



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

Thursday, 1st February, 2018

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

1. Public Service Efficiency Bill, 2018 (SB. 610) - *First Reading*
Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (*Niger North*).
 2. Federal College of Education (Technical) Korinya, Benue State. (Est., etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 612) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barnabas Gemade (*Benue North-East*).
 3. Federal College of Education Omuo-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Est., etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 611) - *First Reading*
Sen. Biodun Olujimi (*Ekiti South*).
 4. National Institute for Counter Terrorism (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 613) - *First Reading*
Sen. Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*).
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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Public Accounts
Federal Audit Service Commission Bill, 2018 (HB. 107)
Sen. Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*)
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the Federal Audit Service Commission Bill, 2018 (HB. 107) - *To be Laid*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Urgent need to support the Centre for Research, Control and Treatment of Lassa Fever disease in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Clifford A. Ordia (*Edo Central*)

Co-Sponsor: Sen. Prince Lanre Tejuoso (*Ogun Central*)

The Senate:

Notes with sadness the outbreak of Lassa fever presently ravaging many states of the federation viz: Edo, Ondo, Ebonyi, Nasarawa, Imo, Kogi, Bauchi, Anambra, Benue, Federal capital Territory, Abia, Ekiti and Delta;

Notes further that since the outbreak of the disease on the 5th of January 2018 when the first case was reported, the geometric rise in suspected cases have risen to 363 as against lesser number of cases recorded in previous years;

Further notes that of the 363 cases, 81 persons tested positive, 44 persons admitted at the Institute of Lassa Fever Research and Control, Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital (ISTH), while 11 death of which 3 are Health Workers have so far been recorded in the Lassa Fever Ward of the Centre;

Observes that Lassa fever, according to World Health Organization is an acute viral haemorrhagic illness of 2 to 21 days duration that occurs in West Africa and is transmitted to human through contact with or exposure to food or household items contaminated with rodent urine or faeces;

Further observes that person to person infection and laboratory transmission can also occur particularly in hospitals lacking adequate infection prevention and control equipment's;

Aware that the Institute is the only Centre in Nigeria known for excellence in the management, control and treatment of Lassa fever in Nigeria. The Centre received samples from all states referred above for the purpose of examination and treatment. The Centre also engages in the training of Health care workers, i.e. Doctors, Nurses and Laboratory Technologist on the management of Lassa fever in Nigeria. Last year alone, the Center trained 67 Health workers from 15 states with reported cases of outbreak;

Worried that the Center is presently overwhelmed by the number of samples received including patients on admission which has stretched the bed space, beddings, Dialysis Machine, X-Ray equipment, Ultra Sound Scan, ECG Machine, Ventilators monitors, human and financial resources beyond limit;

Worried further that the Center is confronted with the challenges of:

- Inadequate protective instruments for the Health Workers engaged in the management of victims;
- Inadequate drugs i.e Ribarvirin for patient's treatment;
- Inadequate disinfectants and other infection prevention and control consumables; and
- Lack of operational vehicles, Public Address System and Health Education Materials for contact tracing and community sensitization,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committees of Health (Secondary & Tertiary) and Primary Health Care & Communicable Diseases to investigate steps taken by the Ministry of Health to curb the spread of the disease;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal Government through the Ministry of Health to urgently provide the Center all necessary equipment to enable it meet its responsibilities to Nigerians seeking medical care at the center;
- iii. *Urge* the Ministry of Information and National Orientation to engage in the sensitization and education of the public on the prevention, control and treatment of Lassa fever; and
- iv. *Urge* the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly visit the Center for on the spot assessment with a view to providing relief materials for the victims at the Center.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
Arbitration and Conciliation Act CAP A18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 ((SB. 427).
 Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act CAP A18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 ((SB. 427).
2. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
The Emergency Powers (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 182)
 Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Emergency Powers (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 182).

3. Report of the Committee on Works

National Road Funds (Est, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 49 & 163)

Sen. Kabiru Gaya (Kano South)

-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Works on National Road Funds (Est, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 49 & 163).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Nigerian Army	Thursday, 1 st February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	12.00noon	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Defence	Thursday, 1 st February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	10.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
3.	Aviation	Thursday, 1 st February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	11.00am	Conference Room 221 Senate New Building
4.	Water Resources	Thursday, 1 st February, 2018	10.00am	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
5.	Security and Intelligence	Monday, 5 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	12.00noon	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	ICT and Cybercrime	Monday, 5 th February, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
7.	Ad-Hoc Committee on the Investigation of allegation of corruption against the NNPC Trading Limited	Tuesday, 6 th February, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
8.	Poverty Alleviation and Social Welfare	Tuesday, 6 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
9.	Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of Episodes of Tuesday, 21 st November, 2018 Between EFCC & DSS	Tuesday, 6 th February, 2018 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
10.	Corporation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD	Wednesday, 7 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building