



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 19th February, 2008

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Oaths
4. Announcements (if any)
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PRESENTATION OF **BILLS**

1. Nigeria Congressional Medal of Honour Award Bill, 2008 (SB. 48) - *First Reading*
Senator Simeon S. Oduoye:- (*Osun Central*)
2. State of the Nation Address Bill, 2008 (SB. 61) - *First Reading*
Senator Ike Ekweremadu:- (*Enugu West*)
3. Abolition of Discrimination Against Women Bill, 2008 (SB. 66) - *First Reading*
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba S.A.N. (*Cross River Central*) and 7 Others
4. Education Tax Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2008 (SB. 68) - *First Reading*
Senator Grace F. Bent:- (*Adamawa South*)
5. Financial Crimes Court (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 72) - *First Reading*
Senator Anthony O Agbo:- (*Ebonyi North*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Failure of Super Eagles in 26th Africa Cup of Nations:
Sen. Uche Chukwumerije:- (*Abia North*) Sen. Maina M. Lawan:- (*Borno North*) Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw:- (*Cross River South*) Sen. James E. Manager:- (*Delta South*) Sen. Aloysius A. Etok:- (*Akwa Ibom N/West*) Sen. Ehigie E. Uzamere:- (*Edo South*) Sen. Ayogu Eze:- (*Enugu North*) Sen. Tawar U. Wada:- (*Gombe South*) Sen. Caleb Zagi:- (*Kaduna South*) Sen. Kabiru I. Gaya:- (*Kano South*)
Sen. Effiong D. Bob:- (*Akwa Ibom N/East*) Sen. Omar A. Hambagda:- (*Borno South*) Sen. Patrick E. Osakwe:- (*Delta North*) Sen. Joseph I. Akaagerger:- (*Benue N/East*) Sen. Anyinchukwu Ude:- (*Ebonyi South*) Sen. Adefemi Kila:- (*Ekiti Central*) Sen. Grace F. Bent:- (*Adamawa South*) Sen. Ibrahim S. Turaki:- (*Jigawa North West*) Sen. Ahmed M. Makarfi:- (*Kaduna North*) Sen. Ibrahim M. Ida:- (*Katsina Central*)

Sen. Smart Adeyemi:- (Kogi West)
 Sen. Adeleke O. Mamora:- (Lagos East)
 Sen. Abubakar D. Sodangi:- (Nasarawa West)
 Sen. Nuhu Aliyu:- (Niger North)
 Sen. John N. Shagaya:- (Plateau South)
 Sen. Lee L. Maeba:- (Rivers South East)
 Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello:- (Ogun Central)
 Sen. Ikechukwu Obiorah:- (Anambra South)
 Sen. Osita Izunaso:- (Imo West)
 Sen. Patricia N. Akwashiki:- (Nasarawa North)

Sen. Mohammed Ahmed:- (Sokoto North)
 Sen. Ganiyu O. Solomon:- (Lagos West) Sen. Dahiru A. Kuta:- (Niger East) Sen. Bode Olajumoke:- (Ondo North) Sen. George T. Sekibo:- (Rivers East) Sen. Umaru Dahiru:- (Sokoto South) Sen. Anthony Manzo:- (Taraba North) Sen. Gbemi R. Saraki:- (Kwara Central) Sen. Paulker Emmanuel:- (Bayelsa Central) Sen. Chimaroke Nnamani:- (Enugu East)

The Senate

Observes the growing importance of sports, especially soccer, as one of the major sources of promoting national self-esteem and cultivating positive international image;

Concerned about the inglorious exit of Nigeria from the 26th Africa Cup of Nations competition in Africa and the deeper implications of the defeat to the nation's self-worth and international (especially African) standing;

Recalls that the defeat fits into a history of dismal performance in which Nigeria has won the Cup only twice in her fifteen appearances out of twenty six editions of this prestigious continental competition;

Observes also that this performance compares very poorly with the performances of several, less endowed, African States;

Notes that the advantages of successful management of sports include, on the home front, enhanced youth motivation and discipline, reinforced national pride and sharpened consciousness of nationhood and, on the international front, a favourable image and higher respect;

Concerned that Nigeria has not been able to reap these benefits because of her record of epileptic and dismal performance in international competitions;

Observes further that the cheerless history of defeats and continual loss of respect have created dissatisfaction and depression in the generality of the people;

Notes further the Sports Ministry's traditional quick-fix panic measures;

Determined to find a clean break with this inept and lackluster past.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Condemn** the poor performance of our Super Eagles in the 26th Edition of the Nations Cup held in Accra, from 20th January to 10th February, 2008;
- (ii) *Urge* Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, to immediately (i) disband the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) and National Sport Commission (NSC), and (ii) sack the national coach, Berti Vogts, as a minimum evidence of Nigeria's determination to initiate a new beginning;
- (iii) **Invite** the Minister of Sports to explain to the Senate the circumstances of our dismal and deplorable performance in the just concluded 26th Edition of the Nations Cup in Ghana and other international competitions in general, and to show the Ministry's blueprint for well-articulated and comprehensive national sports development, designed to nurture and sustain grass-root-based home-grown integral sports structures;
- (iv) **Direct** the Committee on Sports to organize public hearing on the management of our soccer and sports in general and report its findings to the Senate within 3 weeks.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Screening of Nominee: Senator Jibril M.

Aminu:- (Adamawa Central)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of **Dr. Sheikh Saleh Okemva**, as a full time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and approve the recommendation".

Recommendation:

"That the Senate do confirm the nomination of Dr. Sheikh Saleh Okenwa, as a full time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)".

Conference Report on the 2008 Appropriation Bill (SB. 21):

Senator Iyiola Omisore: - (Osun East)

"That the Senate do approve and adopt the Conference Report on the 2008 Appropriation Bill (SB. 21)"

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

A Bill for an Act to Provide a Framework for the Development and Management of a Health System within 'the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to Provide for Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (SB.50) *Second Reading Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello:- (Ogun Central)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Rules and Business Niger-Delta	Tuesday, 19th February, 2008	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
Power, Steel Development And Metallurgy	Tuesday, 19th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 312 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
Public Accounts	Tuesday, 19th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 323 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
	Tuesday, 19th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Hearing Room 04 Assembly Complex
Local and Foreign Debts	Wednesday, 20th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 313 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
Environment and Ecology	20th - 21st February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 117 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex