



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 26th April, 2006

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Sokoto Central Market Fire Incident:

Senator Sule Yari Gandi:
Senator Uche Chukwumerije:
Senator Tokunbo Afikuyomi:
Senator Yushau M. Anka:
Senator Lawal Shuaibu:
Senator Victor K, Oyofe:

Senator Badamasi M. Maccido:
Senator Ben Ndi Obi:
Senator Saidu M. Dansadau:
Senator Sani A. Kamba:
Senator John M. Danbovi:
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba:

Senator Umaru Dabiru:
Senator A. O. Mamora:
Senator Farouk B. Bunza:
Senator Usman S. Sami:
Senator Patrick E. Osakwe:

Whereas on the 13th of April, 2006 at about 8.20 p.m. a raging fire was spotted at the heart of the Sokoto Central Market which lasted for about 72 hours before it was brought under control by men of the Sokoto State Fire Service, the Army and the Police;

Whereas while the fire lasted, property worth N10 Billion were destroyed including the Central Market Administration Block and Court;

Whereas the market is the largest modern market in Northern Nigeria built in 1979 and commissioned in 1980 with traders from all over the country and some West African Countries such as Niger, Chad, Mali, Cameroun, etc;

Whereas this fire has caused monumental damage to the economic lives of the people of Sokoto, Zamfara and Kebbi States with virtually no family in Sokoto which has not suffered one loss or another;

Whereas economic activities in the State have grinded to a halt, while thousands of youths who are employed through the market are now roaming the street thus causing another serious social hazard to the State;

BE it resolved and it's hereby resolved:

- (i) That the Senate should send a high-powered delegation to sympathise with the Government and people of Sokoto State over the incident.

- (ii) Urge the Federal Government to assist the Sokoto State Government in its efforts at rebuilding the market.
- (Hi) Commend the prompt response by National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), which has started delivering relief materials to the victims of the fire.

Confirmation of Nomination:

Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)

"That the Senate do consider the request by Mr. President C-in-C for the confirmation of the Nomination of Mr. Philip Etomike Umeadi (Jnr.), as a Commissioner in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), in accordance with Section 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

Confirmation of Nomination:

Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)

"That the Senate do consider the request by Mr. President C-in-C for the confirmation of the Nomination of Dr. Daru Owei to replace Engr. Samuel Edward Inyang as a Member of the Niger-Delta Development Commission in accordance with Section 2 (2) of the Niger-Delta Development Commission Act 2000"

Joint Sitting of The National Assembly:

Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)

"That the Senate do sit with the House of Representatives in a Joint Session to receive an address by President HU JINTAO of the People's Republic of China on Thursday, 27th April, 2006 at 11.00 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

- I. Conference Report on the Border Communities Development Agency Bill, 2006 (SB.147)
 Senator Iyabode A. Anisulowo: - (*Ogun West*)
 "That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Report on the Border Communities Development Agency Bill, 2006 (SB. 147)".

CONSIDERATION OF BILL

1. Nigerian Content Development in the Oil and Gas Industry Bill, 2006 (SB. 280) - *Second Reading*
 Senator Lee L. Maeba: - (*Rivers South East*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>1</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 26th April, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Environment and Ecology	Wednesday, 26th April, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
3.	Niger-Delta	Wednesday, 26th April, 2006	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 01 Assembly Complex
4.	Banking, Insurance and Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 26th April, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 22 Assembly Complex
5.	Environment and Ecology	Thursday, 27th April, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
6.	Environment and Ecology	Friday, 28th April, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex