



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

Tuesday, 13TH June, 2017

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

1. Federal Polytechnic Kaltungo, Gombe State (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 471) - *First Reading*
Sen. Joshua Lidani (*Gombe South*).
 2. Federal Polytechnic Adikpo, Benue State (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 494) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barnabas Gemade (*Benue North East*).
 3. Electricity Theft (Prohibition and Prevention) Bill, 2017 (SB. 496) - *First Reading*
Sen. Yahaya Abdullahi (*Kebbi North*).
 4. Federal University of Health Sciences Otukpo, Benue State (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 504) - *First Reading*
Sen. David Mark (*Benue South*).
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on FCT
Sen. Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on FCT on the following House Bills for Concurrence:
 - i. Federal Capital Territory Transport Authority (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 91);
 - ii. Federal Capital Territory Hospitals Management Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 441);
 - iii. Federal Capital Territory Civil Service Commission Bill, 2017 (HBs. 167 & 310);
 - iv. Federal Capital Territory Water Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB.318) - *To be Laid*.
 2. Report of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development
Sen. Barnabas Gemade (*Benue North East*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development on the need to prosecute Building Law Violators in Nigeria -*To be Laid*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Need to ensure affordable and accessible mental health care for Nigerians.

Sponsor: Senator Oluremi Tinubu (*Lagos Central*)

The Senate:

Worried about the rising spate of suicides and suicide attempts in Nigeria;

Notes that Nigeria was ranked 78th happiest nation in the world and 4th in Africa in the 2015 world happiness report;

Notes further that the report published in March 2017 rates Nigeria as 95th happiest nation out of 155 Countries;

Concerned that suicide and its attendant causes namely: depression, social and economic problems, low self-esteem, traumatic experiences, physical and emotional abuse, substance abuse, bullying etc. are not alien to Nigerians;

Further concerned that societal ills, economic difficulty, crime rate etc. which are prevalent in Nigeria are sufficient to send anyone over the edge;

Saddened that in spite of the dominant presence of these suicide catalysts, Nigeria's mental health support system is barely existent;

Further saddened that access to mental health specialists is expensive and almost nearly out of reach of the poor and middleclass citizens. The effect is that where pressure becomes overbearing for these persons, they attack people around them or attempt to take their own lives;

Concerned that the incidences of these suicides are made worse by lack of attention, and the belief that depression and other personality and mental disorders are the white man's sickness and thus, does not affect Nigerians;

Saddened to remember the case of Ariyo Taiwo who posted on Facebook, indicating that he had a few hours left to live. Instead of his post being seen as a plea for help, comments in response mocked and encouraged him. He was said to have taken his life a few hours later;

Reminded that the wellbeing of citizens is the primary duty of government;

Mindful that accessibility of Mental Health care will also ensure that the teeming number of psychology and psychiatry graduates across the country can put their knowledge to use and be gainfully employed,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Ministry of Health at Federal and State levels to embark on mental health sensitization and awareness campaign;
- ii. *Urge* the Ministry of Health at all levels to set up free and accessible mental health stations in all Government owned Hospitals and clinics across Nigeria; and
- iii. *Urge* the citizenry to look out for possible symptoms of unhappiness, depression etc. and to seek professional help where necessary.

2. Smuggling - A threat to Nigeria's quest to Self-Sufficiency in Rice Production.

Sponsor: Senator Hope Uzodinma (*Imo West*)

The Senate:

Notes with serious concern the threat posed by Rice Smugglers to Nigeria's quest for self-sufficiency in rice production in order to save foreign exchange earnings;

Notes also that Smugglers smuggled rice through our land borders, seaports trade free zones and bounded terminals thereby avoiding the duties and levies placed on them;

Worried that the ongoing rice revolution undertaken by many state governments, and strategic interventions by Federal Government Agencies will amount to nothing if urgent steps are not taken to curtail this worrisome trend;

Worried also that continuous waste of scarce forex on a commodity that can be produced locally makes no economic sense, most especially at a period we are grappling with economic recession;

Concerned that smuggling severely harms the economy of a country in multidimensional ways, undermines its local industry, discourages legal imports and reduces the volume of revenues collected from duties and levies;

Concerned also that Markets and shops across the country are flooded with smuggled goods of any and all descriptions. Smuggled items through the Seme, Idiroko, Katsina State and Yobe State borders form a major part of the informal economy volume which ranges between 100 per cent or more of the formal economy;

