



SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 6th April, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal University of Technology, Ilaro (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 460) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Solomon Adeola (*Lagos West*).
 2. Federal University, Gashua (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 459) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North*).
 3. Integrated Corporate Data Management Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 461) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Yusuf Abubakar (*Taraba Central*).
 4. Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria Act CAP A7 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 463) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Umaru Kurfi (*Katsina Central*).
 5. Federal University of Technology, Yaba (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 464) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Solomon Adeola (*Lagos West*).
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Joint Committees on Petroleum Upstream, Petroleum Downstream and Gas
Petroleum Industry Governance Bill, 2017 (SB. 237)
Sen. Omotayo Alasoadura (*Ondo Central*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Joint Committees on Petroleum Upstream, Petroleum Downstream and Gas on the Petroleum Industry Governance Bill, 2017 (SB. 237) -*To be Laid*.
2. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND
Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (est. etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 295)
Sen. Barau Jibrin (*Kano North*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND on the Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (est. etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 295) -*To be Laid*.
3. 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 Hyacinth Ahuruonye against the Nigerian Police Force (NPF) for alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Force;
 - b. Petition from Collins Chinonyerem Udeogu against the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC)

- for alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Corporation; and
 c. Petition from Ex-Cpl. Kamal Haruna against the Nigerian Police Force (NPF) for alleged Unjust Dismissal from the Force -*To be Laid.*

4. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and other Parts of the Country
 Sen. Kabiru Gaya (*Kano South*)
 -That the Senate do receive the report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and other Parts of the Country -*To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Monumental Challenges facing the Presidential Amnesty Programme (PAP) due to paucity of funds.

Sponsored by: Senator Peter Nwaoboshi (*Delta North*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern, the monumental challenges facing the Presidential Amnesty Programme (PAP) due to paucity of funds to run the programme arising from delayed and staggered release of funds from the 2016 Appropriation Act by the Federal Ministry of Finance;

Concerned that this is already threatening the well-conceived amnesty programme of the Federal Government, as the Amnesty office is finding it extremely difficult to meet its obligation to its workers and beneficiaries of the amnesty programme;

Notes that the amnesty programme was conceived by the Federal Government of Nigeria to stem the tide of disaffection, agitation and militancy in the Niger Delta Area, which resulted in loss of lives, properties and oil revenue and the result of the programme has been quite encouraging;

Worried that funds appropriated for the programme have been depreciating steadily, leading to adverse impact on the operation of the programme as tension is already building up in the Niger Delta region;

Worried also that 30,000 beneficiaries of N65,000.00 monthly allowance are being owed 5 months in arrears and on the education programme (onshore) the debt to Universities in the Country is the sum of N1,873,044,700.00 in addition to backlog of unpaid in-Training Allowance amounting to N830,500.00, while Educational Programme (Offshore) is suffering the same fate as unpaid in-Training allowances for 750 students between 2016 and 2017 amounted to US\$4,200,000.00 equivalent of N1,332,000,000.00 and unpaid tuition fee for 350 students amounting to the sum of US\$17,500,000.00 equivalent of N512,500,000.00;

Notes also that in 2016, the Vocational Training Unit projected to train 1,770 due to lack of fund and worst still, many people are pressurizing to be included in the amnesty programme, failure for which they are threatening to go back into agitation and militancy, which they have earlier renounced;

Concerned also that 70% of the 637 students in various institutions in 27 countries who are expected to graduate at the end of the 2016/2017 academic year may not be able to do so for non-payment of tuition fees and currently, more than 80% have been excluded from studies and if the tuition fees are not promptly settled, this may lead to their repeat of the whole academic session, thus compounding the financial burden, moreover, about 100 graduates are currently stranded in the United States of America, Malaysia, United Kingdom and South Africa, awaiting their October, 2016 to January, 2017 allowances to enable them settle their bills and return back to Nigeria;

Worried further that the students in the United Kingdom have planned to protest at the Nigerian High Commission any moment for non-payment of the tuition fees and allowances by the amnesty office, and if the protest is carried out, it will definitely bring Nigeria to ridicule and opprobrium before the comity of nations;

Notes further that the fund appropriated in the 2016 Appropriation was about N20 Billion and the Senate was magnanimous in appropriating the sum of N35 Billion in a Supplementary Appropriation in late

2016, which went a long way in improving the funds appropriated for the programme, whereby the sum of N40 Billion has so far been released by the Federal Ministry of Finance, leaving a balance of the sum of N15 Billion;

Disturbed that the situation is becoming very serious and capable of truncating the lofty programme as tension and threats are already palpable in the Niger Delta Region amongst the beneficiaries of the programme onshore and offshore, which is capable of bringing the Federal Republic of Nigeria into disrepute nationally and internationally and this has to be checked promptly;

Observes that the programme is in dire need of funds and it is absolutely necessary to release the balance sum of N15 Billion in the 2016 Appropriation Act so as to provide funds for the smooth running of the amnesty programme,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct* the Honourable Minister of Finance to release the balance sum of N15 Billion in the 2016 Appropriation Act for the funding of the amnesty programme; and
- ii. *Mandate* the Committee on Niger Delta to investigate the circumstances leading to funding constraints besetting the amnesty programme, with a view to avoiding re-occurrence and report back within 2 weeks.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Conference Committee Report
Nigerian Airforce Institute of Technology (SB. 180)
Sen. Duro Faseyi (*Ekiti North*).
-That the Senate do consider the Conference Committee Report on the Nigerian Airforce Institute of Technology Bill, 2017(SB. 180).
2. Report of the Committee on Marine Transport
Nigerian Ports and Harbours Bill, 2017 (SB. 243)
Sen. Ahmed Rufai Sani (*Zamfara West*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Marine Transport on the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Bill, 2017 (SB. 243).
3. Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment
Consumer Protection Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 257)
Sen. Fatima Raji-Rasaki (*Ekiti Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on the Consumer Protection Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 257).
4. Report of the Committee on Marine Transport.
National Inland Waterways Act CAP N47 LFN (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 240)
Sen. Ahmed Rufai Sani (*Zamfara West*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Marine Transport on National Inland Waterways Act CAP N47 LFN (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 240).
5. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Bill, 2017 (SB. 236)
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (*Bayelsa Central*).
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Bill, 2017 (SB. 236).
6. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service
Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 88)
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (*Bayelsa Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 88).

7. 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 Yahaya Ibrahim Shinko against the Nigerian Army over his Wrongful and Abrupt Compulsory Retirement from the Nigerian Army in 1999 without reason;
- b. 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 Zuru LGA, Kebbi State;
- c. 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;
- d. 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
- e. Petition from Farouk Umar Ibrahim against the Nigerian Navy for Alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Navy.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under Remittance (3-Day Public Hearing) & other Fraudulent Activities.	Thursday, 6 th April, 2017	10.00am	Conference Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Petroleum Downstream	Thursday, 6 th April, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
3.	Niger Delta	Thursday, 6 th April, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
4.	Education	Thursday, 6 th April, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
5.	Works	Thursday, 6 th April, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building