



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

Tuesday, 17th April, 2018

- 1. Prayers**
- 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
- 3. Oaths**
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Maritime Security Operations Coordinating Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1056) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
2. Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (HB. 595) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
3. Federal University of Education Aguleri, Anambra State (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 653) – *First Reading*
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*) and Sen. Victor C. Umeh (*Anambra Central*).
4. Independent National Electoral Commission Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 654) – *First Reading*
Sen. Suleiman M. Nazif (*Bauchi North*).
5. Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 655) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmed Ogembe (*Kogi Central*).
6. National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 656) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
7. Corporate Manslaughter Bill, 2018 (SB. 657) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
8. Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 658) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
9. National Post Graduate College of Medical Laboratory Science (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 659) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
10. Federal Capital Territory Civil Service Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 660) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).
11. Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 661) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ahmad Lawan (*Yobe North-Senate Leader*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Passage of Constitution (Fourth) Alteration Bills, 2018

Sponsor: Sen. Ike-Ekweremadu (Enugu West)

Co-sponsors

Sen. Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan (Yobe North)
 Sen. Olusola Adeyeye (Osun Central)
 Sen. Godswill Akpabio (Akwa Ibom North-West)
 Sen. Philips Tanimu Aduda (FCT)
 Sen. Abu Ibrahim (Katsina South)
 Sen. James E. Manager (Delta South)
 Sen. Mohammed Sha'aba Lafiagi (Kwara North)
 Sen. Joshua Dariye Chibi (Plateau Central)
 Sen. Akume George (Benue North West)
 Sen. Oluremi Tinubu (Lagos Central)
 Sen. Kabiru Gaya (Kano South)
 Sen. Binta Masi Garba (Adamawa North)
 Sen. Andy Uba (Anambra South)
 Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (Bayelsa Central)
 Sen. Bayero Usman Nafada (Gombe North)
 Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko (Sokoto North)
 Sen. Abdullahi Gumel (Jigawa North-West)
 Sen. John Owan Enoh (Cross River Central)
 Sen. Gilbert Nnaji (Enugu East)
 Sen. Dino Melaye (Kogi West)
 Sen. Robert Ajayi Boroffice (Ondo North)
 Sen. Ibrahim Abdullahi Gobir (Sokoto East)
 Sen. Jeremiah T. Useni (Plateau South)
 Sen. Murray- Bruce Ben (Bayelsa East)
 Sen. Isah Hamma Misau (Bauchi Central)

Sen. Bala Ibn Na'allah (Kebbi South)
 Sen. Francis Alimikhena (Edo North)
 Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha (Taraba South)
 Sen. Biodun Olujimi (Ekiti South)
 Sen. Ahmed Rufai Sani (Zamfara West)
 Sen. Joshua M. Lidani (Gombe South)
 Sen. Enyinnaya H. Abaribe (Abia South)
 Sen. Hope Uzodinma (Imo West)
 Sen. Goje M. Danjuma (Gombe Central)
 Sen. Bukar Abba Ibrahim (Yobe East)
 Sen. Abdullahi Adamu (Nasarawa West)
 Sen. Magnus Abe (Rivers South-East)
 Sen. Suleiman M. Nazif (Bauchi North)
 Sen. Adamu Aliero (Kebbi Central)
 Sen. Olugbenga Ashafa (Lagos East)
 Sen. Joseph Gbolahan Dada (Ogun West)
 Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (Niger North)
 Sen. Sunday Ogbuaji Oji (Ebonyi South)
 Sen. Shehu Sani (Kaduna Central)
 Sen. David Umaru (Niger East)
 Sen. Monsurat J. Sunmonu (Oyo Central)
 Sen. Stella Oduah (Anambra North)
 Sen. Rose O. Oko (Cross River North)
 Sen. Fatimat Raji-Rasaki (Ekiti Central)

The Senate:

Aware of the provisions of Section 9 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended in processing the alteration of the provisions of the Constitution;

Also aware that Thirty-three (33) Bills seeking to alter various provisions of the Constitution were presented at the floor of the Senate and the House of Representatives on Wednesday, 26th July and Thursday, 27th July, 2017 respectively;

Recalls that while the Senate approved Twenty-nine (29) of the Bills with the required 2/3 majority of members, the House of Representatives approved (Twenty-one (21) of the Bills with not less than 2/3 majority;

Notes that the two Houses approved Seventeen (17) of the Bills without difference and were transmitted to the State Houses of Assembly for their resolution; while 4 (Four) were approved with amendment and have been committed to a Conference Committee for further action in line with the Senate and House of Representatives Rules;

Acknowledges that thirty-five State Houses of Assembly - Abia, Adamawa, Akwa-Ibom, Anambra, Bayelsa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Cross-River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe and Zamfara, have forwarded their resolution on most of the Bills;

Commenced that the following Constitution Alteration Bills have satisfied the provisions of Section 97 of the Constitution for their passage into law

- Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 2 (Authorization of Expenditure in absence of Appropriation);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 4 (Financial Autonomy of State legislatures);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 8 (The Legislature);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 9 (Political parties and Electoral Matters);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 15 (The Nigeria Police Force);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 16 (Restriction of Tenure of President and Governor);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 20 (Submission from the Judiciary);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 21 (Determination of Pre-Election Matters);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 22 (Consequential Amendment on Civil Defence);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 24 (Procedure for Overriding Presidential Veto in Constitutional Alteration);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 27 (Reduction of Age for Election);
 - Constitution (Fourth Alteration) Bill No 28 (Time Line for the Presentation of Appropriation Bill);
- (See table: State House of Assembly Yes and Nay Resolution on the Bills);

Resolves that while awaiting the resolution of some of the State Houses of Assembly on some of the Bills, the Bills that have met the requirements of the provisions of Section 9 of the Constitution and passed, be processed in line with the Acts Authentication Act and transmitted to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for his assent, to enable institutions of government prepare for immediate implementation of policies and programmes pursuant to the provisions.

2. Need to address the low level of literacy amongst drivers in Nigeria.

Sen. Umaru I. Kurfi (*Katsina Central*)

Notes that a vast majority of drivers employed to drive in official capacity either in public or private sector in Nigeria do not possess the necessary qualification to consider them employable. For most of them, a primary school certificate is their highest level of qualification. It is appalling to note that to some of these drivers, the basic skill of reading and writing is a serious challenge;

Further notes that the situation mentioned above have caused untold hardships on our roads as the alarming rate of road accidents can be attributed largely to the recklessness and low level of literacy. These drivers have little or no knowledge of semiotic signs that guide the use of roads;

Worried that for some drivers, it is even a challenge to identify the various vehicle particulars assigned to their vehicle. This has given rise to forgery and fake documentation of car particulars such as insurance etc as most drivers are assigned the task of obtaining and renewing these documents as and when due;

Further notes that the high rate of road accidents caused by motor cycles popularly known as okada is not news any longer. The use of okada has become such a menace that some cities in the country have gone ahead to place a ban on this means of transportation because it has created a lot of problems. It is appalling to note that these okada riders on closer scrutiny are children, some less than 18 years of age with very little or no education on the navigation and understanding of road signs and its application;

Aware that even though employers would normally ask for the basic qualification for employment of drivers, however, due diligence is rarely carried out to ensure that they have obtained these qualifications. The thoroughness and details applied in assessing a staff for employment for a higher level of office is usually absent when employment is made for positions of this nature,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committee on Transport to summon the Government Establishments and other stakeholders responsible for safety on our roads to ensure that Drivers employed in any capacity at all must possess the necessary qualification in addition to being able to read, write and communicate effectively in English language;

- ii. *Make driving schools mandatory and establish same in every state with short term courses for every prospective driver; and*
- iii. *Ensure the enforcement of age limit for persons desiring to obtain driver's license in the country.*

3. **Need to check Intrusive and Unsolicited Adverts by Telecom Companies and Service Providers.**

Sponsor: Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi (Kebbi North)

The Senate:

Recalls with sense of nostalgia, the euphoria that attended the commencement of the Global System for Mobile communications, GSM, 17 years ago in Nigeria;

Mindful of the continued deterioration of GSM services in the country;

Regrets that though the service providers have been reaping huge revenues from their investments, Nigerians have not enjoyed commensurate quality of services;

Worried about increased incidence of dropped calls, unaccounted "disappearance" of airtime from devices, weak signals across networks and false report of unavailable call destinations;

Concerned about the issue of frequent unsolicited calls, product and programme promos, as well as instances of tricking Nigerians to subscribe to riddles and jokes, indiscriminate religious contents and caller tunes that sometimes offend subscribers' sensibilities;

Dissatisfied that even with the setting up of the "Do-Not-Disturb, (DND) opt-out application, as demanded by the Nigerian Communications Commission, NCC, the GSM operators have not done enough to educate the public on its availability and workings;

Observes that with high tariffs and an estimated 150 million subscribers in the country, the four, (4) leading operators within the industry, namely MTN, (53.4million, or 39%), Airtel, (38.3 million, or 26%), Globacom, (38.2 million, or 26%) and 9Mobile, (16.8%, or 12%), the companies are yet to fully integrate themselves into the larger Nigerian economy, in ways that could provide opportunities for Nigerians to benefit from their operations,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate the Committee on Communications to invite the four, (4) leading GSM operators; MTN, Airtel, Globacom, 9Mobile; the Nigerian Communications Commissions, NCC, representatives of the Nigerian Consumer Protection Council, and the Association of Advertising Practitioners of Nigeria, AAPN, to seek ways of addressing the situation; and*
- ii. *Urge the Nigerian Communications Commission, (NCC) to ensure that any person, or entity found to have abused regulatory guidelines, is sanctioned, in accordance with the extant rules and regulations.*