Aware that major proportion of the revenue to be collected by the Federal Government is being lost, over and above the adverse impact that smuggled items caused local industry. Obviously this cannot be done without connivance of corrupt officials;

Regrets that thousands of industrial units in the country have been rendered sick, due to the availability of smuggled goods in open markets. Smuggling has now become a routine part of all economic activities in Nigeria which hardly raises any eye brows nor stirs the slightest fear of the law. Nigeria is facing the challenge of measuring and countering enormous revenue leakages, its size estimated to be three times the regular economy;

Worried that in spite of the Comprehensive Import Supervision Scheme (CISS) under the Technical Committee, cases of smuggling are still on the increase,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Federal Government to intensify border patrol to check the activities of these smugglers;
- ii. Urge the Federal Government to engage our neighbouring countries where these smuggled rice are discharged by ships and transported to the country; and
- iii. Mandate the Committee on Customs, Excise and Tariff to carry out a holistic investigation on the operation of Comprehensive Import Supervision Scheme (CISS), and Identify those behind the smuggling of rice and other items into Nigeria with a view to bringing them to book.

3. The Urgent Need to adopt Labour Export Strategy in order to reduce the rate of Youth Unemployment and Crime in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Senator Suleiman Nazif (Bauchi North)

The Senate:

Notes that the primary reason for the adoption of the labour export policy is to address high unemployment rate and crimes in the Country;

Observes that rapid population growth generates great pressure on the demand side, while the weak national economy cannot offer sufficient job opportunities;

Notes that labour export is an employment driven strategy;

Observes that the republic of Philippines have tremendously benefited from the export of labour, such that the government made labour export a foreign policy priority in both bilateral and regional trade negotiations;

Further Observes that compared to other nations in the world that adopt export labour policy on a large scale, such as Indonesia, the Philippines has produced an orderly and well protected flow of migrants, and overseas employment has undeniably raised incomes of many Filipinos and equally reduced the rate of crimes in the country;

Notes that adopting labour export policy will help provide further training and skills for migrant workers that may prove useful after they return, which might in turn help in developing the nation;

Further Notes that labour is not different from other exported goods, as they are all meant to garner foreign earnings;

Observes that the adoption of labour export policy will put a stop to all sorts of tragedies associated with travelling abroad by jobless youths in search of jobs via illegal routs such as the Mediterranean seas and the deserts which has claimed thousands of lives;

Notes that youth unemployment have created serious problems in the country since it has affected the economic and socio-political life of the nation;

Further Notes that the adoption of labour export policy will formalize employment openings for teeming unemployed youths in Nigeria to have access to foreign labour market demand;

Concerned that a lot of jobless Nigerian youths have exposed their lives to all sorts of risks travelling through the desert to get to Europe in desperation to get jobs overseas, thousands have lost their lives in the process;

Worried that youth unemployment has led to violent crimes, such as murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, etc;

Acknowledges that youth unemployment and travelling overseas via deserts and Mediterranean seas by jobless youths in search of jobs abroad constitute a huge obstacle to the development of Nigeria and indeed one of the major enemies of the Nigerian nation,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to direct all relevant Ministries and Agencies, such as, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons, Nigeria Immigration Service to collaborate with the Ministry of Labour via its agency, the National Directorate of Employment to come up with the modalities for the adoption of labour export policy;
- ii. *Direct* the National Directorate of Employment to come out with comprehensive procedure aimed at registering all applicants nationwide and formalize the process of preparing interested applicants for oversea jobs throughout the stages of migration, from recruitment, pre-departure orientation, to return and remigration; and
- iii. *Set up* an ad-hoc committee of the Senate to synergize with critical stake holders to provide major guidance and legislation in collaboration with embassies of host countries of migrant workers on ways of protecting workers rights, this will safeguard the interest of the migrant workers throughout the duration of their job contract overseas.

