



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

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

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

**PRESENTATION OF A BILL**

1. Energy Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 72 & 446) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).

**ORDERS OF THE DAY  
PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT**

1. Conference Committee Report  
*Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Est, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 535)*  
Sen. Utazi Chukwuka (*Enugu North*).  
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Conference Committee on Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Est, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 535).

**MOTIONS**

1. The need to minimize the possibility of Air Mishaps and Near Fatalities in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa (*Lagos East*)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Oluremi Tinubu (*Lagos Central*)

Sen. Mao Oluabunwa (*Abia North*)

Sen. Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*)

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

Sen. Ibn Na Allah (*Kebbi South*)

Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*)

Sen. Babajide Omoworare (*Osun West*)

Sen. Andy Uba (*Anambra South*)

*The Senate:*

*Observes* that on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 the story of a near fatal incident involving Dana Airlines with number 9J0363 hit the news waves. It was reported that the aircraft overshot the runway upon landing at the Port Harcourt Airport, on a flight from Abuja. This incident was attributed to the wet surface of the runway;

*Recalls* that just a few weeks before the afore stated event, there was also panic on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018, when the emergency door of an aircraft conveying passengers to Abuja fell off upon landing at the Nnamdi Azikiwe, International Airport in Abuja;

*Aware* that while the said aircraft was cleared to return to service on the same day by the relevant authorities, the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), an experienced Pilot interviewed by Thisday Newspaper of Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 was of the opinion that the aircraft might have experienced a component failure.

In his words as quoted by Thisday Newspaper: "What happened is likely to be a component failure due to a hard landing. It couldn't have fallen off when the aircraft was airborne because the aircraft cabin is pressurised. It is very difficult for that to happen but it could fall off when the aircraft is on the ground";

*Concerned* that these recent occurrences might be a sign of a sequence of human errors, caused by the failure of officials and staff of the agencies saddled with the responsibility of guaranteeing safety to carry out their due diligence before issuing clearance for aircrafts to operate within the Nigerian airspace;

*Recalls* with sadness that Nigeria has experienced a significant number of air catastrophes that cost the lives of hundreds of Nigerians, due to a range of causes including human and technical errors;

*Notes* that a chronicle of air mishaps caused by human error as published by Premium Times Online Newspaper of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 in an article titled: Human errors, dereliction of duty are major causes of plane crashes in Nigeria, stated as follows: "Avoidable human errors and dereliction of duty by public officials working in the aviation sector have been major reasons for the loss of hundreds of lives in air crashes in Nigeria, reports by the Aviation Investigation Bureau (AIB) have shown";

*Notes* that the said article states further that: "Some of the human errors identified by AIB as causes of the plane crashes include non-lightening of runways and airfields, poorly constructed drainage culverts, inaccurate information by the control tower, lack of proper certification of radio operators and poor supervision of aircraft imported into the country";

*States with concern* that it is against this backdrop that it has now become imperative to move with speed and alacrity in order to ensure that all relevant agencies in the Aviation industry do their work with excellence and minimal human error in order to prevent avoidable loss of human lives,

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Direct* the Senate Committee on Aviation to immediately summon the Honourable Minister of State for Transportation (Aviation), heads of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) and every other relevant agency in the aviation industry to give a full briefing on the steps that have been taken to minimise human errors and avoid preventable air crashes; and
- ii. *Urge* the Honourable Minister of State for Transportation (Aviation) to immediately direct all relevant agencies in the Aviation Industry to immediately conduct a maintenance and airworthiness audit on all commercial aircraft operating within the Nigerian Airspace as well as the training of personnel operating within the industry.

## 2. 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 in contributing 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 showcasing 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.

### 3. Urgent Need to repair and Rehabilitate Inter-State roads in Nigeria

Senator Chukwuka Utazi (Enugu North)

Co-Sponsors: Senator Atai Aidoko (Kogi East) and Senator Stella Ada Oduah (Anambra North)

*This Senate:*

*Aware* that Nigeria has the second longest network of roads in Africa, after South Africa, with over 200,000 kilometers of roads in the country;

*Believes* that roads are important for communications, social integration, economic development and defence access, as roads in Nigeria account for more than 95% of the movement of people, goods and services.

*Aware* that road as a major infrastructure signposts the performance of a government in terms of provision of facilities to improve the quality of life of the citizenry and it is one of the instruments to bolster economic growth because building roads has many associated activities that spin into other facets of life;

*Concerned* that decaying road infrastructure, with poor maintenance culture, is one of the major developmental challenges Nigeria is facing;

*Saddened* that the poor maintenance of roads has led to loss of precious man-hours, vehicular disrepair, high accident rates and high fatalities, ambushes by criminals and rapists, and other socio-economic frustrations;

*Believes* that an improved maintenance of Nigerian roads would lead to more social and economic interaction, facilitate integration, encourage commercial activities, provide a means for the evacuation of agricultural produce that abound in the hinterlands but which rot for lack of access to markets, improve demographic relations and raise the quality of lives of the people, and that interstate roads, particularly, encourage cooperation and communication among the various parts of the country;

*Informed* that the Idah-Odolu-Nsukka-Adani-Otuocho-Onitsha road, which traverses the three States of Kogi, Enugu and Anambra, and which is in total disrepair is a commercial, cultural and social link between the people of the area through which the road passes;

