



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

Tuesday, 14th November, 2017

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts
Issuance of USD2.5 Billion to Finance the 2017 Appropriation Act and USD3.0 Billion to refinance domestic debts
Senator Shehu Sani (Kaduna Central)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the Issuance of USD2.5 Billion to Finance the 2017 Appropriation Act and USD3.0 Billion to refinance domestic debts.

MOTIONS

1. Urgent need to investigate allegations of Unremitted Stamp Duty Revenue running into trillions of naira.

Sponsor: Senator John Owan Enoh (Cross River Central)

Co-Sponsor: Sen. Umaru I. Kurfi (Katsina Central) Sen. Bayero Usman Nafada (Gombe North)
Sen. Joshua Dariye Chibi (Plateau Central) Sen. Hope Uzodinma (Imo West)
Sen. Yahaya A. Abdullahi (Kebbi North) Sen. Yusuf A. Yusuf (Taraba Central)
Sen. Sani Mustapha (Niger South) Sen. Nelson A. Effiong (Akwa Ibom South)
Sen. Mohammed Nakudu (Jigawa South-West) Sen. Adeola Solomon O. (Lagos West)

The Senate:

Notes that the Stamp Duty Act is one of the oldest and enduring laws in Nigeria since 1939, and that application of stamp duties has institutionally been a significant revenue earner for both Federal and State governments since independence, thus accounting for almost a quarter of the taxation resources, annually;

Aware of the necessity to upgrade and reactivate the provisions of the Stamp Duty Act to include modern and efficient methods of taxation, it is imperative to ensure that the existing Stamp Duty Act is made to work for the Federal and State governments;

Perturbed by recent reports in the media that over 7 trillion naira in stamp duties revenue from electronic cashless transactions remain unpaid to the federation since 2015, and that the total volume of unremitted stamp duties fund is about 20 trillion naira;

Worried that the provision for stamp duty in the revenue framework of the nation's annual budget for 2015, 2016 and 2017 has been N8.713b, N66.138b and 16.96b respectively despite the above reports;
Apprised of the anti-stamp duties collection stance of the Nigerian Inter-Bank Settlement System (NIBSS)

Currently being accused of systemic diversion of huge revenue flows from stamp duties collection on the electronic transfer receipt on online bank transactions, and the necessity to demand notice on all unremitted stamp duties;

Acknowledges the patriotic role of the School of Banking Honours (SBH), a body corporate approved through registration by the Nigerian Copyrights Commission to research into banking operations, facilitate collaboration between banks, and also ensure collaboration between banks and the Government, and to represent the government in facilitating the imposition and monitoring of stamp duty on all electronic cash transactions;

Informed that the central bank of Nigeria declared in 2013 that stamp duties revenue accruals from 5 states only was over 160 billion Naira;

Convinced of the duties and responsibilities of the National Assembly to ensure the harnessing of all sources of revenue to the government of the federation, and to curb all forms of wastefulness, corruption and diversion of funds belonging to the federation,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Commend* the tenacity and fortitude of the School of Banking Honours for bringing the issue of unremitted Stamp Duties revenue to public notice, and for insisting on probity of the Nigerian Inter-Bank Settlement System; and
 - ii. *Mandate* Committees on Finance and Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions to investigate allegations of unremitted stamp duties revenue in the last five years, and to report its findings, observations and recommendation to the Senate not later than eight weeks from the date of this resolution.
2. The Need for Fair and Equitable Distribution of Federal Health Facilities in all Six Geo-political Zones of the Country in response to several demands.

Sponsor: Sen. Mathew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*)

The Senate:

Notes that in recent times, there has been numerous requests from Nigerians including: legislators; stakeholders and the general public for the establishment of federal health facilities in all six geo-political zones of the country to provide health care services amongst other things;

Notes further that some of these requests are currently being considered by this 8th Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in its set determination to ensure fairness at all times to all sectors and segments of the country;

Aware that till date, no proper template or records exist anywhere in the country mirroring the locational distribution of federal health facilities across the length and breadth of the Nigerian geographical landscape;

Aware further that because of the absence of such a database or records register, location or citing of federal health facilities has been skewed with some states or geo-political zones having more of the facilities than others. Again this violates fairness and the Federal Character Principle;

Understands that Federal Health Facilities in this context refer to Federal University Teaching Hospitals; Federal Medical Centers; Federal Orthopedic Hospitals; Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospitals; Federal Eye Hospitals; Federal Primary Healthcare Centers, etc;

Understands further that arising from the very important services provided by these facilities, certain demographics, sections or people may be disadvantaged if they have to travel very far to other locations to seek these services because their local government area, state or zone has been denied the presence of such a facility,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate joint Committees on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) and Primary Healthcare and Communicable Diseases to catalogue all existing Health facilities reflecting their locations, size, nature of services rendered, years of construction, present condition and other challenges to form part of the Health Sector information Bank to date; and
- ii. *Refer* all requests or demands by legislators and other stakeholders for the citing of federal health facilities, where they do not already exist, to this joint committee with the intent and purposes of correcting the imbalance in the distribution of federal health facilities across local government areas, states and or geo-political zones.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. 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 26th October, 2017 (Clause 109).*
2. Report of the Committee on Niger Delta
Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 544)
 Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi (*Delta North*)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Niger Delta on the *Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 544).*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
2.	Special Duties	Tue. 14 th - 16 th November, 2017 (Oversight visit)	12.00noon	Senate Front Entrance Senate New Building
3.	Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organizations	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
4.	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
5.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
6.	Ad-Hoc Committee of Chairmen & Vice Chairmen of Committees on Establishment, Judiciary, Interior and Anti-Corruption	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
7.	Information and National Orientation	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 430 Senate New Building
8.	Joint Committee on Customs, Excise and Tariff & Marine Transport	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	12.00noon	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building

9.	Joint Committee on Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
10.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	1.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
11.	Health	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
12.	Local and Foreign Debts	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
13.	Local Content	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
14.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Alleged Mis-use, Under-Remittance and other fraudulent Activities.	Tue. 14 th - Thu. 16 th November, 2017 Tue. 21 st - Thu. 23 rd November, 2017 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
15.	Petroleum Resources (Downstream)	Wednesday, 15 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
16.	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	Thursday, 16 th November, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
17.	Land Transport	Tuesday, 21 st November, 2017 (Meeting with Hon. Minister)	3.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building