

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 8th October, 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. Nigeria Weights and Measure Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 614) First Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 2. Electoral Act 2022 (Repeal & Enactment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 903) First Reading Sen. Simon, Bako Lalong (Plateau South).
- 3. Oil and Gas Content Development Institute Emede, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 904) First Reading Sen. Joel, Onowakpo Thomas (Delta South).
- 4. Petroleum Industry Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 905) First Reading Sen. Olamilekan, Adeola Solomon (Ogun West).
- 5. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (SB. 907) First Reading Sen. Barau, Jibrin (Kano North)).
- 6. University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 908)

 First Reading

Sen. Moro, Abba Patrick (Benue South).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Solid Minerals Development.

Nigeria Mines Rangers Service (NMRS) (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 253)

Sen. Ekong, Sampson (Akwa-Ibom South)

- -That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Solid Minerals Development on the Nigeria Mines Rangers Service (NMRS) (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 253).
- 2. Interim Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Incessant and Nefarious acts of Crude Oil Theft in the Niger Delta and the Actors.
 - Sen. Nwoko, Ned Munir (Delta North)
 - -That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Interim Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Incessant and Nefarious acts of Crude Oil Theft in the Niger Delta and the Actors.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

- 1. Nigeria Correctional Service Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 686) *Concurrence* Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
- 2. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Ikosu Moba, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 782) Concurrence

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

- 3. Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2193) Concurrence Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 4. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 91) *Concurrence* Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need to Ensure Transparency and Clarity in Deductions from the Bank Accounts of Nigerians by Commercial Banks.

Sponsor: Sen. Suleiman, Umar Sadiq (Kwara North)

The Senate:

Notes that the financial well-being and trust of citizens are critical to the stability of the national economy, and that transparent, understandable banking practices are essential to building and maintaining this trust;

Also notes that many Nigerian bank account holders frequently experience deductions from their accounts without clear, itemized explanations of the charges, resulting in confusion, mistrust, and difficulty in reconciling their financial records;

Concerned that while banks provide account statements, the current level of detail concerning specific charges—how they are calculated, and the policies governing them—is often inadequate, thereby limiting customers' ability to manage their finances effectively or to challenge erroneous deductions; and

Aware that improving transparency in bank charges will empower consumers, reduce disputes, promote financial literacy, and foster a stronger relationship between financial institutions and their customers,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to immediately mandate all commercial banks and financial institutions operating in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to:
 - *Provide* a clear, itemized, and easily understandable explanation for every deduction made from customers' accounts, with such explanations clearly indicated on the account statements;
 - Ensure that monthly account statements are accompanied by a separate, comprehensive communication—such as an email—to the account holder, detailing the computation of all charges for the period, including applicable rates, basis for calculation, and references to relevant policies or regulations;
- ii. *Urge* the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to establish a dedicated, accessible, and responsive portal or help desk where customers can lodge complaints regarding unexplained or unclear bank charges, and to ensure prompt investigation and resolution of such complaints; and
- iii. *Mandate* the Committee on Banking, Insurance, and Other Financial Institutions to invite the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and representatives of the Bankers' Committee for consultations on the planning and implementation of these transparency measures.

2. Urgent Need to correct misconceptions regarding the purported "Christian Genocide" narrative in Nigeria and in the international community.

Sponsor: Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (Borno South)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (Niger East)
Sen. Wammako, Magatarkada Aliyu (Sokoto North)
Sen. Tambuwal, Waziri Aminu (Sokoto South)
Sen. Yar'adua, Abdulaziz Musa (Katsina Central)
Sen. Hussaini, Babangida Uba (Jigawa North-West)
Sen. Musa, Mustapha (Yobe East)
Sen. Nasiru, Sani Zangon Daura (Katsina North)
Sen. Kingibe, Ireti Heebah (FCT)
Sen. Izunaso, Osita Bonaventure (Imo West)
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)

Sen. Mohammed, Bomai Ibrahim (Yobe South)
Sen. Aliyu, Wadada Ahmed (Nasarawa West)
Sen. Kawu, Suleiman Abdulrahman (Kano South)
Sen. Usman, Lawal Adamu (Kaduna Central)
Sen. Kaila, Samaila Dahuwa (Bauchi North)
Sen. Lawan, Ahmad Ibrahim (Yobe North)
Sen. Khalid, Ibrahim Mustapha (Kaduna North)

Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (Abia North)
Sen. Umar, Shehu Buba (Bauchi South)
Sen. Simon, Bako Lalong (Plateau South)

The Senate:

Aware that Nigeria is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious federation whose unity and stability depend on mutual respect, tolerance, and accurate representation of its national realities;

Concerned about the increasing circulation, both domestically and internationally, of the narrative alleging an ongoing "Christian genocide" in Nigeria—amplified by some advocacy groups, foreign media, and religious networks;