*Saddened* that the road has been awarded to various contractors and huge funds released to them by the federal government without any appreciable job done on the road, with many sections of the road impassable;

*Convinced* that an injection of funds for the repair and rehabilitation of the road either by FERMA or the Main Ministry of Works, and other roads of that characteristic across the country, would have a serious impact on the developmental ambitions of the country and improve cross-country relations;

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to ensure the rehabilitation and repair of inter-state roads in Nigeria in the 2018 fiscal year;
- ii. *Mandate* the Committee on Works to investigate the award and execution of the Idah-Odolu-Nsukka-Adani-Otuocho-Onitsha federal road which has been in a state of total disrepair; and
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, FERMA, to, as an interim measure, begin immediate repair of the bad portions of the Idah-Odolu-Nsukka-Adani-Otuocho-Onitsha federal road to make it motorable pending when full rehabilitation works can commence.

#### 4. 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.*

5. 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 not available 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 the overhaul of at least one Government owned medical facility in each of the six geo-political zones of the country every year.

6. 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. Gershom 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 jewelleryes;

*Further notes* another case in Lagos reported in Punch Newspaper of 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Step child ;

*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 take measures that would 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.

7. Urgent need to initiate proceedings for the release of Certificates and mobilization of graduates of the Federal College of Education, Pankshin, Plateau State to participate in the National Youth Service Corps Programme.

Sponsor: Sen. Jonah Jang (*Plateau North*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that the Federal College of Education Pankshin, Plateau State is one of the numerous Colleges of Education established by the Federal Government;

*Notes also* that the Federal College of Education Pankshin in addition to other programmes started to run degree programmes in affiliation to the University of Jos in the year 2008;

*Notes further* that as a result of the approval granted by the National Universities Commission (NUC), the Federal College of Education Pankshin commenced academic programme in Bachelor of Education Degrees in 23 Departments of the college and produced its first graduates in 2011 (UTME) with many more subsequently;

*Concerned* that the Federal College of Education Pankshin has failed or neglected to issue Certificates to her graduates and to mobilize them for the mandatory National Youth Service Corps programme as and when due;

*Worried* that the graduates are always never sure of when to get their Certificates and when to be mobilized for their mandatory National Youth Service Corps Programme;

*Worried also* that the graduates of the college have suffered this delay ranging from two to three years before release of their Certificates and mobilization for National Youth Service Corps programme;

*Worried further* that the sets currently awaiting release of their Certificates and mobilization for National Youth Service Corps Programme graduated in the years 2016 and 2017 respectively, while another set will be graduating in the next three months;

*Concerned* that as a result of these delays, the students have suffered untold hardships considering the lack of Certificates and lack of the mandatory National Youth Service Corps programme, the effects on them can be better imagined than experienced;

*Perturbed* that since the primary purpose of the College is to prepare and graduate students to participate in National development, delaying their certificates and not mobilizing them for National Youth Service Corps programme for periods up to two or three years in some instance is both morally and legally wrong,

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Mandate* the Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND to investigate this matter and report back to the Senate;
- ii. *Invite* the Minister of Education to explain why students of the college are not issued their certificate and mobilized for National Youth Service Corps Programme as and when due;
- iii. *Invite* the Management of the institution to explain circumstances surrounding the delay in the release of the certificates and mobilization of the students; and
- iv. *Mandate* the College to issue the graduates of 2016 and 2017, with their certificates and mobilize them for the next National Youth Service Corps programme forthwith.

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#### BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 364 & 656) - *Concurrence*  
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).

## 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).

| No. | Committee                                                                      | Date                                                                               | Time      | Venue                                      |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Joint Committee on Land Transport, Marine Transport and Aviation               | Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018                                               | 2.00pm    | Committee Room 211<br>Senate New Building  |
| 2.  | Environment                                                                    | Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018<br>(Public Hearing)                           | 11.00am   | Conference Room 231<br>Senate New Building |
| 3.  | Joint Committee on Aviation (Senate & House)                                   | Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018<br>(Budget Defence)                           | 1.00pm    | Conference Room 022<br>Senate New Building |
| 4.  | Ad-hoc Committee on the Allegations of Corruption Against the NNPC Trading Ltd | Tue. 6 <sup>th</sup> – Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018                            | 2.00pm    | Committee Room 117<br>Senate New Building  |
| 5.  | Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources                                         | Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018                                               | 2.00pm    | Committee Room 204<br>Senate New Building  |
| 6.  | Communications                                                                 | Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018<br>(Budget Defence)                           | 2.00pm    | Committee Room 221<br>Senate New Building  |
| 7.  | Public Accounts                                                                | Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018<br>(Investigative Hearing)                    | 1.00pm    | Hearing Room 4<br>White House Building     |
| 8.  | Customs, Excise and Tariff                                                     | Tue. 6 <sup>th</sup> & Thu. 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018                            | 12.00noon | Committee Room 324<br>Senate New Building  |
| 9.  | Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of Local Content Elements on Egina Oil Field | Tue. 6 <sup>th</sup> – Thu. 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018<br>(Investigative Hearing) | 2.00pm    | Committee Room 211<br>Senate New Building  |
| 10. | Health                                                                         | Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018<br>(Budget Defence)                         | 2.00pm    | Committee Room 221<br>Senate New Building  |