



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday 24th January, 2008

- I. Prayers
 2. Approval of **the** Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
 4. **Announcements** (if any)
 5. Petitions
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

Gas Flaring **In Nigeria:**

Sen. Grace F. **Bent:-** (*Adamawa South*)
Sen. **Osita Izunaso:-** (*Imo West*)
Sen. Smart Adeyemi:- (*Kogi West*)
Sen. Patrick Osukwe:- (**Delta North**)
Sen. Kolawole Bajomo:- (*Ogitn West*)
Sen. **Jibril M. Aminu:-** (*Adamawa Central*)
Sen. **Ayogu Eze:-** (*Enugu North*)
Sen. **Nimi Barigha Amange:-** (*Bayelsa Hast*)
Sen. Zainab A. **Kure:-** (*Niger South*)
Sen. **Bala A. Mohammed:-** (*Bauchi South*)

Sen. **Awaisu D. Kuta:-** (*Niger East*) Sen.
Olorunnimbe Maniora:- (*Lagos East*) Sen.
Mohammed Mana:- (*Adamawa North*) Sen.
Joy Ifeyinwa Emodi:- (*Anambra North*) Sen.
Eme Ufot Ekaette:- (*Akwa Ibom North*) Sen.
Yisa **Braimoh:-** (*Edo North*) Sen. Garba A.
Talba:- (*Yobe South*) Sen. **Umaru A.**
Argnngu:- (*Kebbi North*) Sen. Gyang
D.Dantong:- (*Plateau North*)

The Senate,

Notes the negative impact of Gas Flaring on our environment.

Concerned that Nigeria flares more gas than any other country in the world with 2.5 billion cubic feet per day equivalent of 40% of all natural gas used in the continent of Africa. Also Gas Flaring by the upstream sector contributed 58.1 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) or over 50% of gross emissions from energy sector, while other gases like methane (CH₄), carbon monoxide (CO) nitrous oxide (N₂O) and other oxides of nitrogen are grossly emitted by the sector;

Concerned that the toxic substances emitted over the years which include benzene and particulates have exposed our communities to health risks that includes premature deaths, respiratory illnesses, asthma, cancer and eye cataracts to name but a few;

Notes that even with added focus on cleaning up of our communities and tightening environment laws and regulations, gas flaring remains the nightmare and threat in the life of these poverty-ridden dwellers;

Aware that broken promises, lack of commitment, shady deals and ignored legislations have marred the history of flare-out target in Nigeria;

Concerned that from available statistics Nigeria contributes more to global warming and green house

emissions **than** any other country in Sub-Saharan Africa to the extent that the opening that has been created in the ozone layer by these emissions are more than the size of West Africa;

Observes that the flared Gas if properly harnessed, Nigeria will be praised for using the Gas flared or resources to speed up industrialization through power generations, aluminium smelting and as feedstock for the production of methanol and fertilizer;

Concerned also that the issue of Gas flare down has been in the front burner of national discourse over the years;

Aware that the earlier Gas flare down date of January 01, 2008 was not realisable because of the activities of some interest groups who protect their perceived interest;

Worried that Shell has pushed their flare down date to 2009 as a result of Government under funding of the Joint Venture and if immediate action is not taken by Government, the environment will be further exposed to danger.

Accordingly resolves: *Ac*

- (i) *Call* on the Federal Government and indeed the National Assembly to take a position on the earliest possible flare down date and where an extension is to be given, oil companies should be compelled to provide shielding around the flares;
- (ii) *Urge* all stake holders in the Gas sector to put in place a gas development process that will ensure the success of Gas flare down programme in Nigeria;
- (iii) *Call* the Federal Government to invest and put in place gas infrastructure that should make gas available for industrial growth in Nigeria and gas more available for domestic use;
- (iv) *Call* on the Federal Government to meet up with agreement towards contributing to counterpart funding that will be used in developing the Gas sector.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Interim Report of the Committee on **Banking**, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:
Agonies of Depositors of Failed Banks and Financial Institutions
Senator Nkechi J Nwaogu:- (*Abia Central*)
"That the Senate do receive and consider the Interim Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions on the Agonies of Depositors of Failed Banks and Financial Institutions".
2. Report of the **Committee** on Foreign Affairs:
Screening Nominees:
Senator Jibril M. **Aminu**:- (*Adamawa Central*)
"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of the following Nominees as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approve the recommendations".

	<i>Name</i>		<i>State</i>
1.	Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe	-	Imo
ii.	Senator (Chief) Polycarp Nwite	-	Ebonyi
iii.	Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Buba Marwa	-	Adamawa

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do confirm the nominations of Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe (Imo), Senator (Chief) Polycarp Nwite (Ebonyi) and Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Buba Marwa (Adamawa) as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

- I. A Bill for an Act to .make Provision about Sexual Offences, their Definition, Prevention and the Protection of All Persons from Harm, Unlawful Sexual Acts, and for Purposes Connected Therewith Bill 2007 (SB. 12)
Second Reading' Senator Chris N.D. **Anyanwu**:- (*Imo Fast*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 24th January, 2008	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	22nd - 24th January, 2008	2. 00 p.m.	Hearing Room 04 Assembly Complex
3.	Capital Market	Thursday 24th January, 2008	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 426 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Communications	Thursday 24th January, 2008	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 221 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Land Transport	Thursday 24th January, 2008	2. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 211 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex