



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

Tuesday, 10th October, 2017

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Oaths
4. Announcements (if any)
5. Petitions

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Culture and Tourism
Sen. Mathew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Culture and Tourism on:
a. National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 380); and
b. Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 428)
- To be Laid.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The need to check the rising menace of pharmaceutical drug abuse among youths especially in northern Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Baba Kaka Bashir Garbai (*Borno Central*)

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*)
Sen. Ahmadu Abubakar (*Adamawa South*)
Sen. Isah Hama Misau (*Bauchi Central*)
Sen. Abubakar Kyari (*Borno North*)
Sen. Peter Nwaboshi (*Delta North*)
Sen. Mao A. Oluabunwa (*Abia North*)
Sen. Utazi Chukwuka (*Enugu North*)
Sen. Joshua Lidani (*Gombe South*)
Sen. Abdullahi Gumel (*Jigawa North-West*)
Sen. Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*)
Sen. Yahaya A. Abdullahi (*Kebbi North*)
Sen. Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim (*Kwara South*)
Sen. Olugbenga Ashafa (*Lagos East*)
Sen. Olanrewaju A. Tejuoso (*Ogun Central*)
Sen. Olusola Adeyeye (*Osun Central*)
Sen. Buhari Abdulfatai (*Oyo North*)
Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko (*Sokoto North*)
Sen. Mohammed Hassan (*Yobe South*)
Sen. Nelson A. Effiong (*Akwa Ibom South*)

Sen. Mathew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*)
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*)
Sen. Ogola Foster (*Bayelsa West*)
Sen. Gershom H. Bassey (*Cross River South*)
Sen. Ogba Obinna (*Ebonyi Central*)
Sen. Biodun Oluji (*Ekiti South*)
Sen. Philips Tanimu Aduda (*FCT*)
Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*)
Sen. Ubali M. Shitu (*Jigawa North-East*)
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*)
Sen. Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*)
Sen. Oluremi Shade Tinubu (*Lagos Central*)
Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (*Niger North*)
Sen. Donald O. Alasoadura (*Ondo Central*)
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu (*Nasarawa*)
Sen. Joshua Dariye Chibi (*Plateau Central*)
Sen. Yusuf A. Yusuf (*Taraba Central*)
Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura (*Zamfara North*)

The Senate:

Notes the alarming menace of drug abuse plaguing the teeming population of youths in Northern Nigeria;

Regrets that while drug abuse especially cannabis and cocaine, has been a long-time problem among northern male youths, codeine cough syrup and other prescriptive drugs have become as termed, "the new cancer ravaging women and girls in the North";

Notes that according to the NDLEA, North West Nigeria has consistently had the highest number of drug related arrests in recent years, with 2,205 arrests in 2015;

Worried that the abuse of codeine syrup and other controlled drugs, currently constitute the greatest challenge faced by youths and drug officers alike in Northern Nigeria;

Aware that research has shown that Kano and Jigawa states, consume more than three (3) million bottles of codeine syrup daily, as abusers take up to 3 to 8 bottles daily;

Understands that while the abuse of prescriptive drugs and cough syrups had been thought to be a problem, typical in the North-Western part of the Country, investigations have shown an incredible spike in drug-abuse in Borno State and the North East ravaged by Boko Haram;

Worried that the increasing abuse of cough and prescriptive drugs, among the youth and women across the 19 northern states in the country, has resulted in meaningless deaths, rendered them largely unproductive and has devastated many upper and middle class families in Northern Nigeria;

Aware of several reports about young girls in tertiary institutions in Northern Nigeria, who have taken to an alarming abuse of the Codeine cough syrup, which is often taken, mixed with a soft drink;

Also aware that this problem is destroying even the mothers in homes, as they use same codeine and other drugs as an escape from their abusive relationships and invariably get hooked on them;

Disturbed that the abuse of cough syrup has become so widespread in recent years, that even secondary school students use them regularly;

Worried that pharmaceutical drug abuse is threatening a generation of Northern Nigerian women including, young girls in tertiary institutions, working class ladies, married women, unemployed women, displaced women from the Boko Haram insurgency etc;

