



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

Wednesday, 7th June, 2017

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters
National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) Act Amendment Bill, 2017 (SB. 359)
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (*Bayelsa Central*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) Act Amendment Bill, 2017 (SB. 359) –*To be Laid.*
2. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters
Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologists of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (SB. 283)
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (*Bayelsa Central*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologists of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (SB. 283) –*To be Laid.*
3. Report of the Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
National Research and Innovation (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 239)
Sen. Robert Boroffice (*Ondo North*) and Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the National Research and Innovation (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 239) –*To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The Continued Voters Registration Exercise; Matters Arising.

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

The Senate:

Notes that the 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 instead of ward level;

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, Anambra and Osun where only 30 voters are registered per day in each Local Government with over 20 Wards;

Whereas Governorship election will be taking place in Osun State in June, 2018 and these challenges if not tackled will jeopardize or make the election less credible if urgent steps are not taken;

Aware that 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 voters 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 Continued Voters Registration (CVR) exercise on a continuing and permanent basis in the respective Polling Unit until all prospective registrants are registered;
- ii. *Urge* Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to decentralize the registration exercise on ward basis and to further decentralize when the ward are large; and
- iii. *Mandate* the Committee on INEC to monitor the exercise and report progress and challenges periodically to the Senate.

2. Trans-Sahara – Europe Migration Crisis.

Sponsor: Senator Francis Alimikhena (*Edo North*)

Co-Sponsor: Sen. Ibn Na'allah (*Kebbi South*)

The Senate:

Notes the definition of a migrant under the United Nations International Organization for Migration as "any person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence, regardless of the person's legal status, whether movement was voluntary or involuntary, what the causes of the movement are and the length of stay";

Notes also the negative trend towards migration by Nigerians and other Africans through illegal routes across the Sahara desert and the Mediterranean Sea which has resulted in colossal loss of lives;

Aware that Nigerians who embark on illegal/irregular migration find their route through Libya, Morocco and Algeria;

Worried that the International Organization for Migration's report 2016 revealed that more than 5,070 people were estimated to have lost their lives on migratory routes around the world and the Mediterranean alone witnessed a record of 3,870 out of which 2,000 of the casualties were from the central Mediterranean route used by the West and North African countries and Nigeria alone has more than 1000 of the central Mediterranean casualties;

More worried that because of the involvement of many Nigerians in irregular migration, the International Organization for Migration made Nigeria and Iraq a case study in one of their researches, the result of which was mind-boggling and in addition to the tragic loss of life, a substantial number of victims are not recovered and even those recovered are buried with at best a number and not a name. It is important to emphasize here that each unidentified migrant represent a missing person for a family who live in perpetual grief without certainty of the where-about of their loved ones;

Worried that this phenomenon is aggravated by the activities of unrepentant human traffickers who deceive unsuspecting Nigerians with promises of leading them to greener pastures only to sell them as sex slaves and where possible, even harvest their body organs for money;

Determined to reverse this negative trend and the inhuman treatment suffered by Nigerian migrants in the hands of Immigration Officials in neighboring countries,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Set up ad-hoc committee to investigate the causes and proffer solutions to the problems of irregular migration across the Sahara/Mediterranean Sea to Europe; and
 - ii. Urge the Federal Government to strengthen the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Person (NAPTIP) and the Nigerian Immigration Services to take effective measures towards preventing the trafficking in persons and illegal migration.
3. Urgent need for the completion of Bodo/Bonny Road; linking the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Complex.

Sponsor: Senator George Thompson Sekibo (*Rivers East*)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Osinakachukwu Ideozu (*Rivers West*)

Sen. Magnus Abe (*Rivers South East*)

The Senate:

Aware that the 37km Bodo/Bonny Road project in Rivers State linking Bodo Community in Gokana Local Government Area to Grand Bonny in Bonny Local government; that hosts the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas complex was awarded in 2002 by the President Olusegun Obasanjo's administration at a contract value of Twenty Billion (N20,000,000,000.00) Naira only;

Aware also that President Obasanjo's administration did not do much on the project after mobilizing the contractor to site as it was poorly funded and later abandoned till 2014;

Recalls that in 2014 with passionate efforts from the people of Bonny kingdom and other prominent Rivers elders, the former President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan's administration re-awarded the Road project after revalidation at the contract value of One Hundred and Twenty Billion Naira and appropriated Twenty Billion (N20,000,000,000.00) Naira only for it in the 2015 budget to recommence its construction;

Regrets that the Federal Government did not spend any amount out of the appropriated amount in 2015 and to worsen matters the project was not captured in the 2016 budget thus making the lack of understanding of the importance of this Road for national economic development obvious;

