



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

Tuesday, 28th April, 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. Sea Fisheries Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 179) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1005) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 3. Community Health Practitioners (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1006) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 4. Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1007) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 5. Dental Technologists (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1008) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 6. Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1031) - *First Reading*
Sen. Adebule, Idiat Oluranti (*Lagos West*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION FOR RESCISSION AND RE-COMMITTAL

Rescission and Re-Committal of the Nigerian Ports Economic Regulatory Agency Bill, 2026 to the Committee of the Whole.

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

The Senate:

Recalls that the Nigerian Ports Economic Regulatory Agency Bill was duly considered and passed by the National Assembly and subsequently transmitted to Mr. President for assent;

Informed that following a critical examination of the Bill by the Ministry of Justice, certain fundamental issues were identified, which require fresh legislative actions;

Aware that a Technical Committee comprising the Senate, the House of Representatives, and Legal Drafting Experts from the Directorate of Legal Services of the National Assembly convened to resolve the issues raised in the Bill;

Relying on the provisions of Orders 1(b) and 52(6) of the Senate Standing Orders (as amended);

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *rescind its earlier decision on the Bill as previously passed; and*
- ii. *re-commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for comprehensive reconsideration and passage.*

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

**A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (Establishment) Act, 2019 as amended and Enact the Nigeria Police Trust Fund, 2026, to provide for the Equipment, Training and Welfare of the Nigeria Police Force; and for Other Related Matters, 2026 (SB. 1030) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).**

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Reports of the Committee on Agricultural Production, Services and Rural Development**
Sen. Saliu, Mustapha (*Kwara Central*)
-That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Reports of the Committee on Agricultural Production, Services and Rural Development on the:
 - a. **National Food Reserve Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 139);**
 - b. **National Cassava Policy Coordination Council Bill, 2026 (SB. 254); and**
 - c. **National Rice Development Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 541).**

MOTION

Urgent Need to address Gaps in National Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response following a confirmed case of Covid-19 in Cross River State.

Sponsor: Sen. Banigo, Ipalibo Harry (*Rivers West*)

The Senate:

Notes that Section 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) imposes a duty on all tiers of government to ensure the security and welfare of the people, including protection of public health; a confirmed COVID-19 case has been reported in Cross River State involving a 53-year-old foreign national who entered Nigeria on 17th March 2026 via the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, proceeded to Calabar the same day, developed symptoms on 12th April 2026, and tested positive on 16th April 2026 following PCR confirmation at the National Reference Laboratory;

Also notes that epidemiological investigation of the confirmed case indicates a timeline beyond the expected incubation period, thereby raising public health concerns of possible local transmission within the Federation; additional suspected cases have been identified and are currently under laboratory investigation with contact tracing ongoing by relevant public health authorities;

Further notes that effective outbreak response is dependent on the continuous availability of essential commodities including Viral Transport Media (VTMs), PCR reagents, Rapid Diagnostic Test kits, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which are critical to diagnosis, surveillance, and infection prevention

and control; Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention is currently constrained by delayed budgetary releases, procurement bottlenecks, and insufficient capital funding since 2025, thereby limiting its preparedness and operational response capacity;

Aware that Nigeria's public health emergency response system operates on a federal-state cooperative framework requiring strong collaboration, financing, and operational support from both levels of government; Previous outbreaks including COVID-19, Lassa fever, and Ebola preparedness exercises have demonstrated that delays in detection, fragmented coordination, and weak response systems significantly worsen outbreak outcomes and national health security risks;

Observes that gaps in national preparedness and response capacity may lead to delayed detection, weak containment, and increased risk of disease spread across States. Inadequate availability of protective equipment and essential supplies places frontline health workers at increased occupational risk and undermines health system resilience, inadequate subnational preparedness weakens Nigeria's epidemic intelligence and response system, and persistent shortages of outbreak response commodities further likely to erode public confidence, and compromise national health security; and

Concerned that current deficiencies in outbreak preparedness and response mechanisms may significantly hinder early detection and effective containment of infectious diseases, while continued exposure of frontline health workers due to inadequate protective materials may weaken the capacity of the health workforce and disrupt service delivery, and insufficient state-level investment in outbreak preparedness undermines the effectiveness of Nigeria's decentralized health security architecture, with failure to urgently address supply chain :funding constraints likely to escalate preventable public health emergencies.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) to intensify surveillance, testing, contact tracing, in line with national outbreak preparedness and response protocols;
- ii. *Also urge* the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning to expedite release of funds and consider activation of emergency financing mechanisms for outbreak response;
- iii. *Request* the NCDC to submit a comprehensive report to the Senate on national preparedness status, including stock levels, laboratory capacity, surveillance gaps, and response readiness indicators;
- iv. *Encourage* intensified nationwide public health risk communication to prevent misinformation, reduce public anxiety, and promote adherence to preventive and control measures; and
- v. *Call* on State Governments to strengthen subnational outbreak preparedness systems through improved financing, timely procurement of essential supplies, and enhanced support for surveillance and rapid response structures.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	National Planning and Economic Affairs	Tuesday, 28 th April, 2026 (Screening Exercise)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Finance	Wednesday, 29 th April, 2026 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
3.	Nigerian Air Force	Wednesday, 29 th April, 2026	3.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
4.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 29 th April, 2026	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House