Aware that the NDLEA faces a tough challenge in dealing with the problem of these "Pharma-narcotics" in the North as its mandate does not cover the category of drugs being currently abused in the North;

Notes that a concerted effort of relevant stakeholders- government agencies, northern state governors and traditional rulers, religious clerics, educational institutions etc, is needed to combat this menace;

Committed to ensuring that this trend is halted in the interest of the people and the society,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* its Joint Committee on Drugs and Narcotics and Health to investigate the growing menace of cough and other prescriptive drugs abuse and report back to the Senate on the needed legislative interventions to combat this trend;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to partner with relevant stakeholders, traditional rulers, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria, NGOs to create a holistic framework in fighting this category of drug abuse especially in Northern Nigeria; and
- iii. *Urge* the National Food and Drug Agency (NAFDAC) to embark on a vigorous sensitization campaign on the dangers of drug abuse and steps on achieving a successful rehabilitation for people with the addiction.

2. Nigeria's National Security and the need to check Trans-Border Crimes through the enforcement of WAPCCO Certification in the clearance of vehicles imported across Nigeria's Regional Borders.

Sponsor: Senator Mao Ohuabunwa (*Abia- North*)

The Senate:

Observes that whereas our Nation continues to battle insurgency in almost all areas of our nation, especially in those areas that we share land borders with other nations of our region, we have ignored the importance of soft targets' surveillance, such as uncontrolled vehicle movements, including those vehicles imported into the country through our land borders;

Also Observes that such unmonitored movement and clearance of vehicles imported into the country have become easy access and medium for criminals and terrorist elements, to easily infiltrate our country with supportive resources, and to the detriment of our national security;

Further Notes that at the 10th Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee of the West Africa Police Chiefs' Committee (WAPCCO), held on November 2nd, 2009, at Abuja in which Nigeria was represented, the Committee confirmed its observation in the emerging trends of crimes and movement of terrorist elements across West African Borders - as partly related to the flow of imported vehicles across national border lines, and with its attendant transfer of illicit resources that also support anti security activities;

Also aware that the WAPCCO Meeting made a collective attempt to discourage criminals and other insurgents that seek refuge via imported vehicles in countries with weak legislations, and in its resolution, recommended the implementation of automated information verification system, including a WAPCCO Certificate - for adoption in the clearance of all imported vehicles prior to their registration of such vehicles. The goal being the strengthening of the internal security of member states of the region;

Concerned that even after further recommendations and decisions were made by the Technical Sub-Committee of the West Africa Police Chiefs' Committee (WAPCCO), requiring countries like Nigeria - which were yet to introduce WAPCCO Certificate for Clearance of imported vehicles prior to their registration, to urgently implement same, Nigeria has not complied with the directives;

Seriously concerned that Nigeria's failure to adopt this prudent security directive may be having negative impacts on our Government's effort to combat trans-border crime, checking terrorism and the migration of illicit resources that support insurgencies,

Accordingly resolves to:

Urge the Inspector General of Police to adopt and implement this laudable initiative like WAPCCO Certificate of Clearance for vehicles imported through the Nigerian land Borders for the benefits it provides for the nation.

3. Urgent need for pro-active steps to nip in the bud reported outbreak of Monkey Pox Disease in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Senator Malam Ali Wakili (*Bauchi South*)

The Senate:

Aware of the reported outbreak of Monkey pox disease in some parts of Nigeria. The Monkey pox virus was first identified in Denmark in 1958 during an investigation into a pox-like disease amongst monkeys, and later identified in humans in 1970 in Zaire, today's Democratic Republic of Congo in a 9-year old boy. In the spring of 2003, Monkey pox cases were confirmed in the Mid-west of the USA making it the first reported occurrence of the disease outside the African continent;

Cognizance that Monkey pox infections result from direct contact with the blood, bodily fluids, cutaneous or mucosal lesions of infected animals. Similarly human infections have also been documented through the handling of infected monkeys, rats and squirrels with rodents being the major reservoir of the virus;