Also concerned that such narratives, though often arising from genuine concern, risk oversimplifying Nigeria's security challenges, deepening sectarian suspicion, and creating negative perceptions of the country in the international community;

Notes that Nigeria continues to face terrorism, insurgency, banditry, communal violence, and criminal attacks, which have tragically claimed the lives of both Christians and Muslims. For instance:

- In Plateau State (July, 2023), violent attacks on farming communities, predominantly Christian, led to the death of over 20 people and destruction of property;
- In Katsina and Zamfara States (August 2023), bandit raids on predominantly Muslim villages left dozens of worshippers and rural dwellers dead;
- In Borno State (2022–2023), Boko Haram and ISWAP attacks indiscriminately targeted both churches and mosques, with casualties among Christians and Muslims alike;
- In Kaduna State, recurring violence in Southern Kaduna and Birnin Gwari has claimed lives on both sides of Christian and Muslim communities;

Also notes that the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) guarantees freedom of religion, equal protection under the law, and obliges the State to protect the lives and property of all citizens, irrespective of faith or ethnicity;

Recognizes the importance of transparent communication, interfaith solidarity, and fact-based reporting in countering extremist propaganda and preventing sectarian division;

Mindful of recent discussions in the United States Senate and Congress on Nigeria's religious freedom, including moves to designate Nigeria as a "Country of Particular Concern," and desirous of ensuring such debates are informed by accurate facts and balanced perspectives; and

Affirm that while Nigeria faces serious security challenges, these are not defined by religion alone, but by a complex mix of terrorism, criminality, and socio-economic factors affecting both Christians and Muslims,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, security agencies, and other relevant stakeholders, to enhance transparent and data-driven public communication, providing verified casualty figures and context to counter misinformation;
- ii. *Call* on religious leaders, civil society organisations, and the Nigerian media as well as foreign media to communicate responsibly, avoiding language that could inflame sectarian divisions, while fostering dialogue, unity, and mutual trust;
- iii. Mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs; National Security and Intelligence; and Information and National Orientation to:
 - Collaborate with the Executive in developing a coordinated national communication strategy to present accurate information on security and interfaith relations;
 - Engage constructively with the US Congress, international partners, and Nigerian diaspora organisations through briefings, publications, and inter-parliamentary dialogue to clarify misconceptions; and
 - Promote interfaith peace building programmes that emphasize shared experiences of loss, resilience, and the collective pursuit of peace and national unity; and
- iv. Also urge the Federal Government to ensure justice and accountability for victims of violent attacks—irrespective of religion or ethnicity—as a means of addressing impunity, promoting reconciliation, and strengthening public confidence in state institutions.
- 3. Demise of Senator Solomon Ewuga CON (19th June, 1955 23rd September, 2025).

Sponsor: Sen. Onawo, Ogoshi Mohammed (Nasarawa South)

The Senate:

Notes with deep sense of loss the demise of Senator Solomon Ewuga, CON at the age of 70 years;

Recalls that he served Nigeria in various capacities with uncommon diligence, integrity, and vision – as a former Deputy Governor of Nasarawa State, Senator of the Federal Republic representing Nasarawa North Senatorial District, Minister of State for the Federal Capital Territory, and later, a respected elder statesman whose wisdom guided successive administrations;

Recognizes that his distinguished career was marked by selfless service, visionary leadership, and a lifelong commitment to peace, unity and development of his people, particularly in the area of education, youth empowerment and infrastructural development;

Acknowledges that Senator Ewuga's mentorship of young leaders, promotion of inter-ethnic harmony, and consistent advocacy for good governance made him an Icon of public service and a bridge- builder within Nasarawa State and beyond;

Also acknowledges that he was a leader whose contribution to national development and service to humanity left indelible marks on the political and socio-economic landscape of Nasarawa State and the nation at large;

Concerned that without a deliberate effort to preserve his legacy, future generation may not fully appreciate his contributions to the growth and stability of the Nigerian federation; and

Concludes that Senator Ewuga was a Distinguished Patriot, Statesman, and Public Servant whose legacy will continue to inspire generations,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Observe a minute silence in his honour;
- ii. *Commiserate* with the good people of Nasarawa North Senatorial District and the government of Nasarawa State over his demise; and
- iii. Send a strong delegation to condole with the family and the government of Nasarawa State.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Wednesday, 8th October, 2025 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources (Gas & Upstream)	Wednesday, 8th October, 2025	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
3.	Power	Thursday, 9th October, 2025 (Screening Exercise)	3.00pm	Meeting Room 439 Senate New Building
4.	Finance	Thursday, 9th October, 2025 (Interactive Session)	3.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Ecology and Climate Change	Thursday, 9th October, 2025 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building