



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 5th March, 2008

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

Plight of Nigerian Coal Corporation **Pensioners**:

Sen. Ayogu Eze:- (*Enugu North*)
Sen. Teslim K. Folarin:- (*Oyo Central*)
Sen. James E. Manager:- (*Delta South*)
Sen. Ikechukwu Obiora:- (*Anambra South*)
Sen. Umaru Dahiru:- (*Sokoto North*)
Sen. Ganiyu Solomon:- (*Lagos West*)
Sen. Annie Okonkwo:- (*Anambra Central*)
Sen. Idris Umar:- (*Gombe Central*)
Sen. Effiong D. Bob:- (*Akwa Worn N/East*)
Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-BeHo:- (*Ogun Central*)
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egha SAN:- (*Cross River Central*)
Sen. Dahiru Kuta:- (*Niger East*)
Sen. Garba Y. Lad.:- (*Katsina South*)
Sen. Eyinnaya Abariba:- (*Abia South*)
Sen. Adefemi Kila:- (*Ekiti Central*)
Sen. Erne Ufot-Ekaette:- (*Akwa Worn South*)
Sen. Ibrahim Ida:- (*Katsina Central*)

Sen. Ike Ekweremadu:- (*Enugu West*)
Sen. Mahmud Kanti Bello:- (*Katsina North*)
Sen. Mohammed Ahmed:- (*Kwara Central*)
Sen. Anyim Chukwu Ude:- (*Ebonyi South*)
Sen. Paulker Emmanuel:- (*Bayelsa Central*)
Sen. Abubakar U. Gada:- (*Sokoto East*)
Sen. Olalekan Mustapha:- (*Ogun East*)
Sen. Suleiman Adokve:- (*Nasarawa South*)
Sen. Aloysius A. Etok:- (*Akwa Worn N/West*)
Sen. Abubakar D. Sodangi:- (*Nasarawa South*)
Sen. Iyiola Omisore:- (*Osun East*) **Zaynab**
Sen. Kure:- (*Niger South*) Omar A.
Sen. Hambagda:- (*Borno South*) Tawar U.
Sen. Wada:- (*Gombe South*) George T. Sekibo:-
Sen. (Rivers East) Uche Chukwumerije:- (*Abia*)
Sen. (North) Felix K. Bajomo:- (*Ogun West*)
Sen.

The Senate

Notes that coal was one of the earliest solid minerals that contributed to the development of Nigeria:

Aware that coal was vital for the successful take-off of Nigeria's pioneer cement factory, the Nigerian Cement Company, Nkalagu, the Nigerian Railway Corporation and the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria (ECN), among many other such infrastructure, and as such can be said So have contributed in laying the foundation for the modern Nigeria we are all proud of today;

Affirm also that (his praise-worthy contribution of coal to the country's economy and development could not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of a patriotic work force;

Distressed by the plight of these patriotic Nigerians, who are allowed to suffer avoidable hardship, their pension not having been paid for 64 months besides 12 months arrears of the 1998 harmonized pension pay;

Worried about the negative and unwholesome impact of this development on the lives of these over 4,000 Nigerian Coal Corporation retirees and their numerous dependants;

Concerned that the privatization of the Nigerian coal Corporation mines and property across the country willfully glossed over this critical liability, thus exposing these pensioners to difficulties, disillusionment and, in some instances, death.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to pay the 64-months pension arrears to these senior citizens, some of who still have wards in schools, in addition to other responsibilities;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government to investigate an allegation that Linkage Assurance Plc, which verified the pension status of the Corporation, has been receiving monthly releases for the settlement of the pension arrears but has been withholding same;
- (iii) Urge the Federal Government to review the Hawed privatization process that has apparently left these senior citizens, who had given their best to their fatherland, in the cold.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Finance:
Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill, 2008 (HB. 01) Sen. Ahmed M. Makarfi:- (*Kaduna North*)
"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc (Consolidation) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2008 (KB. 01)
2. Report of the Committee on Petroleum Upstream:
Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill, 2008 (SB. 81)
Senator Lee L. Maeha:- (*River South East*)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Upstream, on the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill, 2008 (SB. 81)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rule and Business	Wednesday, 5th March, 2008	3. 00 p.m	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Wednesday, 5th March, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 313 (<i>New Senate Building</i>) Assembly Complex