



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

Thursday, 30th May, 2019

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

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 Energy Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 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 some clauses in the Bill;

Aware that Mr. President's Observations are relevant to the implementation of the Bill;

Relying on order 88(b)(c) of the Senate Rule,

Accordingly resolves to:

Rescind its earlier decision on the affected Clauses and refer same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage.

2. The threat to Downgrade Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu.

Sponsor: Sen. Victor Umeh, OFR (Anambra Central)

Co. Sponsors: Sen. Ahmed S. Ogembe (Kogi Central) Sen. Owan John Enoh (Cross River Central)
Sen. Hope Uzodinma (Imo West) Sen. Stella Oduah (Anambra North)
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (Imo East) Sen. Sunny Ogbuoji (Ebonyi South)
Sen. Gilbert Nnaji (Enugu East) Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (Abia South)
Sen. Obinna Ogba (Ebonyi Central) Sen. Chukwuka Utazi (Enugu North)

Sen. Andy Ubah (*Anambra South*)
 Sen. Mao Oluwabunwa (*Abia North*)
 Sen. Theodore Orji (*Abia Central*)

Sen. Samuel O. Egwu (*Ebonyi North*)
 Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi (*Delta North*)
 Sen. Ben Uwajimogu (*Imo North*)

The Senate:

Aware of the threat by the Former Minister of State for Aviation, Mr. Hadi Sirika, that the Akanu Ibiam International Airport would be downgraded because of what he considered as imminent dangers posed to air travellers by the presence of a nearby market; a state radio mast on the flight path of airlines that threatens the safety of incoming aircraft; an abattoir, which attracted large birds and exposed airplanes to bird strikes, the location of a free trade zone and the decrepit state of the runway;

Appreciates the concern of the Minister of State for Aviation over the safety of passengers and airplanes that are using the Akanu Ibiam International Airport which currently serves travellers from Enugu State, Anambra state, Ebonyi State, Kogi State, Benue State, Cross River State, etc;

Further appreciates the assertion of the Former Minister of State for Aviation that Enugu is to the East what Kaduna is to the North being the major connecting link to South Eastern States;

Notes that the importance and the economic value of Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu, cannot be over-emphasized;

Aware that the upgrade of the Akanu Ibiam International Airport was not only historic but made South Easterners, heave a sigh of relief and gave them a sense of belonging. Akanu Ibiam International Airport is the only International Airport in the entire South East of Nigeria;

Further aware that following the launch of the airport as an international facility in 2013, not much have been done in giving the airport a face lift that befit an International Airport in terms of standard structures and other facilities that will enhance smooth operation;

Worried that currently the Airport has only one runway which is in bad shape having been patched and lacks the second runway that should serve as an alternative in keeping with international standard;

Further worried that the runway of the Airport awarded to PW PLC was carried out without internal drains which is affecting the stability of the runway, making it to crack and develop pot holes;

Alarmed that the only source of water supply to the Airport is supplies from Tankers, Fire Service Van and the reservoir which cannot stand the test in time of emergency unlike other airports that have constant water supplies;

Appreciates the planned rehabilitation of the Airport runway which is a welcomed development;

Recalls that when the Runway of Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport needed to be rehabilitated, the Airport was not downgraded in Status;

Further appreciates the efforts of Enugu State Government in removing those structures that the Minister considered as major challenges hampering the smooth operation of the airport,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government and the Federal Ministry of Aviation not to consider downgrading Akanu Ibiam International Airport as a matter of urgency;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to rehabilitate the runway of Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu for the safety of passengers and aircrafts;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to take steps to complete the new terminal building of the Enugu International Airport and put it to use by local and foreign airlines;

- iv. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Aviation and its Agencies to develop a Water Source with the nearby Ekulu River for the use of the Airport; and
- v. *Appreciate* the Enugu State Government for swiftly demolishing and ordering the relocation of Orié Emene Market, shutting down the nearby abattoir and ordering the immediate removal of the broadcasting mast and other illegal structures on the approach of the Airport.

BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Federal University of Education, Nsugbe (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1067) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. 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 in respect of:
 - a. Petition from Nze Fabian Okechukwu against the Nigerian Navy for Alleged Unjust Dismissal from the Navy;
 - b. Petition from Mr. Kingsley Torru on behalf of Riverman Technologies Limited against the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) for Non-payment of the sum of ₦9,375,616,700.00 for Contract executed;
 - c. Petition from Igbiniedion O. Peter against First Bank of Nigeria Plc for Alleged Unlawful Termination of his appointment by the Bank; and
 - d. Petition from Prince Engr. Ernest Onwudi on behalf of Ebocha Youths Association against the Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited for neglect and deprivation of the rights of the Community by the Company.
2. Report of the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector
Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance for Oil Marketers Outstanding Claims
Sen. Kabir G. Marafa (*Zamfara Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector on the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance to settle inherited Local Debts and Contractual obligations to Petroleum Marketers.