4. The Need to maintain Nigeria's' resolve to tackle Climate Change.

Sponsor: Senator Monsurat Sunmonu (*Oyo Central*)

The Senate:

Notes the effects of Climate Change on our society which has impacted negatively on Nigerians on daily basis through the experiences of flash floods, gully erosion, drought and desertification across the nation;

Believes that Climate Change is a reality facing the world and that the onus is on nations to breast up to the challenges by embarking on measures to reduce the causes of Climate Change;

Aware that Nigeria has actively participated and taken steps to tackle Climate Change beginning with the 1984 Kyoto Protocol, and more recently at the COP21 summit held in Paris, Nigeria was among 195 United Nations Climate Change Conference members that not only pledged, but committed themselves to reduce Green House gas emission by 20% between 2015 and 2030;

Further notes that pursuant to our commitment at the COP21 summit, 148 nations have ratified the Agreement and President Mohammadu Buhari GCFR signed the instrument of ratification in March 2017, thereby solidifying our intent to reduce the adverse effects of Climate Change. The execution of the document also cements our place as a leader in Africa;

Recognizes that the Senate recently held a public hearing on the "Anti-Gas Flaring Bill" thereby taking further steps towards ensuring the much needed change and fulfilling our INDC (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions) is achieved under the Agreement;

Further aware that President Trump has indicated that he shall pull the United States out of the landmark Agreement;

Believes that even if the United States pulls out of the Agreement, Nigeria should remain true to its word and effort to save our world from the effects of Climate Change as Africa is adversely affected and does not have the level of infrastructure Europe and North America has to combat the effects of Climate Change;

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* all relevant stakeholders to continue in their endeavours to ensure Nigeria fulfils its obligation under INDC; and
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to intensify efforts through the concerned Agencies to develop the necessary infrastructure within Nigeria to address the challenges.

5. The urgent need to save the 215 Mega Watt (mw) Kaduna Power Plant.

Sponsor: Senator Bassey Albert Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*)

The Senate:

Notes that the protracted power shortages in the northern part of the country has led to the shutdown of the industrial sector in the region;

Also notes that lack of gas pipelines from the southern part to the northern part of the country has hindered power generation by the 215MW Kaduna Power Plant;

Further notes that the Federal government through the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is at the verge of awarding the contract for the construction of the 40 X 614KM AJAOKUTA-ABUJA-KADUNA-KANO (AKK) GAS PIPELINE;

Convinced that to get the Kaduna Power Plant working in the next six(6) months, to allow the northern parts of Nigeria enjoy the benefits of the installed 215MW Power plant is to provide an alternative gas supply mode to the Plant;

Further convinced that the used of Gas to power turbines is key all over the world due to its environmental friendliness, cost implication and in line with the United Nations Chatter on Green Energy and Climate Change;

Surprised that the Federal Ministry of Power, Works & Housing appears to have jettison the use of Gas to power the Kaduna Gas Plant and instead opted for the construction of AGO tanks for use of AGO which is 60% higher in cost when compared with Gas;

Further Surprised that in the Federal Tenders Journal of Monday, May 28 2017 – Sunday June 11, 2017, the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing has advertised for the supply of AGO instead of Gas to power the Kaduna Power Plant;

Worried that over 4.7 Trillion Naira was expended by the Federal Government on importation of petroleum products in 2016;

Further worried that 40% of Forex demand in the country is due to the importation of petroleum products;

Aware that even General Electric/Rockson Engineering Consortium upon becoming aware of this development has raised alarm on the environmental hazards, cost and efficiency of the plant performance and have threatened to withdraw their warranty for the project,

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate the Senate Committees on Power, Steel Development & Metallurgy and Gas to investigate this anomaly and report back to the Senate immediately.

CONSIDERATION 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 consider 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)
2. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND
Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron Bill, 2017 (SB. 309)
Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND on the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron Bill, 2017 (SB. 309)
3. Report of the Committee on Environment
Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Est. etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 32)
Sen. Oluremi Tinubu (*Lagos Central*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Environment on the *Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Est. etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 32).*

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
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1.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
2.	Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters and Anti-corruption, And Financial Crimes	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	11.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
3.	Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organizations	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	2.30pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
4.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017 (Round Table)	10.00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
5.	Joint Committee on Education (Basic & Secondary) and Health	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
6.	Joint Committee on Petroleum (Upstream) and Gas Resources	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
7.	Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
8.	Public Procurement	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017 (Investigation on the issuance of certificate of no objection by BPP)	1.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
9.	Customs, Excise and Tariff	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	1.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
10.	Capital Market	Tuesday, 13 th June, 2017	12.00pm	Committee Room 312 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
12.	Environment	Wednesday, 14 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
13.	Ad-hoc Committee on Petition from Dr. George Uboh of Panic Alert Security System against Chevron Nig. Ltd.	Wednesday, 14 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
14.	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Wednesday, 14 th June, 2017 (Interactive Forum)	12.00noon	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
15.	Health	Wednesday, 14 th June, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building