



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

Wednesday, 8th May, 2019

1. **Prayers**
 2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Council for Regulation of Travel and Tour Management Companies of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1321) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
 2. Dieticians Council of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 547) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
 3. Suppression of Piracy and other Maritime Offences Bill, 2019 (HB. 1571) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
 4. Chartered Institute of Social Work Practitioners (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1258) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Reports of the Committee on Communications
Sen. Gilbert Nnaji (*Enugu East*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Communications on the following:
 - a. Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2019; and
 - b. Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2019
– *To be Laid.*
2. Report of the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector
Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance for 19 Oil Marketers Outstanding Claims
Sen. Kabir G. Marafa (*Zamfara Central*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector on the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance for 19 Oil Marketers Outstanding Claims – *To be Laid.*

3. Conference Committee Report

National Fertilizer Quality (Control) Bill, 2019 (SB. 338)

Sen. Abdullahi Adamu (*Nasarawa West*)

-That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee report on the National Fertilizer Quality (Control) Bill, 2019 (SB. 338) – *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Withholding of Assent.

Senate Leader

The Senate:

Recalls that the President C-in-C had signified the withholding of his assent on the Nigerian Correctional Service Bill pursuant to Section 58(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended);

Notes that the rationale for withholding the assent borders on the observation of Mr. President on Clauses 17(5) and 44(d) of the Bill;

Aware that a Technical Committee of the Senate had worked on Mr. President Observations and re drafted the affected Clauses;

Relying on Orders 53(6) and 88(b) of the Senate Rule,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Rescind* its earlier decision on Clauses 17(5) and 44(d) of the Bill; and
- ii. *Refer* the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage.

2. Committal of Proceed of Crimes Bill, 2019.

Sponsor: Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).

The Senate:

Recalls that the Bill was passed by the Senate awaiting harmonization by the Conference Committee;

Observes that after critical examination of the Bill, some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action on clause 5 occasioned by the establishment of the Nigeria Financial Intelligent Unit (NFIU) which was not contemplated in the Proceed of Crimes Bill was noticed;

Aware that the Nigeria Financial Intelligent Unit as an anti-corruption entity will play a fundamental role in the operation of the Proceed of Crimes recovery and management Agency established by the Proceed of Crimes Bill;

Notes that the inclusion of the Nigeria Financial Intelligent Unit in the governing Board of the Agency is critical and in accordance with global best practice;

Accordingly resolves to:

Rescind its decision on Clauses 5 of the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for re-consideration and passage.

3. Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) and Local Government Finances.

Sponsor: Senator Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (Niger North)

The Senate:

Recalls that the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit was a creation of the Senate (the Senate gave 3rd reading passage on Thursday 27 July 2017) and indeed the 8th National Assembly as an autonomous body that is responsible for requesting, receiving, analysing and disseminating financial intelligence reports to combat terrorism, insecurity and corruption;

Further recalls that President Muhammadu Buhari on July 11, 2018 signed the NFIU Bill into law – in line with the requirements of Recommendation 29 of the Financial Action Task Force Standards and Article 14 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

Aware that the NFIU which is domiciled with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is saddled with the responsibilities of putting in place anti-corruption measures as a preventive strategy;

Informed that the other functions of the NFIU include:

- advising the government and regulatory authorities on the prevention and combating of economic and financial crimes;
- liaising with compliance officers and ensure strong compliance culture in financial institutions;
- providing financial intelligence reports/statistics in the investigation and prosecution of offenders under the relevant laws;
- promoting public awareness and understanding of matters relating to economic and financial crimes, money laundering and financing of terrorist activities and to trail money transactions in banks and other financial institutions;

Notes that the NFIU had issued a new financial guideline on the operations of the local government accounts titled “Guidelines to Reduce Vulnerabilities Created by Cash Withdrawals from LG Funds throughout Nigeria effective 1st June 2019”;

Further notes that the development and issuance of the new guidelines is prompted by threats by international financial watchdogs to sanction Nigeria because of financial abuse;

Recognized and recalls that due to lack of autonomous status for the NFIU before and the alleged interferences with its operations by the EFCC, the Egmont Group had suspended Nigeria’s membership of the body in February 2017. The Egmont Group is a global body of 155 financial intelligence units across the world which facilitates the exchange of financial intelligence, expertise and capability;

Recognized that the Federal Government is alarmed by the continuous pillage of cash allocated to local councils across the states by state government through the State Joint Local Government Accounts and the stark reality of poor governance at the grassroots third tier of government and its attendant role in the challenges of poverty, unemployment, rural banditry, kidnapping and other social vices;

Informed that the guidelines stated that joint account system in place in most states will only exist for the receipt of allocations but not disbursement; specifically the guidelines provide that the State Joint Local Government Account is only a collection account of funds to be shared to only Local Government Accounts in accordance with Section 162 (7) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and not for any other transactions or purpose;

Informed that the guidelines will limit cash transactions in the accounts of local governments to a daily maximum of 500,000 naira only and subsequent withdrawals must be by approved Cheques or electronic payment channels to promote registered transactions by all the local governments;

Encouraged by the new reporting requirements on suspicious transactions for terrorism prone areas and on suspects taken into custody in violent and flashpoint communities to check vices of terrorism, proliferation of

small arms, kidnapping, ethnic violence, cattle rustlings etc. with the view to providing credible intelligence for law enforcement and national security;

Agrees that the NFIU guidelines will reinforce the existence of Local Government as an independent Government established by the constitution at the grassroots level with sovereign and elected officials directly from the people for their protection and welfare;

Recognized that the guidelines do not suggest or indicate any changes to the approval limits or threshold of elected council chairman, elected councilors, or elected Governors of the State as originally guaranteed or secured under any law, or financial regulations or extant rules;

Further agrees that the NFIU guidelines do not serve any purpose other than freeing the Financial System from being flooded with cash which criminals use to escape transparency, accountability and criminal investigation,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the NFIU and all financial institutions to support the implementation of the new guidelines with diligence and professionalism;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to urgently fund the operations of the new NFIU so that they can work to earn the confidence and trust of Nigerians and its international partners;
- iii. *Urge* the 36 State Governments to fully support the implementation of the new NFIU guidelines to promote good governance at the Local Government areas and restore governance at the grassroots levels; and
- iv. *Urge* the Senate to further support constitutional amendment that will deepen democracy at the Local Government levels as envisaged in the Nigerian constitution.

4. The Existential threat to the people of Uzo-Uwani LGA of Enugu state.

Sponsor: Senator Chukwuka Utazi (*Enugu North*)

The Senate:

Saddened that at about 5pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, while on his way to Enugu from Umulokpa, Uzo-Uwani Local Government Council Headquarters within my Senatorial District, the Secretary to the Uzo-Uwani Local Government Council in Enugu State, Dr. Nnamdi Ogueche, a senior lecturer at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, was ambushed by suspected migrant herdsmen in Olo, Ezeagu Local Government Area and shot dead;

Informed that Dr. Ogueche was shot in the mouth, spattering his brains on the ground and is the only victim of the attack of a vehicle containing three other persons. This heinous, dastardly, cold-blooded murder has all the signs of a pre-meditated assassination;

Informed that earlier in the day, Dr. Ogueche had attended a meeting in Adaba, his native community in Uzo-Uwani LGA, between the Community leaders and herdsmen, to discuss the intolerable level of wanton destruction of farmlands and the despoliation of farm crops by cattle, which are deliberately herded into the farms by herders to destroy people's only means of livelihood;

Laments that Dr. Ogueche was the Spokesperson of the Community during the meeting, the conveyor of their resolutions, and had informed the cattlemen that their destruction of the Community's ancestral lands and farm crops and the rampant raping of women, married and single, had become intolerable and, expressing the unanimous feeling and decision of the natives, asked the herders that their continued stay had become provocative as their insensitivity to the sources of the livelihood of the people was imposing famine and restiveness on the community, making it clear that the Community's only request was not compensation but a vacation of their farmlands by the herdsmen;

Appalled that on reaching Olo, a town on the way from Umulokpa to Enugu, a band of men heavily armed with sophisticated weapons, who, from all eye-witness accounts and preliminary police reports, were herdsmen, opened fire on their vehicle. In the commotion and as every occupant of the vehicle alighted in panic, Dr.

Ogueche was singularly held at gun point and shot in the mouth, killing him instantly. Using the muzzle of the gun to open his mouth and shooting straight into the mouth seemed to suggest a message from the killers: 'let us see the mouth with which you would talk to us again';

Concerned that Dr. Ogueche left behind a young widow and three little children, aged parents and other dependents. His murder has left those little ones without any strong support as they go through life, now a struggle. His dreams of a life of hard work and scholarship have vanished;

Deeply worried that since the April 25, 2016 Nimbo massacre in the hands of herdsmen, Uzo-Uwani LGA has never been the same again. Uzo-Uwani LG farming Communities have long been suffering and enduring the excesses of the herdsmen, their extreme provocations, bare-faced insensitivity and insensate desire to exterminate our people. The peoples' attitude of accommodation has emboldened their adversaries against hapless farming communities and direly imperiled the existence of the people;

Recognized that the mainstay of the economy of Uzo-Uwani LGA is farming and toiling on their land for agricultural produce to feed themselves. Today, that has been destroyed by a belligerent and AK47 bearing herdsmen. The people can no longer go to their farms that are far-flung from their home because cattle rearers have forcibly taken over every farmland. Every peace talk with the herdsmen is a cunning ploy to know the leaders of the farming communities to be targeted for elimination. That is the case of the slain Dr. Ogueche;

At a loss at the seeming helplessness of the Federal Government and its vast security apparatchik to the existential threats herdsmen pose to farming communities in Nigeria, particularly to the people of Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area. The people of the Local Government, and all other peace-loving persons who cultivate the fertile and vast lands of Uzo-Uwani, depend upon this land for their subsistence and livelihood, in accordance with the land ownership cultural system of the people. They do not understand why people from other lands, who have their own ancestral lands, will forcibly bring in thousands of cattle to trample upon, destroy cultivated lands, eat up crops, violate sacred places, rape their women and kill their men,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Security agencies to as a matter of urgency, fish out the killers of Dr. Nnamdi Ogueche and bring the perpetrators to justice;
 - ii. *Request* the Security agencies to tackle, as a matter of urgency, the increasingly audacious nefarious and criminal activities of some herdsmen who have forcibly taken over the farm lands of Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area;
 - iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to ensure that cattle movement and the criminal behaviours of herdsmen are curtailed to instill a sense of safety in the hardworking people of this country; and
 - iv. *Urge* the people of Uzo-Uwani LGA and Adaba Community to maintain the peace while more effective strategies are devised by the Federal and Enugu State Governments to deal with the heinous activities of herdsmen on their land.
5. Urgent need to increase the number of Couches to the Abuja – Kaduna Rail Line.

Sponsor: Sen. Ali Ndume (*Borno South*)

The Senate:

Notes with concern the undue pressure on existing facilities at the Abuja – Kaduna Railway Line;

Notes that most passengers en-route Abuja - Kaduna have turned to the railway as a safer means of transportation;

Aware that the surge in the patronage of the rail services may have been attributed to its safety, comfort, convenience and perhaps affordability, which have drawn many commuters following the high risks on the Abuja- Kaduna expressway that is threatened by kidnappers, armed robbers and other kinds of criminals;

Aware also that this has led to rowdiness during ticket purchase and survival of the fittest for passengers willing to buy tickets across the counters as officials deliberately hoard and sold tickets to the highest bidders;

Observes that the daily schedule for Abuja - Kaduna from Monday to Sunday are 7:00am, 2:00pm and 6:00pm except for Wednesday with only two trips at 7:00am and 6:00pm;

Aware that huge numbers of travelers jostle for tickets sold at N1, 500 after queuing for about two hours to enable them stand for two hours trip;

Notes that every good thing usually face its share of challenges. What the rail transit (Abuja - Kaduna) is faced with is shortage in the number of available Couches which explains the long queues recorded at the Stations;

Worried that Nigerians willing to use this service are now meant to queue up for hours before boarding, due to the increase in demand,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to deploy more Couches to the Abuja - Kaduna Rail Line to ameliorate the plight of the Passengers; and
- ii. *Urge* the Nigerian Railway Corporation to reduce the fare from 1, 500 to 600 to make it affordable to the general public.

6. Alarming report on poor quality of services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals.

Sponsor: Senator David Umaru (*Niger East*)

The Senate:

Notes with concern recent reports of poor quality and high cost of services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals as reported in the Daily Trust Newspaper of Monday, May 6th, 2019;

Observes that the said report detailed widespread cases of poor electricity supply, obsolete medical equipment and decayed infrastructure and other factors which have made it extremely difficult for Nigerian Teaching Hospitals to provide tertiary healthcare to patients with complex ailments such as cancer, kidney failure etc;

Further observes that Teaching Hospitals by their mandate are expected to train current and future medical personnel for the country apart from offering tertiary healthcare services to patients with complex ailments;

Notes that the said report as published by the Daily Trust Newspaper on Monday, May 6th, 2019 is said to be the outcome of an investigation on the quality of services in our teaching hospitals including the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH), Usman Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital (UDUTH), University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH), Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano (AKTH), University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, etc;

Aware that several stakeholders in the health sector have recently raised alarm on the declining quality of services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals amidst cases of overcrowding and lack of adequate funding and personnel necessary for optimal performance;

Concerned that most Teaching Hospitals in Nigeria have been overstretched forcing patients to sleep on bare floors, plastic mats and other unhygienic conditions that put them at the risk of contracting other ailments;

Worried that patients with terminal illnesses such as cancer and kidney failure are now compelled to travel long distances to access chemotherapy and dialysis at very high cost due to the absence of the requisite medical equipment for such services within their vicinity,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Health to conduct an emergency investigative hearing on the state of healthcare services in our Teaching Hospitals and report back to the Senate within one week;
- ii. *Summon* the Honorable Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole to brief the Senate on the current State of facilities and healthcare services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to adopt a policy on subsidizing the medical expenses of patients with terminal ailments such as cancer and kidney failure; and
- iv. *Urge* the Federal Government to immediately adopt short and long term measures that will holistically address the challenges confronting our Teaching Hospitals and retool them for excellent tertiary healthcare services in the country.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to establish the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, provide for additional powers and functions to the office; establish the Federal Audit Service Commission; repeal the Audit Act 1956, the Public Accounts Committees Act, CAP. P35 LFN 2004, and enact the Federal Audit Service Commission and for other related matters thereto, 2019 (SB. 742) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Matthew A. Urhohide (*Edo South*).
 2. A Bill for an Act to amend the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act CAP.17, LFN, 2004 and for related matters, 2019 (SB. 734) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Sabo Mohammed N. (*Jigawa South-West*).
 3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the provisions of the Export (Prohibition) Act, CAP E22 LFN 2004 to allow for the exportation of certain foodstuff from Nigeria and for other related matters, 2019 (SB. 576) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu (*Nasarawa West*).
 4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the provisions of the Export (Prohibition) Act, CAP E22 LFN 2004 to allow for the exportation of certain foodstuff from Nigeria and for other related matters, 2019 (SB. 575) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Sabo Mohammed N. (*Jigawa South-West*).
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PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)

Sen. Magnus Abe (*Rivers South-East*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on FERMA on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA).

S/N	NAMES	DESIGNATION
1.	Mr. Tunde Lemo	Chairman
2.	Engr. Nurudeen Abdurahaman Rafindadi	Managing Director

3.	Buba Silas Abdullahi	Executive Director
4.	Babagana Mohammed Aji	Executive Director
5.	Engr. Shehu Usman Abdullahi	Executive Director
6.	Loretta Ngozichukwu Aniagolu	Executive Director
7.	Mujaidu Stanley Dako	Executive Director
8.	Vincent Oladapo Kolawale	Executive Director

2. Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs

Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission

Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso (Kano Central)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs on the Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission

3. Report of the Committee on Science and Technology

Federal Institute of Industrial Research Bill, 2019 (SB. 586)

Sen. Robert Ajayi Boroffice (Ondo North)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Science and Technology on the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Bill, 2019 (SB. 586).

4. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service

Chartered Institute of Finance and Control of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 172)

Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (Bayelsa Central)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Chartered Institute of Finance and Control of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (SB. 172).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Special Duties	Wednesday, 8 th May, 2019 (Public Hearing)	1.30pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
2.	Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions	Thursday, 9 th May, 2019 (Budget Defence)	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
3.	Joint Committees on Science & Technology and Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday, 9 th May, 2019 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room o22 Senate New Building