4. **Need to make Adequate Provision for Inclusive and Accessible Basic Education for Children with Disabilities in Nigeria.**

Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Uwajumogu (Imo North)

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Binta Masi Garba (Adamawa North)

Sen. Samuel N. Anyanwu (Imo East)

Sen. Hope Uzodinma (Imo West)

Sen. Abu Ibrahim (Katsina South)

Sen. Gershom H. Bassey (Cross River South)

Sen. Nelson A. Effiong (Akwa Ibom South)

Sen. Stella Oduah (Anambra North)

Sen. Joseph Gbolahan Dada (Ogun West)

The Senate:

Notes that the World Report on Disability published in 2011, which states that about 25 Million Nigerians had at least one disability, a figure more than the population of all the states in the South East combined, while 3.6 Million of these had very significant difficulties in functioning;

Notes further that the 2006 Nigerian census reported 3,243,169 people, or 2.32% of the total population of 140,431,790 in that year as disabled; and this figure was disputed for not capturing the full extent of disability, by the Center for Citizens with Disabilities, a Nigerian NGO;

Alarmed at the data by UNICEF, that about 95% of children with disability in developing countries are out of school and 90% of them may never gain access to basic education in their lifetime, and this reaffirmed the projection by WHO that persons with disabilities constitute about 15% of developing countries and 80-90% of them don't have access to basic needs of life;

Worried that the primary underlying causes of these situation are the exclusive and inaccessible nature, structure and system of all primary, secondary and universities in Nigeria, which has made it very difficult for children with disability to function properly in these schools;

Worried Further that the few schools designed for the physically challenged are under staffed, poorly equipped, outdated in welfare, and lacks awareness on issues pertaining to inclusive education;

Worried Further that there is inadequate institutional and human capacities required to implement inclusive education; and inadequate, poor implementation or non-availability of appropriate legal and policy framework required for implementation of inclusive education for children with disabilities;

Aware that Nigeria has signed and ratified the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 30th March 2007, Article 24 of which provides that all schools must be inclusive of, and accessible to all children, including those with disabilities and also adopted its Optional Protocol on 24th September 2010 ;

Also Aware that Nigeria has equally signed up to the 17 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), Goal 4, whose target is that by 2030, all school-age children, including those with disabilities must have access to qualitative, functional and effective basic education;

Cognizant that even if enough schools were to be provided to accommodate all children in Nigeria, children with disabilities would still be excluded if those schools are not designed, constructed, equipped, staffed, administered and managed in a disability-inclusive and physically accessible manner;

Notes that inclusive education is the global best educational practice and standard to ensure that no child is out of school irrespective of their disabilities, gender or other social status;

Notes Further that the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development is charged with submitting reports on progress made in the welfare of the disabled, but have not done so since 2013;

Convinced that if disabled children are giving the conducive environment to thrive and grow their potentials, they will competently contribute their quota to National Development,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Call on the Senate Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development to summon the Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development to brief the Committee on the progress made towards improving the welfare of the disabled in Nigeria and to report back in two (2) weeks;
- ii. Call on the Federal Ministry of Education to improve on their policy making, institutional development and infrastructural development to promote inclusive and increased educational access for children with disabilities in Nigeria; and
- iii. Call on the Federal Government to make provision for the welfare and safety of the disabled on all public buildings, schools and roads.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
Confirmation of Nomination of Mr. Anthony Okechukwu Ojukwu for Appointment as the Executive Secretary, (N H R C)
 Sen. David Umaru (Niger East)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Confirmation of Nomination of Mr. Anthony Okechukwu Ojukwu for Appointment as the Executive Secretary, National Human Rights Commission.
2. Report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy
Screening of Professor James Momoh for Appointment as Chairman of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)
 Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (Abia South)
 -That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy on the Screening of Professor James Momoh for Appointment as Chairman of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC).
3. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service
Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 396)
 Sen. Emmanuel Paulker (Bayelsa Central)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill, 2018 (SB. 396).
4. Report of the Committee on Science and Technology
Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 (SB. 585)
 Sen. Robert Ajayi Boroffice (Ondo North)
 -That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Science and Technology on the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 (SB. 585).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Interior	Tuesday, 17 th April, 2018	2:00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
2.	Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of Local Content Elements on Egina Oil Field	Tuesday, 17 th April, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tuesday, 17 th April, 2018 (Oversight)	1:00pm	NNPC Head Office Abuja
4.	Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters and Police Affairs on the Impending Breakdown of Law and Order in Kogi State	Tuesday, 17 th April, 2018	1.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
5.	Ad-hoc Committee on the Increased Spate of Political Intimidation and Violence in Kogi Central Senatorial District	Wednesday, 18 th April, 2018	2:00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building