



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

Wednesday, 11th March, 2020

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Finance Act 2020 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 397) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North*).
 2. Generating Set (Prohibition/Ban) Bill, 2020 (SB. 366) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*).
 3. Advanced Healthcare Development Fund Bill, 2020 (SB. 371) - *First Reading*
Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang (*Cross River Central*).
 4. Abuja Geographical Information System (AGIS) (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 391) - *First Reading*
Sen. Mohammed, Hassan (*Zamfara Central*).
 5. Federal Polytechnic Dange, Sokoto State (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 389) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ibrahim, A. Danbaba (*Sokoto South*).
 6. Nigeria Steel University, Ajaokuta, Kogi State (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 393) - *First Reading*
Sen. Yakubu, Oseni (*Kogi Central*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to amend the Finance Act, 2019 and other relevant tax statutes to provide clarifications regarding the tax incentives for Agricultural production, the administrative effective date for the commencement of the increase in Value Added Tax to 7.5% and certain Basic items exempt from Value Added Tax and for other connected matters, 2020 (SB. 397) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North*).
2. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make provision for the Financial Autonomy of Local Government Councils and for other matter, 2020 (SB. 109) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*).
3. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the amendment of Section 54(1) and Section 96(1) therein, 2020 (SB. 74) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Gyang, Istifanus Dun (*Plateau North*).

4. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to give Local Government Council direct control of their Finances and other matters related thereto, 2020 (SB. 184) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*).
5. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for an upward review of the Derivation Formula for the inclusion of Solid Minerals and Hydro Power in the Derivation principle and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 218) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji (*Ekiti North*).
6. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to CAP C23 LFN 2004 to make provisions for Right to Food and Food Security in Nigeria and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 240) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Adamu, Abdullahi (*Nasarawa West*).
7. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the regulation of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 247) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Basiru, Surajudeen Ajibola (*Osun Central*).
8. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide immunity for members of the legislature in respect of words spoken or written at Plenary Sessions or Committee proceedings and institutionalize legislative bureaucracy in the Constitution; and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 253) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*).
9. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to preclude the Federal High Court from entertaining Pre-election disputes emanating from Congress, Conferences, Conventions or other meetings convened by political parties for the purpose of electing members of its Executive Committees or other governing bodies and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 318) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
10. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to preclude the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory from entertaining Pre-election disputes emanating from Congress, Conferences, Conventions or other meetings convened by political parties for the purpose of electing members of its Executive Committees or other governing bodies and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 319) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
11. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to preclude the High Court of a State from entertaining Pre-election disputes emanating from Congress, Conferences, Conventions or other meetings convened by political parties for the purpose of electing members of its Executive Committees or other governing bodies and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 320) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
12. A Bill for an Act to establish the North West Development Commission to Act as a catalyst to develop the commercial and industrial potentials of the North West, to receive and manage funds from allocation of the Federation for the Agricultural and Industrial Development of the North West and for other related matters therewith, 2020 (SB. 207) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (*Kano North*).
13. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba to make comprehensive provisions for due management and administration and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 282) - *Second Reading*.
Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (*Kogi West*).
14. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Civil Aviation Act, 2006 and to enact the Civil Aviation Act for the regulation of Civil Aviation in Nigeria and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 195) - *Second Reading*.
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

MOTIONS

1. Urgent need to investigate the rehabilitation of Mararaba-Mubi-Michika-Bama Road Contract.

Sponsor: Sen. Ishaku, Elisha Cliff (*Adamawa North*)

The Senate:

Notes that the contract for rehabilitation of Mararaba-Mubi-Michika-Bama road in Adamawa/Borno States was awarded to RHAS Nigeria Limited on the 27th day of February 2017 as part of Federal Government's reconstruction efforts of the north-eastern part of Nigeria;

Further notes that the contract also includes rehabilitation of the three bridges along the road that were damaged by soldiers in the fight against Boko Haram in order to prevent the insurgents from gaining access to the troops;

