



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 14th September, 2006

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

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. **Report of the Committee on Science and Technology:**
Information Technology Bill, 2006, (SB.184):
Senator Saidu M. Dansadau: - (Zamfara Central)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology, on the Information Technology Bill, 2006 (SB.184)". *(To be laid) (Synopsis only)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION:

1. **Collapse of Democratic Government at the Local Government Level in Enugu and Many Other States:**
Senator Fidelis Okoro: - (Enugu North)
Whereas section 7(1) of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria guarantees a system of democratically elected government at the local government level;

Whereas Enugu State Governor, Dr. Chimaroke Nnamani, has failed/refused to abide by legal and constitutional provisions and to promote democracy at the local government level in Enugu State;

Whereas it is part of the responsibility of the Senate to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the Nigerian people;

Whereas Chapter 2 of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria, obligates the Senate to exercise its law-making and oversight functions in the light of the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of the State Policy;

Whereas the Senate Committee on States and Local Government Affairs is charged with the responsibility of monitoring and supervising the activities of states and local government councils in matters of administration;

Whereas the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has failed/refused to release the report of its investigations as it relates to serving state government officials in Enugu State;

Be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved:

That the Senate;

- (A) Mandates the Committees on States and Local Government Affairs, and Security and Intelligence to:
- i. Investigate all matters relating to the collapse of democratically elected Local Government councils in Enugu State and other States of the Federation facing similar conditions;
 - ii. Investigate the creation of the so-called thirty-nine (39) Development Centres in Enugu State, which partake in the sharing of revenue allocated to the Seventeen (17) Local Government Councils established by the Constitution;
 - iii. Investigate the arbitrary creation of wards which partake in the sharing of revenue allocated to the constitutionally established Local Government Councils in many other States of the Federation;
 - iv. Report findings to the Senate within two (2) weeks.
- (B) That the Senate Directs the Chairman of Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC):
- i. To release forthwith the report of its investigation into the allegations of monumental corruption in Enugu State Government in particular and other States of the Federation in respect of which they have also carried out investigations;
 - ii. To appear before and appraise the Senate within one week, of its problems and prospects in the collective battle against corruption.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Customary Court Bill, 2006 (SB. 50)
Senator O.A. Osunbor: - (Edo Central)
 "That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Right and Legal Matters, on the Customary Court Bill, 2006 (SB.50)".
2. **Report of the Committee on Health:**
Federal Medical Centres (Constitution of Board, etc) Bill, 2006 (SB. 93)
Senator Martyns Yellowe: - (Rivers West)
 "That the Senate do receive and consider Report of the Committee on Health, on the Federal Medical Centres (Constitution of Board, etc) Bill, 2006 (SB. 93):

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. Deep Offshore Inland Basins Production Sharing Contract Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (HB. 129)
Second Reading
Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida: - (Senate Majority Leader)
2. Absorption of Qualified Graduates into the Nigerian Police Force Bill, 2006 (SB. 278) - *Second Reading*
Senator Mohammed A. Aji: - (Borno Central)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 14th September, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Thursday, 14th September, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 02 Assembly Complex

3.	Gas	Friday, 15th September, 2006	12.00 noon	Committee Room 16 Assembly Complex
4.	Land Transport	Tuesday, 19th September, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 23 Assembly Complex
5.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 19th September, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex
6.	Education	Wednesday, 20th September, 2006	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex