



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

Wednesday, 11th January, 2017

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:
 - a. Petition from Sani Abakura against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company Ltd, for Unlawful Disengagement from Service;
 - b. Petition from Mr. Philips Ororho against the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba over Alleged Wrongful Termination of his Appointment by the Centre;
 - c. Petition from Umoru Abdulmiminu Odafe against the National Board for Technology Incubation for Alleged Malicious Transfer from Technology Incubation Centre, Warri to Yenagoa;
 - d. Petition from I. O. Ngene Esq. on behalf of Mbulu-Owo/Owo Communities in Nkanu East Local Government Area of Enugu State against Soldiers of the 82 Division of the Nigerian Army for Unwarranted Invasion/Displacement/Threatened Ejection from their Ancestral Land;
 - e. Petition from Yahaya Ibrahim Shinko against the Nigerian Army over his Wrongful and Abrupt Compulsory Retirement from the Nigerian Army in 1999 without reason;
 - f. Petition from Y.B. Aminu on behalf of the Next of Kins of Alh. Haruna Musa (Deceased) of Koko Town, against the Nigerian Army for Extra Judicial Execution of APC Supporters at Koko Besse LGA and Suru LGA, Kebbi State;
 - g. Petition from War Affected Pioneer Officer Cadets of the Nigerian Airforce against the Nigerian Air Force for Non Payment of Gratuity and Pensions by the Military Pensions Board;
 - h. Petition from Mr. Anoke Wilson Akuma against the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and the West African Examination Council (WAEC) over Unlawful Termination of his Appointment by the FIRS on False Assumption of Forged Certificate; and
 - i. Petition from Farouk Umar Ibrahim against the Nigerian Navy for Alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Navy - *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Committee on Public Accounts
Sen. Andy Uba (*Anambra South*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Public Account on the Screening of the Nomination of Mr. Anthony Mkppe Ayine for Appointment as the Auditor-General of the Federation.

MOTIONS

1. The Ban on the Importation of Vehicles through the Land Borders into the Country.

Sponsor: Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*)

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Kabiru Gaya (*Kano South*)

Sen. Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*)

Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (*Niger North*)

Sen. Ali Wakili (*Bauchi South*)

The Senate:

Notes the recently announced policy of the federal government to stop the importation of vehicles into the country through the nation's land borders as from the 1st of January, 2017;

Further notes that it is reported that the ban would lead to the loss of about 500,000 jobs by the people engaged in the business of vehicles importation and handling services in the border areas and around the country;

Believes that the economy of border villages and towns that depends on the activities of vehicles importation shall be adversely affected to the detriment of all;

Observes that since the announcement, through the Nigeria Customs Service, Nigerians have spoken out, and they still do, that it is not economically expedient to ban the importation of vehicles through our land borders given the ramification of such a policy on the economy;

Concerned that the decision was ostensibly premised on the allegation that the importation of vehicles through the land borders no longer holds good prospect for revenue generation because of the large - scale evasion of import duties;

Convinced that rather than stop or suspend the importation of vehicles through our land borders as envisaged in the new policy, it would make better economic sense to allow for the importation of vehicles through one entry border post in each geopolitical zone that has international land border in the country. This will allow for better monitoring and control by the Customs Service, as the land border posts shall become fewer to handle by the Nigerian Customs Service compared to the current situation;

Further observes that since the Nigerian Customs Service is convinced that it has the capability of making sure that the government does not lose its revenue when vehicles are imported through the designated sea ports, this Senate believes that there is no reason why the Nigerian Customs Service would ensure that every revenue belonging to the government is received by it from the importers of cars through the aforesaid land borders,

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Call* on the Customs Service to suspend further action on its policy of an outright ban on the importation of vehicles through our land borders as from 1st January, 2017;
- (ii) *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Customs to investigate the circumstances that led to the sudden decision of the federal government on the issue of the importation of vehicles through the land borders; and
- (iii) *Urge* the federal government to consider the regulation of vehicle importation by approving an entry point in each of the geopolitical zones that has international land border(s) in the country.

2. Urgent need to resolve the Ladoke Akintola University Strike.

Senator Munsurat Sunmonu (*Oyo Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that workers of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) have been on strike since 9th June, 2016 over non-payment of salaries;

Believes that the Academic Staff Union of Universities, Non-Academic Staff Union, and Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities in the university declared the strike to protest a persisting issue arising from lack of funds to run the institution and pay its workers;

Aware that LAUTECH is jointly owned by Oyo and Osun, the two states that constituted old Oyo State before Osun was excised in 1991 to form a separate state;

Recognizes that challenges in fulfilling the shared funding responsibility caused workers to shut down the institution, just before the students were scheduled to begin their second semester examinations;

Further notes that the strike is causing untold hardship and delay to the education, livelihood and future of the students of LAUTECH;

Further aware of the need to build confidence in public institutions particularly as regards education;

Further recognizes that the students have become innocent victims of the collateral damage of the strike and their futures are at stake,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Implore Oyo and Osun states to expedite action towards resolving the issues and keep the public apprised of steps being taken;
- ii. Encourage staff of LAUTECH to return to work in the interest of the students; and
- iii. Urge the students to be patient and not lose hope in public institutions.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act CAP N42 LFN 2004 and to enact the National Health Insurance Commission and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 278)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Lanre Tejuoso (*Ogun Central*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Third Party Insurance 2004 to facilitate the accomplishment of objectives of compulsory Third Party Insurance and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 276) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Umaru I. Kurfi (*Katsina Central*).
3. A Bill for an Act to provide for a Legal Framework for the Cassava Inclusion Policy of the Federal Government to encourage Cassava Farming and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 152) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose Oko (*Cross River North*).
4. A Bill for an Act to make comprehensive provisions for the Confiscation, Forfeiture and Management of Properties derived from unlawful activities and for connected matters, 2017 (SB. 376) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Mohammed Hassan (*Yobe South*).
5. A Bill for an Act to provide for Secured Transactions, Registration and Regulation of Security Interest in Movable Assets and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 261) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim (*Kwara South*).
6. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education Owerri and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 398) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*).
7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners and for matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 167) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Foster Ogola (*Bayelsa West*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Joint Committees on Petroleum Resources Upstream, Downstream & Finance	Wednesday, 11 th January, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 0.22 Senate New Building
2.	Works	Wednesday, 11 th January, 2017 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Committee Room 213 Senate New Building
3.	Joint Committee on Land & Marine Transport and Aviation	Wednesday, 11 th January, 2017 (Chairman & Vice Chairman only)	2.00pm	Chairman's Office RM 305 Senate New Building
4.	Industries	Thursday, 12 th January, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
5.	Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND	Thursday, 12 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
6.	Water Resources	Thursday, 12 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
7.	Aviation	Thursday, 12 th January, 2017	1.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
8.	Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND	Monday, 16 th January, 2017	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
9.	Environment	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
10.	Drugs and Narcotics	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building