



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

Tuesday, 27th February, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. JAMB Act Cap J1, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 625)
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*) - *First Reading*.
 2. National Institute of Construction Technology and Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 628)
Sen. Clifford Ordia (*Edo Central*) - *First Reading*.
 3. Government Performance and Accountability Bill, 2018 (SB. 629)
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*) - *First Reading*.
 4. Independent National Commission for Hate Speeches (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 631)
Sen. Abdullahi Sabi (*Niger North*) - *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

Report of the Joint Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) and Health
Poor Living Conditions in Queens College, Lagos and the Deaths of Three Students
Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko:

-That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) and Health in respect of a Motion on the Poor Living Conditions in Queens College, Lagos and the Deaths of Three Students. - *To be laid*.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY
MOTIONS**

1. The need for sustainable Tourism Policy in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Fatimat Raji-Rasaki (*Ekiti Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that according to the 2008 UN Recommendations on Tourism Statistics, tourism is a social, cultural and economic phenomenon which entails the movement of people to countries or places outside their usual environment for leisure, business, religion, health and for other purposes;

Notes further that sustainable tourism on the other hand entails the adoption of policies and programmes that takes into account the expectations of tourists and the desire of the communities affected by tourism projects to entrench environmentally friendly practices that minimize carbon dioxide emissions associated with operation of transport and other tourism facilities as well as ensure efficient use and conservation of energy, water, biodiversity, cultural heritage, traditional values, and generally promote intercultural understanding with a view to generating local income and facilitating integration of local communities;

Aware of the importance and potential contribution of tourism to Nigeria's quest for economic diversification and creation of employment opportunities to the teeming youth population and the recognition of tourism by the United Nations (UN) as one of the ten sectors capable of making significant contributions to sustainable development because of its close linkages to other sectors of the economy;

Notes that over the last decades, tourism has emerged as one of the largest economic sectors accounting for 9% of the world GDP and over 200 million jobs with business volume of tourism reported to equal or even surpass that of oil exports, food products or automobile. Tourism offers millions of direct and indirect entry point into the workforce, particularly for youths and women and ensuring diversity of investment opportunities for young entrepreneurial talents;

Observes that Nigeria is yet to formulate and adopt policies that would develop the tourism sector in a sustainable manner and leverage on the sector as a wealth creator, major source of foreign exchange earner and most viable economic development strategy with positive impact on poverty alleviation;

Convinced that it has become absolutely necessary for the Senate to intervene in a manner that would ensure that tourism is given priority in our development agenda because of its globally recognized potentials to contribute to the growth of local economies,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate Committees on Information and Culture to consider summoning the Minister of Information and Culture to brief the Committee on the performance of the culture and tourism sectors and the efforts being made to reposition the sector as a major foreign exchange earner and to report back in two (2) weeks;
- ii. *Call on* the Federal Government to adopt a comprehensive sustainable tourism policy with a view to using tourism as an important tool for economic diversification; conservation of natural resources and creation of employment;
- iii. *Call on* the Federal Government to consider de-merging "culture and tourism" from the Federal Ministry of Information to ensure effective implementation of a sustainable tourism policy that would ensure the optimum realization of the recognized potentials of the tourism sector to our economy; and
- iv. *Call on* the Nigerian Immigration Service and the Federal Ministry of Health to intensify surveillance and monitoring of tourist traffic to forestall cross-border crimes and epidemics at Nigeria's international borders.

2. Alarming Maternal and Infant Mortality Rate in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Ahmed Ogembe (*Kogi Central*)

The Senate:

Notes with concern, the alarming rate of maternal and infant mortality in Nigeria;

Further notes that statistics have shown that, every single day, Nigeria loses about 2,300 under-five year olds and 145 women of childbearing age;

Concerned that Nigeria is the second largest contributor to the under-five and maternal mortality rate in the world;

Further concerned that research have shown that essential interventions reaching women and babies on time is capable of averting most of these deaths;

Aware that preventable or treatable infectious diseases such as Malaria, Pneumonia, Diarrhea, Measles and HIV/AIDS account for more than 70% of these deaths;

Further aware that malnutrition is the underlying cause of morbidity and mortality of a large proportion of pregnant women, newborn and children under five in Nigeria;

Worried that the deaths of newborn babies in Nigeria represent a quarter of the total number of deaths of children under-five and majority of these deaths occur within the first week of life;

Further worried that a woman's chance of dying from complications during pregnancy and delivery in Nigeria is 1 in 10 births. Although many of these deaths are preventable, the coverage and quality of health care services in Nigeria have continued to fail women and children;

Knows that less than 20% of health facilities in Nigeria offer emergency obstetric care and only 30% of deliveries are attended by skilled birth attendants;

Recognizes that under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Health, the Integrated Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (IMNCH) Strategy was put together to revitalize primary health care in every local government and considerably extend coverage of key maternal and child health interventions;

Further Recognizes that also under the Federal Ministry of Health, there is the National Strategic Plan of Action on Nutrition (NSPAN, 2014-2019);

Alarmed that these programmes have contributed very little to reduce the maternal, newborn and infant mortality rate in Nigeria,

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Women Affairs and Health to liaise with the Federal Ministries of Women Affairs and Health on ways to curb Maternal, Newborn and Infant mortality in Nigeria and report back to the Senate.

