



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

Wednesday, 17th October, 2018

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Information and National Orientation
National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 333)
Sen. Suleiman Adokwe (*Nasarawa South*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Information and National Orientation on the National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 333) - *To be Laid.*
2. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:
 - a. Petition from Ndu A. Nnanna against the National Population Commission (NPC) for Denying Him Appointment to the Post of Director, Administration and Human Resource Management or Secretary to the Commission;
 - b. Petition from O. J. Omoke against the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) for Alleged Wrongful Withdrawal from the Academy; and
 - c. Petition from Prof. Emmanuel Ume Lekwa Imaga against the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) for His Wrongful Dismissal from the Service of the University for Alleged Gross Misconduct - *To be Laid.*
3. Report of the Committee on Gas
Gas Flaring (Prohibition and Punishment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 337)
Sen. Bassey A. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Gas on the Gas Flaring (Prohibition and Punishment) Bill, 2018(SB. 337) - *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

1. Confirmation of Nomination.
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*)
-That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President C-n-C on the Confirmation for Appointment of the Nomination of Olanikekun Olukoyede, Esq as the Secretary of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in accordance with the provision of Section 2(3) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act 2010.

MOTION

1. Illicit and Excessive Charges by Nigerian Banks on customers account with particular focus on Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Maintenance and Withdrawal Charges.

Sponsor: Sen. Olugbenga Ashafa (Lagos East)

The Senate:

Notes with concern that there have been several complaints from Nigerians generally and on social media concerning Illicit and excessive charges by Nigerian Commercial Banks on customers account with particular focus on ATM maintenance charges and ATM withdrawal charges;

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria in 2017 increased the maintenance fees charged by banks on debit and credit card maintenance from N100 a year to N50 per month (N600 a year) as contained in its "Guide to Charges by Banks and other Financial Institutions";

Concerned that in a viral campaign that began on social media on Monday, 3rd September, 2018 many Nigerians called for reforms of the Banks. A campaign tagged #Reform9jabanks began on twitter when a UK Based Nigerian Medical Doctor, Harvey Olufunmilayo lamented about the state of Banks in Nigeria compared to those abroad:

"In his comment he stated that since his time in the United Kingdom he has never been charged any sum of money either for bank to bank transfer, which in Nigeria a sum of N52 Naira is usually deducted nor has he ever been charged any sum of money for ATM card maintenance.

Another Nigerian Eniola who lives in Qatar stated that Banks in Qatar do not charge customers for the use of ATM in any Bank, please see Premium Times Online Newspaper of September 6th 2018 for the above stated examples and even more."

Notes that card users are charged N65 per withdrawal from the ATM, after the third monthly withdrawal from an ATM outside that of the domicile bank of the said ATM user;

Worried that most banks have deliberately manipulated their ATM Machines not to dispense more that N10,000 per withdrawal in some cases and in most cases not more than N20,000.00 per withdrawal at the ATM;

Further worried that this is a deliberate ploy to manipulate the ATM machines which are ordinarily manufactured to dispense as much as N40,000 per transaction, in order to to attract more bank charges from customers who are forced to carryout more transactions due to the manipulated machines;

Worried that it appears the CBN is becoming insensitive to the plight of Nigerians who are already complaining of excessive charges by commercial Banks. If the CBN is trying to encourage a cashless Nigeria, why should they be making it more difficult and expensive for Nigerians to do transactions,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct* the Committees on Banking Insurance & other Financial Institutions and Finance to conduct an investigation into the propriety of ATM Card maintenance charges in comparison with international best practices and report back to the Senate;
- ii. *Mandate* the Committees on Banking, Insurance & other Financial Institutions and Finance to invite the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria to appear before the Committee in order explain why the official charges as approved by the CBN are skewed in favour of the banking institutions as against the ordinary customers of the banks;
- iii. *Urge* the Central Bank of Nigeria to suspend the ATM Card Maintenance Chagres being deducted from customers account pending the outcome of the investigation by the Committees; and
- iv. *Urge* the Consumer Protection Council to be up and doing in taking up the plight of ordinary Nigerians by looking into the various complaints of excess and unnecessary charges by Nigerian Banks.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts

New External Capital Raising of USD2.786 Billion from the International Capital Market Approved in the 2018 Appropriation Act; and the External Capital Raising of USD82.54 Million to refinance the balance of USD500 million matured Eurobond in the International Capital Market.

Senator Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on:

- The implementation of the New External Capital Raising of USD2.786 Billion from the International Capital Market Approved in the 2018 Appropriation Act; and
- The External Capital Raising of USD82.54 Million to refinance the balance of USD500 million matured Eurobond in the International Capital Market.

2. Report of the Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission

Screening of Dr. Abdulmalik Mohammed Durnguwa for Confirmation of Appointment as Commissioner

Sen. Suleiman O. Hunkuyi (*Kaduna North*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission on the Screening of Dr. Abdulmalik Mohammed Durnguwa for Confirmation of Appointment as Commissioner for National Population Commission.

3. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions

Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*)

-That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the Screening of Nominees for Appointment as Chairman and Members of Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB).

S/NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	STATE	ZONE
1.	Dr. Muhammed Isah	Chairman	Jigawa	North-West
2.	Murtala Kankia	Member	Katsina	North-East
3.	Emmanuel E. Attah	Member	Cross-River	South-South
4.	Danjuma Sado	Member	Edo	South-South
5.	Ubolo I. Okpanachi	Member	Kogi	North-Central
6.	Ken Madaki Alkali	Member	Nasarawa	North-Central
7.	Prof. S.F. Ogundare	Member	Oyo	South-West
8.	Hon. Ganiyu Hamzat	Member	Ogun	South-West
9.	Saad A. Abubakar	Member	Gombe	North-East
10.	Dr. Vincent Nwanli	Member	Ebonyi	South-East

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- A Bill for an Act to amend the Immigration Act and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 230) - *Second Reading*.
Sen. Gbolahan Dada (*Ogun West*).
- A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Planning Commission and Re-enact National Planning Commission Bill, 2018 and other matters, 2018 (SB. 637) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose O. Oko (*Cross River North*).
- A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Board for Technical Education Act and Re-enact the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education and for other matters connected therewith, 2018 (SB. 560) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*).
- A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University of Sports to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for related matters, 2018 (SB. 692) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ogba Obinna (*Ebonyi Central*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Local Content	Wednesday, 17 th October, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Ad-hoc Committee on Promissory Note Programme And a Bond to Settle Inherited Local Debts and Contractual Obligation	Wednesday, 17 th October, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
3.	INEC	Wednesday, 17 th October, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
4.	Technical Committee on Declined Assent to Bills by Mr. President C-in-C of the Armed Forces of the Federation.	Wednesday, 17 th October, 2018	1.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
5.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 17 th October, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
6.	Works	Wednesday, 17 th October, 2018	1.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
7.	Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes	Wednesday, 17 th October, 2018	11.00am	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building