



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

Tuesday, 5th May, 2026

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. Factoring, Assignments and Receivables Financing Bill, 2026 (HB. 516) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1009) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 3. Dental Therapists (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1010) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters
Confirmation of Appointment
Sen. Adegbonmire, Adeniyi Ayodele (*Ondo Central*)
- That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters on the confirmation of the nomination of Prof. Francis Ifeanyi Asogwah, *Ph.D*, KSGG for Appointment as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform.
 2. Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary)
Federal Medical Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026
Sen. Banigo, Ipalibo Harry (*Rivers West*)
- That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) on the Federal Medical Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
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BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2114) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
2. Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria Bill, 2026 (HB. 984) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

MOTION

1. Urgent Need to revive the Textile Industries in Nigeria with particular reference to the Kaduna-Kano axis.

Sponsor: Sen. Katung, Sunday Marshall (*Kaduna South*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Oshiomole, Adams Aliyu (*Edo North*)

Sen. Monguno, Mohammed Tahir (*Borno North*)

Sen. Khalid, Ibrahim Mustapha (*Kaduna North*)

Sen. Khabeeb, Mustapha (*Jigawa South West*)

Sen. Abdurrahman, Kawu Suleiman (*Kano South*)

The Senate:

Notes that the first large textile-manufacturing mill in Nigeria was built in Kaduna State and began production in 1957 and this was replicated in all the regions in the country, especially the Eastern and Western Regions, resulting in tremendous growth in the textile industry;

Also notes that Nigeria's textile industry blossomed in the 1960s and 1970s following committed government interventionist schemes such as the ban on importation of textiles, which ultimately drove many investors into the sector;

Further notes that by the late 1970s and 1980s, there were 167 textile mills in the country that provided 500,000 direct employments thereby making the textile industry the highest employer of labour in Nigeria, after the Federal Government;

Cognizant that Kaduna was referred to as the Textile City because it housed giant integrated mills and had the headquarters of the Nigerian Textile Manufacturers Association (NTMA) when the state could actually boast of about 11 textile companies operating at optimal capacity, including the Arewa Textile Plc, Fantext Nigeria Ltd, Notext Nigeria Ltd., Super Text Ltd., United Nigeria Textile Ltd, providing employment and business opportunities to thousands of people;

Regrets that by the year 1997, KTL, Arewa Textiles and UNTL were barely functioning, operating with obsolete equipment without capital to obtain spare parts coupled with irregular source of electricity;

Also regrets that by 2007, all three mills had shut down, with over 7000 employees losing their jobs, and the once admirable structures that used to house those industries becoming a derelict shadow of themselves;

Further regrets that 65 years after the years of textile boom, the fortunes of the once flourishing industrial sector have tumbled and reduced the sector to the unenviable status of the weakest segment of Nigeria's industrial sector;

Concerned that there are currently no new investments in the sector, and Nigeria is currently a net importer of textile products and relying on importation to meet over 99 per cent of its domestic needs;

Also concerned that it is undeniable that the lost glory is yet to be restored., and it is even hard to believe that the Nigerian textile industry once occupied an enviable spot of being the third largest in Africa in the 80s, generating as much as \$2 billion annually and with a capacity of producing more than 1.4 billion different pieces of textile products, including African prints, shirting, bed sheets, furnishing fabrics, towels, embroidery lace, table and bed linen, guinea brocades, wax prints, java prints, jutes and fishing nets;

Worried that despite the introduction of an Industrial Revolution Plan aimed at revamping and fast-tracking the growth and development of the cotton, textile and garment (CTG) sector, and addressing the various problems facing it, it is obvious that, at the moment, one of the most daunting challenges staring the sector on the face is the influx of foreign textiles into the country; and

Also worried that with the lifting of the ban on textile importation in 2010, Nigeria now has almost 80% of its textiles imported from China, Indonesia, Taiwan and other countries. This trend is definitely not helping the Nigerian economy, in terms of employment/job creations and needed foreign exchange,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Call on the Federal Government, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Trade and Investment as a matter of urgency to ensure the revival of the Textile Industries in Kaduna, Kano in particular and the country in general as this will further create job opportunities for the unemployed population of our Country thereby addressing youth restiveness and attendant insecurity;*
- ii. *Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to increase surveillance of our borders to check the activities of smugglers and ensure collections of the right tariffs for all imported textile and other related produce; and*
- iii. *Urge the Senate to give further directives as deemed expedient in the circumstances.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Tuesday, 5 th May, 2026 (Screening Exercise)	3.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 6 th May, 2026	3.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House