July 2024;

Further observes that it is imperative to urgently harmonize the provisions of Section 5 of the Act with the Constitution and its current interpretation by the Supreme Court; and

Aware that the representatives of the States had always represented LGCs at FAAC; however in light of the current position of the Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, it has become imperative that a representative of LGCs per State and Area Councils be nominated to represent their interest at FAAC,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to ensure that a representative of Local Governments Councils one per state and FCT Councils are included to represent their interest at FAAC;
- ii. *Communicate* this resolution to the Hon Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the economy, as the Chairman of FAAC, for his urgent information and necessary action; and
- iii. Seeks the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

N T	C	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	T.	X 7
No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Power	Tuesday, 13th May, 2025	3.00pm	Meeting Room 439 Senate New Building
2.	Solid Mineral Development	Tuesday, 13th May, 2025	3.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Host Communities	Tuesday, 13th May, 2025	3.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
4.	Agricultural Colleges And Institutions	Wednesday, 14th May, 2025	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
5.	ICT and Cyber Security	Wednesday, 14 th May, 2025 (Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	Public Accounts	Wed. 14 th & Thur. 15 th May, 2025 (Public Hearing)	3.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
7.	Ad-hoc Committee on Incessant Crude Oil Theft	Thursday, 15 th May, 2025 (Public Hearing)	2:00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
8.	Ad-hoc Committee on Incessant Crude Oil Theft	Friday, 16 th May, 2025 (Public Hearing)	10:00am	Conference Rom 022 Senate New Building