



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 18th March, 2008

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

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

1. National Space Research and Development Agency Bill, 2008 (SB. 83) - *First Reading*
Senator Teslim K. Folarin:- (Senate Leader)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **Confirmation of Nomination:**
Senator Teslim K. Folarin:- (Senate Leader)
"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander in Chief, for the confirmation of the nomination of **ALHAJI UMAR ABBA GANA**, as a Member of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC), in accordance with Section 154 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

MOTIONS

1. **Victories of Mr. Samuel Peters at the just concluded World Boxing Council Heavy Weight Fight (WBC's) Champion held on the 9th of March, 2008 and Mr Olusoji Fasuba at Indoor Championship Race in Valencia Spain:**

Sen. Ayo S. Arise:- (Ekiti North)	Sen. Bob Dickson Effiong:- (Akwa Ibom North East)
Sen. Chris Anyanwu:- (Into East)	Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri:- (Bayelsa West)
Sen. Adefemi Kila:- (Ekiti Central)	Sen. Gbemi Saraki:- (Kwara Central)
Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello:- (Ogun Central)	Sen. A.K. Adedibu:- (Oyo South)
Sen. Ibrahim Ida:- (Katsina Central)	Sen. Sola Akinyede:- (Ekiti South)
Sen. Kanti Bello:- (Katsina North)	Sen. Lady Erne Ufot Ekaette:- (Akwa Ibom South)
Sen. Patricia Akwashiki:- (Nasarawa North)	Sen. Aloysius Akpan Etok:- (Akwa Ibom N/ West)
Sen. Ahmed Makarfi:- (Kaduna North)	Sen. Iyiola Omisore:- (Osun East)
Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu:- (Abia Central)	Sen. Enyinnaya H. Abaribe:- (Abia South)

The Senate,

Notes the most unifying factor of our National life today is sport. It is certain that sports have elevated Nigeria to one of the most popular countries in the world.

Further notes the series of victories by Nigerians in international competitions have also laundered the image of Nigerians and indeed Nigeria.

Observes the victory recorded by Samuel Peters at the World Boxing Councils (WBC's) Heavy Weight fight in Cancun Mexico on 9th of March, 2008 (Sunday morning) and Olusoji Fasuba who won a Gold Medal in 60 metres indoor championship race in Valencia Spain last week, Nigeria has once again been thrown into reckoning in world affairs.

Notes that these two great Ambassadors of Nigeria and indeed numerous other Nigerian athletes with inherent talents need to be encouraged to aim and aspire for the best in their chosen endeavours.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Commend** and congratulate Messrs Samuel Peters and Olusoji Fasuba for their victories.
- (ii) **Congratulate** Nigerians and most especially The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Umaru Musa Yar'dua at this moment of National pride.
- (iii) **Urge** the Federal Government, to name a street each after the duo of Messrs Samuel Peters and Olusoji Fasuba in Abuja and confer on them comensurate National Honours for bringing prides to Nigerians.

2. **Rescission of Senate Decision on Hydro-Electric Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) Bill, 2008:**

Senator Dahiru Awaisu Kuta:- (Niger East)

The Senate,

Recalls that during its sitting on Tuesday, 5th February, 2008, resolved to fast track legislative action on the Bill for an Act to establish the Hydro-electric Power Producing Areas Commission Bill, 2008 by scheduling it for Third Reading and subsequent passage into law;

Observes that since this decision five (5) weeks ago, the Bill is yet to be scheduled for further legislative action;

Notes the importance of the Bill in the actualization of one of the cardinal programmes of the present administration in the area of adequate power generation for the nation and the realization of the vision 20: 2020;

Notes further that due to the importance of the Bill to the Socio-economic survival of the nation, there is the urgent need to reschedule the Bill for consideration and subsequent passage into law through the normal legislative process.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Reschedule** the Bill for consideration at Second Reading Stage and subsequent passage into law through the normal legislative process. ■■

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

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

Screening of Nominees:

Senator Umaru Dahiru:- (Sokoto South)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of **RAFIU A. LAWAL-RABANA (KWARA STATE)** and **LADY DEBBIE N. OBODOUKWU-IREGBU (IMO STATE)** as members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission **and** approve the recommendations".

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do Confirm the nominations of **RAFIU A. LAWAL-RABANA (KWARA STATE)** and **LADY DEBBIE N. OBODOUKWU-IREGBU (IMO STATE)** as members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission".

2. **Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs:**

Screening of Nominees:

Senator Smart Adeyemi:- (Kogi West)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs, on the screening of the following Persons as Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission (FCC), and approve the recommendations".

S/NO.	NAME	STATE
	Prof. Shaib Oba Abdulraheem	Chairman
1.	Hon. Omenihu Nwogwugwu	Abia
2.	Alhaji Dairu Bobbo	Adamawa
3.	Barr. Matthew Ukpong	Akwa Ibom
4.	Veronica Ukamaka Ebenebe	Anambra
5.	Alh. Aji Masta Lawan	Borno
6.	Ambassador I.J. Sagey	Delta
7.	Mr. Obasi Ofia	Ebonyi
8.	Hon. Peter Ekhaton	Edo
9.	Dr. Dele Afolabi	Ekiti
10.	Dr. Martins George Oke	Enugu
11.	Hon. Yunana S. Dawuda	FCT
12.	Alhaji Haruna Mamuda Gadam	Gombe
13.	Hon. Musa Nikaf	Kaduna
14.	Engr. Ahmad Ishaq	Kano
15.	Alhaji Sule Iyaji	Kogi
16.	Dr. Femi Oguniola	Kwara
17.	Mr Adebayo Aremu A. Williams	Lagos
18.	Muhammadu Alt Gwaska	Nasarawa
19.	Alh. Ibrahim Ladan	Niger
20.	Alhaja Sadat Onimole	Ogun
21.	Mr. Thomas Depo Oyelade	Oyo
22.	Mr. John Jeji Shainaan	Plateau
23.	Amb. S.M.K. TariboJP	Rivers
24.	Alh. Abdullahi M. Kiryo	Sokoto
25.	Alh. Shehu Mohammed	Taraba
26.	Alh. Mai Aliyu Muhammed	Yobe
27.	Alh. Sahabi Muhammad Kaura (Ciroma)	Zamfara

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do Confirm the nominations of the above named persons as Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission (FCC)".

Report of the Committee on Petroleum Upstream:

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

Senator Lee L. Maeba:- (River South East)

"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 - Thursday, 13th March, 2008*).

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Water Ways Authority Act No. 47 2004 and to Re-Enact the National Inland Water Ways Agency to provide for among other things the Regulation, Management, Directions and Control of the Inland Water Ways for Navigation and Provision of River Ports Services and Other Connected Purposes, 2008 (SB. 02) - *Second Reading* **Senator Mohammed K. Jibril:- (Kaduna Central)**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rule and Business	Tuesday, 18th March, 2008	3. 00 p.m	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Capital Market		2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 426
	<i>Ad-Hoc Committee</i>			<i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex
	Millennium Development Goals		1. 00 p.m	Committee Room 204 <i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex
	Tuesday, 18th March, 2008	Tuesday, 18th March, 2008		
			2. 00 pm	Committee Room 313 <i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex
	Local and Foreign Debts	Wednesday, 19th March, 2008		