



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

Tuesday, 16TH May, 2017

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

1. Report of the Committee on Sports
National Sports Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 155)
Sen. Obinna Ogba (Ebonyi Central)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Sports on National Sports Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 155) – *To be Laid.*
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Sports
Nigerian Football Federation (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 154)
Sen. Obinna Ogba (Ebonyi Central)
-That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Sports on Nigerian Football Federation (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 154).
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MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS

1. Amendment of eight (8) items of a Bill for an act to establish the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment of Patients in Nigeria and for related matters.

Sponsor: Senate Leader

The Senate:

Notes that the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment Bill 2017 was passed by the National Assembly on 12th January, 2017 and transmitted to the President for assent;

Aware that the National Assembly withdrew the Bill on 7th of February, 2017 after some issues relating to the smooth operation of the Bill when enacted were raised;

Aware that there is no define procedure on the reconsideration of Bills Passed by the National Assembly transmitted to the President for assent and later withdrawn;

Notes that Order 1 (b) of the Senate Standing Orders 2015 as amended states that "in all cases not provided for hereinafter or by session or Order practice of the Senate, the Senate shall by resolution regulate its procedure;

Desirous to effect the amendments in the Long Title Sections 3 (b), 3(c), 3(d) (v), 6 and 16 of the Bill,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Invoke* Order 1 (b) of the Senate Standing Orders 2015 as amended to refer the Bill to the Committee of the Whole to effect the amendments; and
- ii. *Resolve* into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendment.

2. Amendment of eight (8) items of a Bill for an act to provide for the establishment of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for related matters.

Sponsor: Senate Leader

The Senate:

Notes that the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (Establishment, etc) Bill 2017 was passed and transmitted to the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, by the National Assembly on 12th January, 2017 for assent;

Aware that the National Assembly withdrew the Bill on 7th of February, 2017 after some issues relating to the smooth operation of the Bill when enacted were raised;

Aware that there is no define procedure on the reconsideration of Bills Passed by the National Assembly, transmitted to the President for assent and later withdrawn;

Notes that Order 1 (b) of the Senate Standing Orders 2015 as amended states that "in all cases not provided for hereinafter or by session or Order practice of the Senate, the Senate shall by resolution regulate its procedure;

Desirous to effect the amendments in the Long Title Sections 1 (5), 2(1), 5(e) 6(7), 9 (2) and 29 of the Bill,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Invoke* Order 1 (b) of the Senate Standing Orders 2015 as amended to refer the Bill to the Committee of the Whole to effect the amendments; and
- ii. *Resolve* into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendment.

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

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 Mr. Ghali Mustapha against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for Alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Force;
- b. Petition from Mr. Mohammed Sani Lapai against the Securities and Exchange Commission for Alleged Unlawful Disengagement from the Service of the Commission; and

- c. Petition From Captain James Pere Femowei (Rtd) against the Nigerian Army for Alleged Non-Inclusion in Military Pension by the Army.
 - d. Petition From Mr. Aniekan Umoh against Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) over his Unlawful Disengagement from the Service of the Company.
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MOTIONS

1. Outright Omission of Eastern Corridor Rail Line in the request for approval of Federal Government 2016 – 2018 External Borrowing (Rolling Plan).

Sponsor: Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (*Abia South*)

The Senate:

Recalls that on 26th of April, 2017 the Federal Government laid before the National Assembly a request seeking an approval for a loan of \$5,851 billion from China Exim Bank to execute the modernization of Lagos- Kano, Kano-Kaduna, Lagos-Ibadan and Lagos- Calabar rail segment;

Observes with dismay that the above sections of the rail line that the loan was being sought for covers only a section of the country i.e. the western corridor or sections;

Notes that the Eastern section of the rail segment, which has a link between the South Eastern to North Eastern parts of the rail line is completely excluded from the request;

Further notes that the loan being a Federal Government borrowing would be paid for by all SECTIONS of the country; therefore every section of the country should be taken into consideration;

Aware that there is a Railway Master Plan developed by the Ministry of Transport and of which such plan has not being referred to in the current borrowing plan;

Also aware that for the railway projects to have a meaningful impact on the development of the country; it should cover all parts of Nigeria;

Concerned that the complete exclusion of the Eastern section that links the four zones of South-South, South-East, North-Central and North East and the key cities such as Port Harcourt, Aba, Enugu, Makurdi, Lafia, Gudi, Jos, Bauchi and Maiduguri is inexplicable,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Senate to suspend consideration of the loan request of any guise until the correction of this apparent oversight of the eastern parts of the country; and
- ii. Invite the Minister of Transport to appear and explain the reasons for the exclusion of the Eastern Corridor of Nigeria's Rail Lines from the proposed loan from China Exim bank.

2. The Continued Voters Registration Exercise; Matters Arising.

Sponsor: Senator Godswill Akpabio (*Akwa-Ibom North West*)

The Senate:

Notes that Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) commenced a nationwide "Continued Voters Registration (CVR) Exercise" on the 27th April, 2017;

Notes also that the exercise is meant for Nigerians who attained 18 years between the last exercise to this day, those who were not previously registered, those who previously registered but whose names cannot be found in the register of voters and those whose cards are lost or damaged;

Aware that the exercise is ongoing in all the Commissions Offices in the 774 Local Government Areas throughout the Federation;

Observes that the exercise has been faced with several challenges across the country which include Malfunctioning of the Direct Data Capture Machines, non-availability of the machines in some Local Government Areas, slowness of the Direct Data Capture Machines, inadequate man power and inaccessibility of registration centres from prospective registrants, especially those residing in the rural areas;

Observes that the challenges are worse in states like Akwa-Ibom and Anambra where only 30 voters are registered per day in each Local Government with over 20 Wards;

Whereas Governorship election will be taking place in Anambra State come November, 2017 and these challenges if not tackled will jeopardize or make the election less credible if urgent steps are not taken;

Aware that, registration the inability of the Federal Government to effectively address the Challenges of the registration exercise can lead to disenfranchisement of voters which could result in serious voter's apathy which may render the 2019 general election unacceptable, not credible and undemocratic,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to undertake the Continue Voters Registration (CVR) exercise on a continuing and permanent basis in the respective Polling Unit until every prospective registrants are registered; and
- ii. *Mandate* the Committee on INEC to monitor the exercise and report progress and challenges periodically to the Senate.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Local and Foreign Debts	Tuesday, 16 th May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
2.	Joint Committee on Science and Technology, Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Tuesday, 16 th May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
3.	Foreign Affairs	Tuesday, 16 th May, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
4.	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Tuesday, 16 th May, 2017	2.30pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
5.	Public Account	Tuesday, 16 th May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
6.	Ah-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under-Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Tue. 16 th - Thur. 18 th May, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building

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| 7. | Health (Public Hearing and Presentation of Memoranda on NHIS Bill) | Wednesday, 17 th May, 2017 | 12.00noon | Conference Room 022
Senate New Building |
| 8. | Drugs and Narcotics | Wednesday, 17 th May, 2017 | 2.00pm | Committee Room 327
Senate New Building |
| 9. | Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters | Wednesday, 17 th May, 2017 | 2.00pm | Committee Room 313
Senate New Building |
| 10. | Ah-Hoc Committee on the Fraud Allegations against Chevron Nigeria Limited | Wednesday 17 th May, 2017 | 2.00pm | Committee Room 211
Senate New Building |
| 11. | Ah-Hoc Committee on the State of Humanitarian Relief Efforts in the North East | Thursday 18 th May, 2017 | 2.00pm | Committee Room 313
Senate New Building |