



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 23rd May, 2006

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

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

- I. Highways (Prohibition of Trading or Commercial Activities) Bill, 2006 (SB: 304) - **First Reading**
Senator R. B. Koleosho: - (Oyo North)

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. **Report of the Committee on Marine Transport:**
National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 218): Senator
Ugochukwu Uba: - (Anambra South)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Marine Transport on the National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 218) *(To Be Laid)*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

- I. **Incessant Oil Pipeline Vandalizations and Explosions in the Country:**
Senator M. O.Obanikoro: Senator
O.A. Mamora:

WHEREAS pipeline vandalism has become a regular occurrence in this country;

WHEREAS the sole purpose of the vandalism of pipelines is always the illegal siphoning of fuel which often leads to explosions;

WHEREAS in recent times, the activities of these vandals have assumed frightening dimension leading to major explosions across the country;

WHEREAS the explosions which occurred on Friday, the 12th day of May 2006 around Inagbe Village in Amuwo, Odofin Local Government Area of Lagos State is the most recent and it led to the loss of over 500 lives;

WHEREAS the pipeline explosions on Friday, the 12th of May, 2006 was **the fifth of such** incidents in Lagos State alone;

WHEREAS similar pipeline incidents occurred at Ejigbo pipeline in 2002 (Lagos), the Atlas Cove Pipeline in 2003 (Lagos), near Mosimi Depot in September 2004 (Lagos) and somewhere around Ilado in 2005 (Lagos);

Whereas we have lost over 1000 lives through these incidents in the last 4 years in Lagos State alone;

WHEREAS the same gory incident had occurred in Adeje Village (12 miles from the famous Jesse Town) in July 2000 claiming between 200 and 250 lives with a similar incident at Jesse itself in 1998 claiming about 1000 lives all in the Niger Delta area amongst other incidents;

WHEREAS this incidence has caused a major dislocation in over 500 families leading to economic strangulation and other attendant social crisis;

WHEREAS innocent residents around the location of these pipelines now live in utmost fear and trepidation;

WHEREAS this Distinguished Senate should and must as a matter of urgency take steps and measures towards protecting lives and property from the activities of pipeline vandals;

BE it resolved and it is hereby resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do condemn in the strongest and most uncertain terms the activities of these vandals.
- (ii) That the NNPC, the Nigerian Navy and the Police be compelled to maintain round-the clock surveillance of pipelines in the country.
- (iii) That a deadline be issued to compel the NNPC to begin the process of phasing out land surface pipes.
- (iv) That the necessary authorities should be prevailed upon to urgently, decently and properly bury the charred remains of lost lives and to disinfect the area of the explosion to forestall the outbreak of any epidemic.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta:

Screening of Nominee:

Senator Patrick E. Osakwe: - (*Delta North*)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta, on the Screening of the Nomination of Dr. Daru Owei, as a Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC), and approve the recommendation".

Recommendation:

"That the Senate do confirm the Nomination of Dr. Daru Owei, as a Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC)".

2. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Screening of Nominee:

Senator O.A. Osunbor: - (*Edo Central*)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Screening of the Nomination of Hon. Justice Salihu Modibbo Alfa Balgore (CON), as Chief Justice of Nigeria, and approve the recommendation".

Recommendation:

"That the Senate do confirm the Nomination of Hon. Justice Salihu Modibbo Alfa Balgore (CON), as Chief Justice of Nigeria".

3. Report of the Committee on Appropriation:

2006 Federal Capital Statutory Budget Bill, 2006 (SB.269)

Senator Abubakar Maikafi: - (*Bauchi South*)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriation on the 2006 Federal Capital Territory Statutory Budget Bill, 2006 (SB. 269)".

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment, etc) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 138)
Second *Reading*
Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)
2. Handicapped Persons (Public Buildings) Special Facilities Bill, 2006 (HB. 31) - *Second Reading*
Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)
3. Motor Vehicle (Third Party) Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 279) - *Second Reading*
Senator Gbenga Ogunniya: - (*Ondo Central*)