Aware that in the 2017 budget, the Federal Government has proposed to spend a meager Nine Billion (N9,000,000,000.00) Naira only, which is not adequate to mobilize the contractors to site;

Regrets that this is the same attitude of the past administrations that eventually caused the abandonment of the project for this long;

Acknowledges that in 2016, the Governor of Rivers State, Chief Barrister Nyesom Ezenwo Wike approached the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) management and appealed to the corporation to partner with the Federal Government to execute the project as it would benefit both the Federal Government, the NLNG business empire, the people of Bonny, other communities along the Road and indeed the business community in the country;

Recalls that while acknowledging the importance of the Road and the urgent need for its completion, the NLNG management accepted to contribute a whopping sum of 50% of the contract Value of One Hundred and Twenty Billion (N120,000,000,000.00) naira only; that is, they are to make a contribution of Sixty Billion (N60,000,000,000.00) Naira only;

Regrets with deep concern that the Federal Government which has a major business concern worth over \$13 Billion USD at Bonny and who would benefit more from the completion of the project has not taken the needed steps to actualize the commencement of the project when even over 50% of the cost would be defrayed through partnership with the Management of the NLNG;

Recalls that at the inception of the present administration when funds were extremely scarce to kick-start the new administration, it was the dividend of over \$11 Billion USD from the NLNG that enabled the Federal Government to commence the administration effectively;

Also recalls that outside the dividend that accrued to the Federal Government at the appropriate time, the three tiers of government have been receiving between \$500 million and \$1,000,000,000 USD from the NLNG annually in form of taxes;

Believes that the completion of the Road project would enhance the status of the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Corporation and attract more revenue to the government, improve the business environment and assist in uplifting the standard of living for the indigenes who have accepted to peacefully host this gigantic liquefied natural gas processing facility;

Regrets that the Federal Government which makes over \$1.5 Billion USD annually from the NLNG; from both taxes and dividends could abandon such an important road linking their investment site to other parts of the country,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Invite* the Minister of Power, Works and Housing to brief the Senate Committee on Works on the circumstances surrounding the Federal Government's inability to partner with the NLNG management to complete the Bodo/Bonny Road project or any other issue that had stood against the completion of the Bodo/Bonny Road within two weeks; and
 - ii. *Direct* the Committee on works to carry out an independent comprehensive evaluation of the Bodo/Bonny Road project and brief the Senate within four weeks.
4. Urgent need for the Senate to look into the Re-occurring Shortfall in allocation for Personnel Cost in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Senator Tijjani Yahaya Kaura (Zamfara North)

The Senate:

Aware that the provision for Personnel Cost for the Federal Government owned Tertiary Institutions in the 2017 Appropriation Bill is the same with the 2016 Budgetary Allocation in terms of shortfall;

Disturbed about the deliberate reduction of budgetary allocation for personnel in all Federal Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria, thereby dampening the morale of Administrators, Academic and non-Academic staff nationwide and threatening the fragile industrial peace in our tertiary institution campuses;

Worried that this unhealthy practice has continued to force administrators in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria to pay salaries in some cases half salaries' largely with Internally Generated Revenue, which is often not enough;

Further worried that the reduction in the allocation for personnel cost has led to situations where staff union deductions, PAYE deductions and National Housing Fund deduction are usually paid in arrears. The situation affects the ability of Tertiary Institutions to implement promotions which are long overdue;

Informed that the Presidential Initiative on continuous Audit had visited most of the Federal Government Owned Tertiary Institutions and verified their nominal roles without corresponding action;

Further informed that consequent upon this development, industrial action now looms across the Tertiary Institutions;

Convinced that necessary measures must be taken to address the issues so as to provide a more conducive atmosphere for teaching and learning in our Tertiary Institutions, thereby boosting the quality of our educational system,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency propose a Supplementary Budget to bridge the gap in Personnel Allocation of Federal Government owned Tertiary Institutions since the 2017 budget is almost concluded; and
- ii. *Urge* the Ministries of Budget, Finance and Education to take steps to correct these anomalies in the subsequent Appropriation Bills.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment
Federal Competition and Consumer Protection 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 Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Bill, 2017 (SB. 257) – *Adjourned Consideration 6th June, 2017 (Clause 40).*
2. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
Witness Protection Programme (Est, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 157)
Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Witness Protection Programme (Est, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 157)
3. Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.
Screening of 3 Non-Career Ambassadorial Nominees
Sen. Monsurat Sunmonu (*Oyo Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Screening of the following persons as Non-Career Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

S/N	NAME	STATE	REMARKS
1.	Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor	Imo	Re-submission
2.	Joseph Olusola Iji	Ondo	Replacement
3.	Comodore Yusuf Jonga Hinna (Rtd)	Gombe	Replacement

4. Report of the Committee on Works
Federal Roads Authority (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 219)
Sen. Kabiru Gaya (*Kano South*)
-That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Works on Federal Roads Authority (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 219) – *Adjourned Consideration 1st June, 2017 (Clause 11).*
5. Report of the Committee on Works
National Road Funds (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 218)
Sen. Kabiru Gaya (*Kano South*)
-That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Works on National Road Funds (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 218).

