



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 16th April, 2008

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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4. Announcements (if any)
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PRESENTATION OF A BILL

1. FCT Appropriation Bill, 2008 (SB. 98) - *First Reading*
Senator Teslim K. Folarin:- (Senate Leader)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Joint Committee on Constitution Review (JCCR):**
Senator Teslim K. Folarin:- (Senate Leader)

The Senate,

Notes the complaints of the loopholes, discrepancies and anomalies inherent in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and their adverse effects on the polity, by Nigerians of different persuasions;

Further notes the calls and agitations from all segments of our society for the review of the 1999 Constitution for the purpose of determining the most suitable political structure as well as the institutional framework for the peace, good governance and progress of the Country;

Aware that the grievous hardship, discrimination, inequality and rancour within the Nigerian polity have been attributed to the inherent discrepancies, anomalies, loopholes and lacunae in the 1999 Constitution;

Worried that the continued delay in the review and amendment of the 1999 Constitution, contrary to the yearnings and agitations of the Nigerian people, is capable of undermining the democratic progress in the Country;

Conscious of the fact that Section 9 of the same Constitution confers on the National Assembly the power to initiate Constitutional amendment;

Equally aware that the Fourth and Fifth National Assemblies embarked on the patriotic duty of reviewing and amending the 1999 Constitution but could not conclude the exercise due to political reason;

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Set up* a Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of ensuring an in-depth examination of the provisions of the 1999 Constitution vis-a-vis the agitations and proposals from the Nigerian people;
- ii. **Constitute** the Joint Committee with Seventy four (74) members, two (2) from each State of the country and Federal Capital Territory (FCT), one (1) from the Senate and one (1) from the House of Representatives respectively.
- iii. **Mandate** the Joint Committee to conduct Public Hearings with a view to receiving inputs from Stakeholders in all parts of the country;
- iv. **Propose** amendments that enjoy nationwide support to the Constitution;

2. **Ill treatment of the People of Nembe Local Government of Bayelsa state by Armed Soldiers stationed in the Locality:**

Senator Nimi Barigha Amange	Sen. Ike	Sen. George Thompson Sekibo
Ekweremadu	Sen. Chris Anyanwu	Sen. T. K. Folarta
M. Mana	Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw	Sen. Effiong D. Bob
Satti D. Godwin	Sen. Nicholas Y. Ugbane	Sen. Jibril Aminu
Sen. T. U. Wada	Sen. Grace Bent	Sen. Ikechukwu Obiora
Felix Kola Bajomo	Sen. Osita Izunaso	Sen Sylvester N. Anyanwu
Sen. Bode Olajumoke	Sen. Ibrahim Ida	Sen. Anthony George Manzo
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker	Sen. Wilson Ake	Sen. Annie Okonkwo
Sen. Alloysius Akpan Etok	Sen.	Sen. Uche Chukwumerye
Eferekaya	Sen. Odion Ugbesia	Sen. George Akume
Obasanjo-Bello	Sen. Olurunimbe	Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu
Mamora	Sen. Zainab Kure	Sen. J. N. Shagaya
Kuta	Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN)	Sen. Hosea Ehinlanwo
A. Adedibu	Sen. Garba Lado	Sen. Lee Maeba
Sen. Kanti	Sen. Bello	Sen. Greg Ngaji
		Sen. Erne Ufot Ekaete
		Sen. Edobor Uzamere

The Senate,

Notes that on 1st May 2006, a detachment of Nembe town in Nembe Local Government protect oil installations in the area due to development in the area.

Observes with great concern and utmost instead of facing the primary duty of directed ambushed innocent law abiding series of injuries on them with untold

Sen. Patrick Osakwe
Sen. Iyiola Omisore
Sen. Yisa Braimoh
Sen. Gbenga Babalola
Sen. M.K. Jibril

Sen. Muniru Musa
Sen. Patricia Akwashiki
Sen. Auylm Ude

Armed Soldiers were deployed to area of Bayelsa State obviously to agitations over lack of

dissappointment that the Soldiers , protecting the oil installations as citizens of the locality inflicting harship.

Notes **also** that owing to the high-handedness of the Soldiers, there had been series of complaints from the people that the Soldiers should be relocated to areas where oil installations exist.

Observes that the Soldiers now constitute themselves into mobile courts in the community and perform duties that ordinarily belong to the Police in Civil matters.

Observes further that the continued stay of the Soldiers in the Community instead of the location of Oil installations where they were directed to protect is already constituting breach of peace in the Community . as"the people's lives are no longer safe due to the maltreatments received in the hands of the Soldiers.

Accordingly resolves to;

- i. **Draw** the attention of the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces to the nefarious activities of the detachment of Soldiers in Nembe Community which in a way constitutes serious breach of the fundamental rights of the people of the locality to move freely on their land in pursuance of their daily lawful activities.
- ii. **Urge** Mr President to direct the immediate withdrawal of the" Soldiers from the Community to prevent further inhuman treatment of the people in the hands of the overzealous Soldiers before the matter escalates into complete breakdown of laws and order.
- iii. **Request** that the Soldiers be relocated to area where they are best useful in the course of their assignment in the area.
- iv. **Further Request** free treatments and adequate compensations for those who had suffered indignation and brutalisation in the hand of the Soldiers.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for Act to Establish the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility of Managing the Ecological Menace due to Operation of Dams and to Provide for Other Matters in Connection Therewith 2008 (SB. 03) - *Second Reading* **Senator Dahiru A. Kuta**

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

Report of the Committee on Petroleum Upstream:

Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill, 2008 (SB. 81)

Senator Lee L. Maeba

"That the Senate do resume the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Upstream, on the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill, 2008 (SB. 81)" (*Adjourned Debate - Tuesday, 15th April, 2008*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Rule and Business	Wednesday, 16th April, 2008	3. 00 p.m	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
Public Accounts	16th and 22nd April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Hearing Room 4 Assembly Complex
Capital Market	Wednesday, 16th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
Cooperation, Integration in Africa and NEPAD	Wednesday, 16th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 426 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 16th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building Assembly Complex

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6.	National Security and Intelligence	Wednesday, 16th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
7.	Establishment and Public Service	Wednesday, 16th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 427 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
8.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 16th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Hearing Room 4 Assembly Complex
9.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Thursday, 17th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
10.	Capital Market	Thursday, 17th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
11.	Niger-Delta	Thursday, 17th April, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 3.12 Senate New Building Assembly Complex