



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

Wednesday, 15th May, 2019

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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 Council for Social Work (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 pursuant to section 58(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended);

Notes that the President made some observations which are relevant to the implementation of the Bill when assented to;

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

Accordingly resolves to:

Rescind its decisions on Clauses 3, 10, 11, 16(2), 18, 21(3) & (4) and 28 of the Bill and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for re-consideration and passage.

2. Urgent need to encourage installation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Motor Vehicles, Houses, Dwelling Places, Offices, Workshops or Factories for preservation of lives and good health of Nigerians.

Sponsor: Senator Gbolahan Dada (*Ogun West*)

The Senate:

Notes that apart from deaths occurring from various security challenges in the country, many Nigerians are also losing their lives to devastating effect of carbon monoxide in motor vehicles, houses, offices, workshops and factories on daily basis;

Further Notes that Carbon Monoxide is a silent killer. It has no smell, no taste and no sound. It is also difficult for persons inhaling it to detect same. When inhaled, some of the signs are dizziness, nausea, headache, confusion and ultimately, death. Carbon Monoxide is a by-product of combustion. Exposure to this danger occurs through gas fires, oil burning furnaces, portable generators, charcoal grills, etc;

Informed that according to a report published by Global Burden of Disease 2015 Update, it was stated as follows: "86,353 people died from unintentional poisonings worldwide in 2015 with 78,054 (90%) deaths occurring in low and middle income countries. However, if the global estimates of the numbers of intentional poisonings were freely accessible, the poisoning mortality numbers would be higher";

Further Informed that in the United States, statistics shows that between 1999-2010, a total of 5,149 deaths occurred from carbon monoxide poisoning;

Disturbed that in Nigeria, it is certain that we recorded a high fatality figure of carbon monoxide poisoning during the period in question if adequate records are kept by the authorities. For instance, it was reported in This Day newspaper edition of 6th September, 2018 that a family of six in Igboetche community, Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State lost their lives to Generator fumes (a component of carbon monoxide poisoning);

Further Disturbed that at the moment, there is nothing on ground to create awareness on the devastating effect of carbon monoxide most especially in work places and factories where innocent workers are exposed to this time killer almost on daily basis;

Convinced that this Hallowed Chamber has the persuasive powers to prevail on necessary MDAs including National Orientation Agency (NOA), Federal Ministry of Information, Federal Ministry of Labour etc to create awareness through Radio, Television, Newspapers and mass media etc among Nigerians, workers and employers on the need to use and install carbon monoxide detectors (alarms) in motor vehicles, houses, dwelling places, offices, workshops and factories for preservation of lives and good health of Nigerians;

Further Concerned that if nothing is done by this hallowed Chambers, innocent Nigerians will continue to be exposed to avoidable health hazards likely to terminate their lives untimely,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Encourage* all Nigerians to use and install carbon monoxide detectors (alarms) in their motor vehicles, houses, dwelling places, offices, workshops and factories for preservation of their lives from hazardous effect of carbon monoxide; and
 - ii. *Direct* National Orientation Agency (NOA), Federal Ministry of Information, Federal Ministry of Labour etc to create awareness through Radio, Television, Newspapers and mass media etc among Nigerians, workers and employers on the need to use and install carbon monoxide detectors (alarms) in motor vehicles, houses, dwelling places, offices, workshops and factories for preservation of lives and good health of Nigerians.
3. Bridging the gap between the haves and the have-not in Nigeria to nip in the bud the seeds of a Looming Violent Revolution.

Sponsor: Senator Chukwuka Utazi (*Enugu North*)

The Senate:

Observes with alarm the rapacious daredevilry among young people in Nigeria and the sharp upsurge in violent crimes especially kidnapping, armed robbery and unprovoked attacks on innocent persons across the whole landscape of Nigeria;

Worried that while Nigeria is still enmeshed in fighting an obdurate insurgency, a vicious terrorism campaign and the variant of terror being unleashed on the citizens of Nigeria by armed herdsmen, to add to the plate this current widespread abduction of persons, armed robbery and ritual killings is a recipe of a society struggling for air;

Notes that in the Northwest, the States of Zamfara, Katsina, Kaduna, Kano and Sokoto are under the grip of armed militias and bandits who terrorise villages, kill and maim with reckless abandon, and have foisted hunger on the people as a result of the forceful stoppage of farmers from accessing their farms;

Alarmed that travelling through most Nigeria's highways has become an ordeal of frightening proportion as the likelihood of attack by hoodlums is higher than not. For instance, the Kaduna -Abuja highway has become a den of bandits and kidnappers so much so that the elites have abandoned the roads and taken to rail, thereby jacking up the cost of rail transportation, forcing poor people, who hitherto patronized the rails, out;

Worried that in the North East, terrorism and insurgency have assumed a full blown war and the armed forces and other security services of the country are having a hard time containing all the points of gruesome activities of the insurgents. Every illusions as to the magnitude of what the country is facing in the North Eastern flank should have evaporated by now with the mass killings going on there and the high deprivation it has engendered for citizens;

Worried that in the North-Central, armed gangs and murderous herdsmen kill without any considerations, forcing farmers off the farms, razing down whole villages and settlements, and imposing an imminence of famine;

Alarmed that in the South-West, kidnappers and ritual killers are having a field day. In the South-South, the nightmare continues as long stretches of roads, like the East-West road, are declared too dangerous to ply and the Police have officially placed an advisory of danger over the road. Gang payoffs have become the new normal. In the South-East, it is the unrestrained wave of marauding herdsmen who devastate farmlands, kill people, rape women, and of kidnappers and ritual killers executing with precision their nefarious activities;

