



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

Wednesday, 16th May, 2018

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*)
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:
 - a. Petition from Comrade Martins Omokri against ELANO Investments Nigeria Limited and Indorama Eleme Petrochemical Company Limited for Criminal Breach of Trust, Diversion of Community Funds and Insensitivity;
 - b. Petition from Law Students Association of National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) against the Council of Legal Education (CLE) for Non-inclusion of NOUN Law Graduates in the Nigerian Law School Programme;
 - c. Petition from Amadi O. Stephen against the Nigerian Prisons Service (NPS) for Alleged Unlawful Dismissal from the Service; and
 - d. Petition from Dr. Michael S. Okpaleke against the Management and Governing Board of Radiographers Registration Board of Nigeria for Alleged Unlawful Verbal Termination of His Appointment by the Board - *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Destruction of Lives and Property in Ebonyi State by Windstorm: Need for Urgent Action.

Sponsor: Senator Sam Egwu (*Ebonyi North*)

The Senate:

Notes with concern the recent calamity suffered by several communities in Ebonyi State as a result of the invasion of highly destructive windstorm resulting in the loss of lives and property;

Alarmed that on the 24th day of April, 2018, over four hundred houses including residences, churches and schools were blown away by the windstorm at Ukwagba, Okposhi Eshi, Ekwashi, Iboko and Amagu Communities in Ohaukwu, Izzi and Abakaliki Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State;

Worried that thousands of citizens, including women and children have been rendered homeless, while several worship places and schools have been shut down with hundreds of school children now out of school because of this disaster;

Surprised that the windstorm was never predicted by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency or any other relevant government agency so that the people can be warned to take precautionary measures to minimize the disastrous effects of such natural disaster;

Concerned that despite the humanitarian crisis caused by this natural disaster, no agency of the Federal Government including NEMA has come to the aid of the victims, either by way of providing them with relief materials or by helping them rebuild the structures that were destroyed by windstorm,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately intervene through provision of relief materials to the victims of the natural disaster and to help them in rebuilding their homes, worship places and schools;
- ii. Call on the Nigerian Meteorological Agency and other relevant government agencies to be more proactive in predicting and giving early warning signals of natural disasters so that the people can be warned and precautionary measures taken to minimize the disastrous effects of such natural disasters; and
- iii. Mandate the Committee on Environment to visit the affected communities for on the spot assessment of the damages and to make appropriate recommendations to the senate.

2. Invasion of the Rivers State High Court premises in Port-Harcourt.

Sen. Osinakachukwu Ideozu (*Rivers West*)

The Senate:

Notes that on Friday, 11th May, 2018 the Rivers State High Court premises in Port Harcourt was invaded by a group of callous and undemocratic elements who undertook the vandalization and destruction of public properties belonging to the Rivers State Judiciary alongside personal effects of judicial staff and litigants within the premises of the Court;

Aware that this brazen act of lawlessness was perpetrated in the presence of men of the Nigeria Police, especially those of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (F-SARS);

Further notes that the men of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad and the Police in general failed or neglected to provide adequate security for the protection of the premises and the judicial workers, litigants, lawyers, judges, etc but rather prevented legitimate access to the offices, precincts and courtrooms in an attempt to obstruct, if not pervert the course of justice;

Worried that nearly one week after the attack, the Police is yet to make any statement on the ill-intended act and assault on the Rivers State Judiciary and has not made any arrests despite the condemnation that has followed the event;

Even more worried that the attack on the Judiciary was rumored to have followed from the events of the party ward congress of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in Rivers State and that the act if unchecked may introduce violence into the polity;

Disturbed further by the possibility of citizens resorting to self-help which could lead to a breakdown of law and order especially as the 2019 General Election approaches,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Condemn* in the strongest possible term the attack on the Rivers State High Court Premises and commiserate with the Chief Judge, Judges and staff of the Judiciary of Rivers State;
- ii. *Urge* the Security Agencies to take immediate steps to provide the Judiciary all over the country with adequate security; and
- iii. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal matters to investigate the infraction and report back to the Senate within two weeks.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Conference Committee Report
Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (est. etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 295)
Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (Kano North)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Committee Report on the Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko (est. etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 295).
2. Report of the Committee on Communications
Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget Proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2017
Sen. Gilbert Nnaji (Enugu East)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Communications on the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget Proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2017.
3. Report of the Committee on Communications
Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget Proposal for the year 31st December, 2017
Sen. Gilbert Nnaji (Enugu East)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Communications on the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget Proposal for the year 31st December, 2017.
4. Report of the Committee on Appropriations
2018 Appropriation Bill (SB. 575)
Sen. Goje M. Danjuma (Gombe Central)
-That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the 2018 Appropriation Bill (SB. 575).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Media and Public Affairs	Wednesday, 16 th May, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
2.	Conference Committee on National Transport Commission Bill	Wednesday, 16 th May, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
3.	Local Content	Wednesday, 16 th May, 2018	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 16 th May, 2018	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building