Aware that between May 2017 and May 2018, RHAS Nigeria Limited received payment of N1, 625, 000, 000 (one billion, six hundred and twenty five million naira) in three instalments in the following order: N1, 200, 000, 000 (one billion, two hundred thousand naira) on 12th May 2017; N175, 000, 000 (one hundred and seventy five million naira) on 31st January 2018; and N250, 000, 000 (two hundred and fifty million naira) on 23rd May 2018;

Regrets that over two years and getting to three years after awarding the contract, with mobilisations as indicated above, no meaningful progress has been made on the project except construction of drains and culverts;

Worried that RHAS Nigeria Limited has identified security threat as a major challenge in executing the contract because of activities of Boko Haram in the north-east, especially in Adamawa and Borno States where the road is situated;

Further worried that economic and social life in Adamawa and Borno States has been affected fundamentally and negatively due to the condition of the Mararaba-Mubi-Michika-Bama road, which makes movement along the route almost impossible, thereby further rendering Nigerians resident in those areas susceptible to attacks;

Concerned that residents of many communities in Adamawa and Borno States live in perpetual fear of attack by insurgents; a situation that is aggravated by poor road network along Mararaba-Mubi-Michika-Bama route, which has continued to be a nightmare despite awarding the contract almost three years ago;

Alarmed that the security threat in the northeast, especially Adamawa and Borno States, will likely create a situation of stalemate in the rehabilitation of Mararaba-Mubi-Michika-Bama road due to security threats, as the contractor, RHAS Nigeria Limited equally pointed out in a letter to the Minister of Power, Works and Housing sometime in 2018;

Convinced that there is need to protect lives and property of citizens and also ensure meticulous use of public funds while providing infrastructure, there is need to revoke the contract for rehabilitation of the Mararaba-Mubi-Michika-Bama road in Adamawa/Borno States and award it to Army Corps of Engineers that has capacity to undertake the project amidst the present security challenges; and

Further Convinced that awarding the contract to Army Corps of Engineers under the Ministry of Defence with full military presence on site will facilitate speedy rehabilitation of the road, thereby improving economic and social lives of citizens while also paving way for transparency and accountability in expending public funds.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committee on Works to engage the Ministry of Works and Housing to ascertain the level of work so far and report back to the Senate.
2. The Urgent Need to Accelerate Human Capital Development in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*)

Co-sponsor:

Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)

Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*)

Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (*Cross River South*)

The Senate:

Notes that no economy develops without skilled human resources to drive that growth, hence, Nigeria must prioritize human capital development for its economic growth;

Notes that human beings are the most important and promising source of productivity and economic growth. Equipment and technology are products of human minds and can only be made productive by people. Therefore, the success of any productive programme, depends on human innovative ideas and creativity;

Notes further that human capital is an important factor used in converting all resources to mankind's use and benefit. Economists observed that the development and utilization of human capital is important in a nation's economic growth;

Aware that Nigeria is blessed with abundant human resources comprising of youthful population which are yet to be harnessed.

Aware that the key barometers to gauge the development of human capital are education and health. It is therefore unfortunate that Nigeria, as a country, has performed woefully in these two key areas. While the education and health sectors are underfunded by government at Federal, States and Local levels, the little funding appropriated for these sectors by government and private sector players are mismanaged, leading to dearth of human capital;

Aware also that Tertiary institutions are churning out half-baked graduates that are less useful in the labour market, while capital flight continue to dominate the health sector in the country with Nigerians seeking medical attention abroad, even as most qualified doctors in the country keep moving abroad at the slightest opportunity;

Acknowledges that the global economy has shifted to a more knowledge-based sectors, such as: the manufacture of ICT devices, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and other ICT based services, R&D, among others, skills and human capital development becomes a central issue for policy makers and practitioners engaged in economic development both at the National and Regional level;

Concerned that Nigeria is ranked 152 out of 157 countries on the World Bank 2018 Human Capital Index list sharing the bottom of the index with countries like Chad, South Sudan, Niger, Mali, and Liberia. Of the 85.08 million Labour Force by 3rd quarter 2017, only 7.14 percent work in any form of industry, including the Oil and Gas Industry. The current poor ranking on the Global Human Development Index underscores the fact that more needs to be done urgently to accelerate human capital development in Nigeria;

Concerned also that the number of out of school children is increasing. A total of 13.2 million of basic education school-age children were out of school in 2013 this is an increase of 3.3 million from the 2010 estimates and the trend has continue till date. It is even more concerning that of the "out of school" population about 8 million are girls.

Worried that over 100 million Nigerians live on less than ₦500 per day. Several of these poor households are in our constituencies. At 23%, the unemployment in our country is unacceptably high, it gets more worrisome when you note that a further 20 percent of the labor force are underemployed. Our youths make up 56% of those unemployed. Many employed people work in low-productivity, low-income jobs with no job or income security - largely in subsistence agriculture;

Worried that the total public spending on basic education has been around 1.7 percent of GDP and 12.5 percent of total public expenditure in 2013, well below the averages for sub-Saharan Africa (4.6 percent of GDP and 17 percent of total public expenditure);

Worried further that Nigeria spends less on health than any other government in the world. In 2016, public health spending was 0.6% of GDP. Most of the spending is on tertiary and secondary hospitals leaving little for primary and preventive health care. Health care in the country is mainly financed by household out-of-pocket health expenditures, which account to about 70%. This is one of the highest levels of out of pocket payments for health in the world placing the poor at a very high risk;

Reiterates that the combination of poor health outcomes poor education, and poor labor market dim the prospects of enhanced growth and poverty reduction in Nigeria. Our high fertility rate, high population growth and conflicts in several areas, coupled with low investment in health and education and high unemployment have dangerous implications for pandemics, migration and even further conflict;

Notes that investments in human capital have become more and more important for countries to progress and be competitive. Without rapid improvements in skills, health, knowledge, and resilience (all constituting human capital) of Nigerians - we will not have a Nigeria that is very productive, creative and innovative;

Aware that some actions have been taken in this regard by the Federal Government among which are-

- The institution of Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) as regards 'Investing in Nigerian People;
- The setting up the Human Capital Development (HCD) Core Working Group which has articulated a HCD vision for the country and identified a list of 16 preliminary high-impact interventions to improve the Country's indices; and
- The introduction of the National Social Investment Programmes and recently established the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to implement them;

Regrets that all these seems not enough to tackle the enormous problems affecting the Human Capital Development in the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committees on National Planning and Economic Affairs, Health, Education (Basic & Secondary) and Tertiary & TETFUND, Women Affairs & Youth Development, Employment, Labour & Productivity, Poverty Alleviation & Social Welfare, Sustainable Development Goals etc. to convene a Special Policy Roundtable on Human Capital Development in Nigeria, to identify policy measures that can enable Nigeria reap democratic dividends;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to immediately set in motion the development of a National human capital development strategy and reform action plan and ensure immediate implementation of identified high-impact interventions across the country;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to urgently review the National Educational Curricula to produce market-relevant graduates and in particular declare an emergency to address girl's education in the country;
- iv. *Urge* the Federal Government to resuscitate manpower planning and scale up entrepreneurship and skills development programmes including Technical and Vocational education;
- v. *Urge* the Federal Government to redouble its resource mobilization efforts and prioritize human capital development in resource allocation and improve the efficiency of resource use; and

- vi. Urge State Governments to urgently implement the high-impact interventions, prioritizing investment in human capital development, spending more on preventive healthcare, increasing education enrolment and reducing the number of out of school children and drop outs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No. Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1. Rules and Business	Wednesday 11 th March, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
2. Public Procurement	Wednesday 11 th March, 2020	12.00noon	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3. Public Accounts	Wed. 11 th & Thu 12 th March, 2020 (Public Hearing)	2:00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Complex
4. Health	Wed. 11 th & Thu. 12 th March, 2020	12.00noon	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
5. Legislative Compliance	Tuesday, 17 th March, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
6. Science and Technology	Tuesday, 17 th March, 2020 (Oversight Visit)	9.00am	Front of Senate Wing Senate New Building