Gravely concerned that the security situation of the country has become both desperate and urgent as citizens are becoming helpless in the relentless attacks on persons and property, while foreign investors and tourists are becoming apprehensive of the security situation in the country;

Aware that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government and it is fair to ask if governments at all levels are discharging that obligation to the people;

Alarmed that apprehension over being killed or inflicted with grievous bodily harm with all the accompanying trauma has become an everyday fear for, especially commuters; and food, a most basic necessity for the sustenance of life, is threatened because the rampant criminality does not allow farmers to go to the farms. Farmlands are abandoned. Herding animals is fast becoming a decoy for terrorism and armed robbery. The local economies are groaning under unbearable pressure;

Recognizes that what we are witnessing today is a culmination of long years of neglect of the welfare and future of younger generations and unwillingness by both the government and the elites to plan for the future, or read the signs of upheaval. Today, the chicken has returned home to roost: the downtrodden are revolting. Hitherto docile beggars have risen in arms forcing those with powers of patronage to beg for safety. The elites are being attacked. We have in our hands a dictatorship of the beggars, fuelled by drugs and poverty;

Notes that while the whole country is being dangerously menaced from every angle, the Northern part of the country has come under mass revolt by the poor expressed in the rampant criminality of the neglected. The poverty and unemployment rates of the country are haunting it. An idle mind, they say, tempts the devil. It is a sesame for anarchy;

Convinced that all Nigerians must come together to find solutions to these problems. We must all wake up. While not excusing criminality, the government and the elites must find productive engagement for Nigeria's huge army of unemployed to stem the tide of widespread insecurity. Any system that lacks social justice creates an environment of disorganization where everybody is vulnerable. We cannot throw up our hands in the air in resignation and hope that somehow, the situation will go away. What we are witnessing is not a spike that will go away. It is the incipient seeds of a revolution and we need to concertedly handle it with care;

Concerned that the unemployment figures in Nigeria are galloping in double digits and is adjudged the worst unemployment situation the country has ever witnessed, and believes that it is time for governments at all levels to focus on job creation;

Believes that a huge gap exists between the haves and the have-not in Nigeria and is slowly triggering a quiet but certain revolution championed by the down-trodden. The approach to adopt in addressing it must root out the cause, and not treat the symptoms, for those who are at the forefront of this uprising have no fear of losing anything;

Disturbed that the number of children out of school in Nigeria and the number of jobless young and not-so-young adults have reached a breaking point and lacking what to do, they take to crime;

Believes that education is key to re-orientating the minds of these young people and the Federal and State Governments must apply emergency measures to the issue of quality and scale of education in Nigeria. The Universal Basic Education Act provides for compulsory primary and junior secondary education and provides a duty, under pain of sanction, for parents who have the care or custody of a child to ensure his education. Yet this law is observed in the breach resulting that UNICEF projects one in every five out-of-school children in the world is resident in Nigeria, thus Nigeria has the highest number out of school children in the world, with estimates at almost fifteen million children;

Observes that most States where these young people unleash their murderous activities have low literacy levels and poor educational programmes and facilities. One is minded to ask, what has happened to the funds allocated to education, especially in these states? What has happened to the Almajiri schools that were established to give these young ones a competitive footing in life and eschew the deviancy we are witnessing now in the form of widespread criminality?;

Believes that a discussion on the cultural and other implications of deliberate regulation of the number of births per mother has become necessary to help in tackling this problem;

Believes that Nigeria needs to double the number of its personnel in the armed forces and other security services and civil policing departments to begin the serious duty of securing the country;

Notes that this National Assembly has regularly appropriated funds running into multiple trillions for the security sector, including the Police, Army, Navy, Airforce, Civil Defence, DSS, NIA, DIA, etc and concerned that despite all that, the Nigerian nation is groaning under an unfathomable upsurge in violent crimes across the whole country,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government of Nigeria to declare an emergency on unemployment in Nigeria, create more pro-poor social safety nets, dedicate 20% of recovered loots to fund same, and take other urgent measures to stimulate production and other economic activities to engage young citizens of the Country;
- ii. *Enjoin* the Federal Government to increase the budgets to education by allocating and effectively implementing 26% of their yearly budget to education beginning from the next budget cycle in 2020 and enjoin States to do same; and
- iii. *Urge* the federal government to adopt the policy of annual recruitment for all the security organs of at least 100,000 personnel per year.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Conference Committee Report

National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons Bill, 2019 (SB. 335)

Sen. Abdul Aziz M. Nyako (*Adamawa Central*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Conference Committee Report on the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons Bill, 2019 (SB. 335).

2. Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment

Industrial Development Act (Income Tax Relief) Amendment Bill, 2019 (SB. 734)

Sen. Fatima Raji-Rasaki (*Ekiti Central*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on the Industrial Development Act (Income Tax Relief) Amendment Bill, 2019 (SB. 734).

3. Report of the Committee on Police Affairs

Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 702)

Sen. Tijjani Y. Kaura (*Zamfara North*)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 702).

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 975) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
2. Public Holiday Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HBs. 918 & 1529) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
3. Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1383) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
4. Projects Development Agency Enugu PRODA (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1542) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
5. Good Samaritan's Bill, 2019 (HB. 171) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 15 th May, 2019 (Screening)	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Marine Transport	Wed. 15 th - Thu. 16 th May, 2019 (Budget Defence)	11.00am	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
3.	Public Procurement	Thursday 16 th May, 2019	1.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Trade and Investment	Thursday 16 th May, 2019	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
5.	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Monday 20 th May, 2019	1.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building