



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

Tuesday 17th February, 2026

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTION FOR RESCISSION AND RE-COMMITTAL

Rescission and Re-Committal of the Electoral Act, 2022 (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2026 to the Committee of the Whole.

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

The Senate:

Recalls that the Electoral Act, 2022 (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2026 was duly considered and passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives;

Notes that upon further critical review of the Bill as passed, it has been observed that the 360-days' notice requirement prescribed in Clause 28 may result in the scheduling of the 2027 Presidential and National Assembly elections within the period of Ramadan;

Also notes that the coincidence of the elections with the Ramadan period could adversely affect voters turnout, logistical coordination, stakeholder engagement, and the overall inclusiveness and credibility of the electoral process;

Observes that upon painstaking scrutiny of the Bill, discrepancies were identified in the Long Title and Clauses 6, 9, 10, 22, 23, 28, 29, 32, 42, 47, 51, 60, 62, 64, 65, 73, 77, 86, 87, 89, 93 and 143, which affected other Clauses of the Bill including issues relating to cross-referencing, serial numbering, and internal consistency;

Aware that a Technical Committee comprising the leadership of both Chambers, Members of the Conference Committee, the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and Legal Drafting Experts from the Directorate of Legal Services of the National Assembly met to harmonise and address the identified anomalies;

Recognises the imperative of ensuring that electoral timelines and statutory provisions promote maximum participation, fairness, inclusivity, administrative efficiency, and public confidence in the electoral system;

Desirous of correcting the identified inconsistencies and unintended consequences through appropriate legislative action in order to safeguard the integrity of the electoral framework; and

Relying on the provisions of Orders 1(b) and 53(6) of the Senate Standing Orders (as amended)

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Rescind* its decision on the Electoral Act, 2022 (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2026 as previously passed; and
- ii. *Re-commit* the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for comprehensive reconsideration and necessary amendments.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Interior	Tuesday, 17 th February, 2026 (Budget Defence)	3.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
2.	Power	Tuesday, 17 th February, 2026 (Budget Defence)	3.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Joint Committee on Information & National Orientation	Wednesday, 18 th February, 2026 (Budget Defence)	10.00am	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
4.	Defence	Wednesday, 18 th February, 2026 (Budget Defence)	10.00am	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
5.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 18 th February, 2026	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
6.	National Identity Card And National Orientation	Wed. 18 th & Thur. 19 th February, 2026 (Budget Defence)	3.00pm	Meeting Room 438 Senate New Building
7.	Appropriations	Thursday, 19 th February, 2026 (Meeting with the Economic Team of Mr. President)	12:00noon	Appropriations Meeting Room 224, Senate New Building
8.	Appropriations	Thursday, 19 th February, 2026 (Submission of Sub Committee Reports)	3 - 6pm	Appropriations Meeting Room 224, Senate New Building
9.	Poverty Alleviation and Social Investment Programme (SIP)	Friday, 20 th February, 2026 (Budget Defence)	10.00am	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
10.	Ad-hoc Committee on the Sale of Lafarge Cement Plc	Tuesday, 24 th February, 2026	2.00pm	Meeting Room 424 Senate New Building
11.	Aviation	Wednesday 25 th February, 2026 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
12.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate Safe Schools Initiative Program	Wed. 25 th & Thur. 26 th February, 2026 (Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 327 Senate New Building