



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

Tuesday, 31st March, 2026

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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. 2025 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1027) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Standards Organisation of Nigeria Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 481) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

AMENDMENT OF THE STANDING ORDERS

1. Motion for Amendments to the Senate Standing Orders 2023 to Accommodate New Committees and other Consequential provisions to enhance Legislative Best Practice.

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

The Senate:

Notes that the Standing Orders of the Senate serve as the principal procedural framework that guides the conduct of legislative business, the organization of committees, and the operations of the Senate;

Also notes that emerging national realities, new institutional developments, and the creation of additional special-purpose Commissions necessitate the review and amendment of existing Standing Orders to ensure alignment with contemporary governance needs;

Aware that several provisions of the Standing Orders 2023 require updating to reflect legislative best practice, enhance procedural clarity, and ensure effective Committee oversight, especially in light of new national Commissions and administrative reforms;

Recalls the need to harmonize the jurisdiction of certain Senate Committees with their counterparts in the House of Representatives, particularly regarding the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Council and Ancillary Matters, in line with its expanded mandate;

Also recalls the need to update provisions relating to:

- Participation of Senators-elect in the election of Presiding Officers;

- Rules on sitting times;
- Permission for Presiding Officers and nominees to drink water during proceedings;
- Criteria for suspension of Senators; and
- Provisions on Committee composition and equitable geopolitical representation.

Recognizes the establishment of new Standing Committees – including Committees on:

- North Central Development Commission,
- North West Development Commission,
- South East Development Commission,
- South South Development Commission,
- South West Development Commission,
- Committee on Livestock Development, and
- Committee on Reparations and Repatriations – and the need to formally provide for their jurisdictions and functions under Order 96 of the Standing Orders.

Concerned that failure to amend the Standing Orders to accommodate these new Committees and strengthen existing provisions may undermine effective legislative oversight and weaken the institutional capacity of the Senate; and

Convinced that updating the Standing Orders will enhance procedural consistency, improve representation, and ensure the Senate is effectively structured to undertake its legislative and oversight responsibilities in line with national needs and international best practices.

Accordingly resolves to:

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

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the 2025 Appropriation Act to further extend the Capital Components of the Act from 31st March, 2025 to 30th June, 2026 and for other related matters, 2026 (SB. 1027) - *Second Reading* Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream)

Confirmation of Appointments

Sen. Jonah, Williams Eteng (*Cross River Central*)

-That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Non-Executive Commissioners of the Board of the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC):

NO.	NAME	POSITION
1.	Senator Magnus Abe	Non-Executive Chairman
2.	Engineer Jezhi Paul Yaro	Non-Executive Commissioner
3.	Engineer Sunday Adebayo Babalola	Non-Executive Commissioner

2. Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts

Sen. Wamakko, Magatarkada Aliyu (*Sokoto North*)

-That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts for the approval of Borrowing Programme to:

- a. support Federal Funding and Fiscal Liquidity; and
 - b. rehabilitate the Ports Project (Lagos Port Complex and Tin-Can Island Port Complex) Nigeria.
3. Report of the Committee on Appropriations
 2026 Appropriations Bill, 2026 (SB. 987)
 Sen. Olamilekan, Adeola Solomon (*Ogun West*).
 -That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the 2026 Appropriations Bill, 2026 (SB. 987).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Wednesday, 1 st April, 2026	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
2.	Sports	Wednesday, 1 st April, 2026	2.00pm	Meeting Room 431 Senate New Building