



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 16th October, 2007

1. Prayers
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ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Illegal Subjection of Candidates to Examination by Universities after the Test by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB):

Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri:- (*Bayelsa West*)

Sen. Zainab A. Kure;- (*Niger South*)

Sen. PauSker Emmanuel:- (*Bayelsa Central*)

Sen. Bahiru A. Kuta;- (*Niger East*)

Sen. Nimi Barigha-Amange:- (*Bayelsa East*)

Sen Odion M. Ugbesia:- (*Edo Central*)

Sen. Aloysius A. Etok:- (*Akwa Ibom North West*)

Sen, Ibrahim S.Turaki:- (*Jigawa North West*)

Sen. Ehigie E. Uzamere:- (*Edo South*)

The Senate,

Observes that the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) is amongst others empowered to:

- (a) *Conduct* Matriculation Examination for entry into all Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education (by whatever name called) in Nigeria;
- (b) *Appoint* Examiners, Moderators, Invigilators, members of the Subject Panels and committees and other persons with respect to matriculation examinations and any other matters incidental thereto or connected therewith;
- (c) *Place* suitably qualified candidates in the tertiary institutions after taking into account:
 - (i) The vacancies available in each tertiary institution;
 - (ii) The guidelines approved for each tertiary institution by its proprietors or other competent authorities;
 - (iii) The preferences expressed or otherwise indicated by the candidates for certain tertiary-institutions and courses; and
 - (iv) Such other matters as the Board may be directed by the Honourable Minister to consider, or the Board itself may consider appropriate in the circumstances.

- (d) *Collate* and disseminate information on all matters relating to admissions into tertiary institutions or any other matter relevant to the discharge of functions of the Board;

Notes that the membership of the board is all embrative. It is made up of the following:-

- (i) Chairman
- (ii) Five representatives of all the universities in Nigeria;
- (iii) Three representatives of all the colleges of Education in Nigeria;
- (iv) Three representatives of all the polytechnics in Nigeria;
- (v) One representative of the Nigerian Conference of Principals of Schools;
- (vi) One representative of the Ministry of Education;
- (vii) The registrar of the West African Examination Council;
- (viii) The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission;
- (ix) The Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education;
- (x) The Executive Secretary of the National council for colleges of Education;
- (xi) The Registrar of the National Business and Technical Examinations Board.

Observes further that the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board is statutory responsible for determining matriculation requirements and conducting examinations leading to undergraduate admissions and admissions to National Diploma and Nigerian Certificate in Education courses;

Observes that the Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and the various stake holders are sufficiently represented in the membership of the Board;

Convinced that the laws establishing the various Universities empowers them to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the university and have satisfied such other requirements as the university may lay down;

Concerned that the various universities charge fees and subject candidates to series of tests and interviews which most often take several days to conclude;

Concerned further that this is at grave costs to parents and guardians and a clear violation of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Act. Our young children are also subjected to avoidable inconveniences and risks;

Advocates that since JAMB is alive to its responsibilities as provided by law, there would be no reason whatsoever to subject candidates to another round of illegal test at grave costs and its other attendant consequence.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Deplore* the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) for abandoning its statutory responsibilities of regulating all admissions into Nigerian tertiary institutions;
- (ii) *Urge* the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board to immediately take over the process of admissions of candidates into all Nigerian tertiary institutions in line with the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act having conducted the Statutory Examination
- (iii) *Deplore* the illegal activities of our Tertiary Institutions by conducting Post Universities Matriculation
- Examinations (UME); . -
- (iii) *Urge* the Honourable Minister of Education to direct the various Universities and other relevant bodies to stop forthwith the illegal post University Matriculation Examination (UME) Test and abide strictly with the provisions of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board Act;
- (iv) *Mandate* its committee on Education to undertake a comprehensive investigation into the activities of those Universities indulging in such illegality and the causes for the failure of JAMB to conduct

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Rules and Business	Thursday, 16th October, 2007	2. 00 p.m.,	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2. Petroleum Resources (Downstream)	Tuesday, 16th October, 2007	4.00 p.m	Committee Room 107 (First Floor) New Senate Building Assembly Complex
3. Interior	Tuesday, 16th October, 2007	2.00 p.m	Conference Room 117 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
4. Defence and Army	Tuesday, 16th October, 2007	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 324 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
5. Sports and Social Development	Wednesday, 17th October, 2007	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 427 (Fourth Floor) New Senate Building Assembly Complex
National ID Card and National Population Commission	Wednesday, 17th October, 2007	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 427 (Fourth Floor) New Senate Building Assembly Complex
Environment and Ecology October, 2007	Wednesday, 17th 2.00 p.m	Wednesday, 17th	Committee Room 323 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
8. Judiciary, Human Rights p.m and Legal Matters	Wednesday, 16th October, 2007	2.30	Hearing Room 117 (Fourth Floor) New Senate Building Assembly Complex
9. Sports and Social	Thursday, 18th October, 2007	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 3.13 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
			Committee Room 427 (Fourth Floor) New Senate Building Assembly Complex