Cognizance that Monkey pox transmission occurs primarily via droplet, respiratory particles usually requiring prolonged face to face contact, or through inoculation or close contact with infected respiratory tract secretions; skin lesions, open wounds, injuries of an infected person. The incubation period is usually from 6 to 16 days but can range from 5 to 21 days. It has an invasion period of 0-5 days characterized by fever, intense headache, lymphadenopathy i.e. swelling of the lymph node, back-pain; muscle ache and intense lack of energy. The skin erupts within 1-3 days after appearance of fever where the various stages of rash appears on the face and then spread elsewhere on the body as symptoms;

Notes that Monkey pox can be diagnosed in the Lab where the virus can be identified by a number of different tests;

Worried that there are no specific treatments in the provision or availability of vaccine for Monkey-pox infections and that Nigerians have been thrown into panic as the country's health sector is facing a myriad of challenges;

Disturbed that since there is no vaccine or specific treatment, the only ways to reduce the infection in people is through awareness of risk factors, enlightenment about measures to be taken to reduce exposure to the virus, reduction of possibility of animal to human transmission and through cooking of all animal products before consumption,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Federal Ministry of Health, the various States Governments, Local Governments and CBOs to be pro-active in containing and preventing the spread of Monkey pox disease from where it was reported to have occurred;
- ii. *Aggressive* enlightenment and education of the Citizens about measures that can be taken to mitigate risk factors of exposure to the virus;
- iii. *Sustained* public health education messages via the conventional media - broadcast, electronic, print and the social media platforms; and
- iv. *Proper* liaison by the Federal Government with the WHO and other relevant Donor Agencies for contingences against eventualities.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Senate Committees

2017 Budget of Corporations and Agencies of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Senate Leader

-That the Senate do consider the report of Senate Committees on the 2017 Budget of Corporations and Agencies of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

S/N	COMMITTEE	GOVERNMENT OWNED ENTERPRISES (GOE)
1.	FINANCE	- FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE
2.	BANKING, INSURANCE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	-CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA; -NATIONAL INSURANCE COMMISSION; AND -NIGERIAN DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION;
3.	INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)	-GALAXY BACKBONE LIMITED; AND -NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.
4.	INDUSTRIES	-SUGAR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL -NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; -INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FUND; AND -STANDARDS ORGANISATION OF NIGERIA.

5.	EDUCATION (BASIC AND SECONDARY)	-NATIONAL EXAMINATION COUNCIL; AND -NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
6.	MARINE TRANSPORT	-NATIONAL INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY; -NIGERIAN SHIPPERS COUNCIL; -NATIONAL MARITIME AUTHORITY; AND -NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY.
7.	SPORTS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	-NATIONAL LOTTERY REGULATORY COMMISSION
8.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	-NIGERIAN AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE CORPORATION
9.	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	-NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY -RAW MATERIALS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; AND - NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE.
10.	PETROLEUM DOWNSTREAM; PETROLEUM UPSTREAM; AND GAS	-NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION
11.	CAPITAL MARKET	-SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
12.	CUSTOMS	-NIGERIAN CUSTOM SERVICE
13.	INTERIOR	- NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE
14.	POWER, DEVELOPMENT STEEL AND METALLURGY	-NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

2. Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters & Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes

Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB. 376)

Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*) and Sen. Utazi Chukwuka (*Enugu North*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters & Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes on the Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB. 376) -*Adjourned Consideration 5th October, 2017 (Clause 6).*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017 (Oversight visit)	12.30pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
2.	Cooperation and Integration in Africa/NEPAD	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
3.	National Planning and Economic Affairs	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
4.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017 (Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
6.	Privatization	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017 (Meeting with Hon. Minister)	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
7.	Special Duties	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
8.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 10 th October, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building

9.	Petroleum Downstream	Tue. 10 th – Wed. 11 th Oct, 2017	12.30pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
10.	Joint Committee on Customs, Excise and Tariff & Marine Transport	Tue. 10 th – Wed. 11 th Oct, 2017	10.00am	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
11.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under-Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Tue. 10 th – Thur. 12 th Oct, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
12.	Local and Foreign Debts	Wednesday, 11 th October, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
13.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Wednesday, 11 th October, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
14.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Thursday, 12 th October, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building