3. Urgent need for the declaration of Emergency in the Public Health Sector over the decay of infrastructure.

Sponsor: Sen. Suleiman O. Hunkuyi (Kaduna North)

The Senate:

Notes with alarm the decay of infrastructure in public healthcare institutions in the country occasioned by epileptic power and inadequate water supply resulting in unhygienic conditions which further increases the risk of hospital acquired and transmitted infections;

Further notes that critical diagnostic equipment such as MRI, CT Scan, Ultrasound etc. essential for providing efficient diagnosis are either non- functional or unavailable and coupled with lack of life-saving medicaments and drugs which are inadequate and in most cases unavailable to dispense to the patients who throng these facilities in search of treatment for their various conditions;

Concerned that this situation has compounded the dearth of ability to attract the required calibre of health professionals and skilled manpower in our public health institutions with doctors and other healthcare professionals leaving for greener pastures to private medical facilities or even abroad where they can practice with ease;

Further concerned that the sorry situation in our public health institutions has resulted in increased medical tourism by Nigerians, with the attendant outflow of hard earned foreign currency to the tune of several millions of dollars spent on medical care annually in Europe, America , Asia and even some African countries to the detriment of our own Health Institutions;

Regrets that this sorry state of affairs has rendered our hospitals and other healthcare facilities ineffective resulting in dire consequences for the citizenry;

Recalls that recently, UNICEF in its latest statistics on child mortality ranked Nigeria second highest in the world with losses of about 2300 under-five year olds and 145 women of child bearing age daily,
Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Executive to declare a state of emergency in the public health sector in the country; and
- ii. *Urge* the Executive to provide special funding for overhaul of at least one Government owned medical facility in each of the six geo-political zones of the country every year.

4. Urgent need to stop the Increasing Rate of Child Labour, Molestation and Abuse in Nigeria.

Sponsor- Senator Benjamin Uwajumogu (*Imo North*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Stella Odua (Anambra North)

Sen. Abu Ibrahim (Katsina South)

Sen. Gershon Bassey (Cross River South)

Sen. Nelson Effiong (Akwa Ibom South)

Sen. Gbolahan Dada (Ogun West)

Sen. Binta Masi Garba (Adamawa North)

Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (Imo East)

The Senate:

Aware that children are gift from God Almighty and as such should be loved, provided for and protected;

Also Aware that this chamber passed the Child Rights Act and also committed itself to work with the International Labour Organisation to combat child labour in Nigeria;

Concerned that there is a sudden and disturbing rise in the rate of child labour, molestation and abuse in Nigeria;

Alarmed that the recent data published by the National Bureau of Statistics showed that 50.8% of Nigerian children; aged between Five (5) and Seventeen (17) are engaged in child labour;

Aware that child labour entails work that are mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to the children and ultimately deprive them the opportunity to good education;

Concerned that often child domestic helps are forced to do work that is way beyond their tender bodies, and this eventually stunt the general development of the child;

Also concerned that children who depend on the care of the adult are often molested and maltreated in ways that are out rightly inhuman;

Notes with concern the recent case in Lagos, reported in Vanguard Newspaper of 14th November 2017, where a woman threw her 15 years old maid from the balcony of a Two(2) storey building on the accusation that she stole her jewellery;

Further notes another case in Lagos reported in Punch Newspaper of 6th January 2018, where a woman was arrested for locking up her 11 years old housemaid in a poorly ventilated house with food, and travelled for the Christmas;

Worried that a 2014 survey by Nigeria Population Commission, shows that Six(6) out of every Ten(10) children have experienced some form of violence and 50% of all Nigerian children have experienced physical violence and that between 2014 and now, the situation has not improved;

Disturbed that child sexual abuse is beginning to rear up its ugly head in Nigeria and recently it was reported that in Lagos a school supervisor was accused of sexually molesting a two year old child;

Aware of the case in Kano, reported on 4th May, 2017, where a man in connivance with his wife, raped a 6 months old baby following an advice of a native doctor;

Also aware that in a case reported in March, 2017, a 55 year old man in Kastina, was accused of raping a Seven (7) months old child, who is also his stepchild;

Observes that now is the time to declare a state of emergency against all forms of child abuse in Nigeria;

Aware that Section 14 subsection 2(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) states that: "the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government",

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Minister of Woman Affairs to put modalities in place to arrest this war against the right of children; and
- ii. Call on the members of the Senate Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development to investigate the viral trend and report back to the Senate in 2 weeks.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2018 (HB. 519) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Senate Leader).
 2. National Biotechnology Development Agency (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2018 (HB. 33) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Senate Leader).
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CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND
Federal University, Gashua (Establishment, etc) Bill 2018 (SB. 459)
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND on the Federal University, Gashua (Establishment, etc) Bill 2018 (SB. 459).
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No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Corporation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD	Tuesday 27 th February, 2018 (Retreat)	9am Daily	Abuja Sheraton Hotel and Towers
2.	Capital Market	Tuesday, 27 th February, 2018 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
3.	Joint Committee on Petroleum (Downstream)	Tuesday, 27 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
4.	Employment, Labour & Productivity	Tuesday, 27 th February, 2018	12.00 noon	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Public Procurement	Tuesday, 27 th February, 2018	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
6.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 27 th February, 2018	1.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
7.	Joint Committee on Police Affairs & National Security & Intelligence	Tuesday, 27 th February, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building

8.	Petroleum (Downstream)	Wednesday, 28 th February, 2018 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231
9.	Defence	Wednesday, 28 th February, 2018	2.00pm	Meeting Room 327 Senate New Building
10.	Defence	Thursday, 1 st March, 2018	2.00pm	Meeting Room 022 Senate New Building
11.	Petroleum (Downstream)	Thursday, 1 st March, 2018 (Oversight Visit)	12.00 noon	