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Animal Health and Husbandry Technologies (Registration, etc) Bill 2017 (HB. 320) – *Concurrence*
Senate Leader.
2. Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2017 (HB. 99 & 118)
– *Concurrence*
Senate Leader.
3. Compulsory Treatment and Care of Victims of Gunshots Bill 2017 (HB. 119) – *Concurrence*
Senate Leader.

4. Corporate Manslaughter Bill 2017 HB. 273) - *Concurrence*
Senate Leader.
5. National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency Bill 2017 (HB. 127) - *Concurrence*
Senate Leader.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, CAP C4 LFN, 2007 to ensure Transparency and Accountability in the operations of the Bank and subject its intervention advances to the approval of the National Assembly and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 64) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose Oko (*Cross River North*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Directorate of Employment Act CAP N28 LFN 2004 and to Establish the National Youth employment and Development Agency to provide for the Promotion, Coordination and the Employment of Youths throughout Nigeria and for other Related Matters, 2017 (SB. 144)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Bassey Albert Akpan (*Akwa-Ibom North-East*).
3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Reporting, Managing and Enforcing of Unclaimed Funds to establish the Unclaimed Funds Regulatory Authority and the Unclaimed Funds Regulatory Trust Fund and other purposes connected thereto, 2017 (SB. 195) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Robert Boroffice (*Ondo North*) and Sen. Mustapha Bukar (*Katsina North*).
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the South East Development Commission in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to act as a catalyst to develop the commercial potentials of the South East and other connected matters, 2017 (SB. 303)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*) and Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*).
5. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Manufacture, Importation, Distribution and Quality control of Fertilizer in Nigeria and for other related Matters, 2017 (SB. 338) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu (*Nasarawa West*) and four (4) others.
6. A Bill for an Act to give effect in accordance with sections 34(1) of the 1999 Constitution (As amended) to provide for the Prevention and Punishment of persons and for other related matters, 2017 (SB. 47)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Biodun Olujimi (*Ekiti South*).
7. A Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory Act CAP F6 LFN and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 115) - *Second Reading*
Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*).
8. A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Regulation and Co-ordination of Non-Governmental Organization of Nigeria and other matters connected therein, 2017 (SB.111) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Duro Faseyi (*Ekiti North*).
9. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of National Institute of Credit Administration and for other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 (SB. 153) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ben Murray-Bruce (*Bayelsa East*).
10. A Bill for an Act to make provision for the maintenance of Public Safety and Order through discouraging membership of Criminal Gang and the suppression of criminal activities and for other matters, 2017 (SB. 39) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*).
11. A Bill for an Act to Promote the Protection of Personal Information Processed by Public and Private Bodies; to Introduce Information Protection Principles so as to Establish Minimum Requirements for the Processing of Personal Information and other matters connected thereto, 2017 (SB. 310) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*).

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Social Safety Nets Service to provide for reduction of Hardcore Poverty among Rural and Urban Vulnerable Groups, Sustainable Development Goals and implementation of Social Protection Systems and Measure in Nigeria and for Related Matters, 2017 (SB. 371) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Rilwan Akanbi (*Oyo South*).
13. A Bill for an Act to make provisions for the Management of Mental Health in Nigeria and for Related Matters, 2017 (SB. 49) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Buruji Kashamu (*Ogun West*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Science and Technology	Wednesday, 7 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Banking, Insurance other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 7 th June, 2017 (Conference Committee)	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Communications	Wednesday, 7 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
4.	Joint Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions and Media and Public Affairs	Wednesday, 7 th June, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
5.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Planned Concession of the Port-Harcourt Refinery to AGIP and OANDO.	Wednesday, 7 th June, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
6.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Wed. 7 th – Thur. 8 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
7.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under- Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Wed. 7 th – Thur. 8 th June, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
8.	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Thursday, 8 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
9.	Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources	Thursday, 8 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
10.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Mon. 12 th – Tue. 13 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
11.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under- Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Tue. 13 th – Thur. 15 th June, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building