



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 17th September, 2008

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Order of Precedence Bill, 2008 (**SB. 137**) - *First Reading*
Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Senate Leader*)
2. Remuneration of Former Presidents, Heads of States, Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation Bill, 2008 (**SB. 153**) ~ *First Reading*
Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Senate Leader*)
3. Electronic Fraud (Prohibition) Bill, 2008 (**SB. 185**) - *First Reading*
Senator Ayodele S. Arise (*Ekiti North*)
4. Recovery of Premises Act CAP 544 LFN 1990 (Amendment) **Bill**, 2008 (**SB. 193**) - *First Reading*
Senator Heineken Lokpobiri (*Bayelsa West*)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. "That the Senate do receive the Sectional Reports of the following Committees in accordance with Rule 102(d) of the Senate Standing Order 2007 As Amended for the period June 2007 - June 2008" (*To be Laid*).
 - (1) Committee on Commerce
Senator Joel D. Ikenya
 - (2) Committee on Women and Youths
Senator Erne Ufot Ekaette
 - (3) Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
Senator Umaru Dahiru
 - (4) Committee on Health
Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello
 - (5) Committee on Finance
Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi

- (6) Committee on Inter-Parliamentary
Senator Abdulazeez Usman
 - (7) Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity
Senator Wilson A. Ake
 - (8) Committee on Ethics and Petition
Senator Omar Hambagda
 - (9) Committee on Industry
Senator Kamorudeen A. Adedibu
 - (10) Committee on States and Local Governments
Senator Sahabi Ya'u
 - (11) Committee on Upstream Petroleum
Senator Lee L. Maeba
 - (12) Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions
Senator Nkechi Nwaogu
 - (13) Committee on Capital Market
Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon
 - (14) Committee on Privatisation
Senator Ayodele S. Arise
 - (15) Committee on Identity Card and Population
Senator Hosea O. Ehinlanwo
 - (16) Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa/NEPAD
Senator George Akume
 - (17) Committee on Foreign and Local Debts;
Senator Ehigie E. Uzamere
 - (18) Committee on Solid Minerals, and
Senator George T. Sekibo
 - (19) Committee on Federal Character
Senator Smart Adeyemi
 - (20) Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
Senator Isiaka I. Adeleke
2. **Report of the Committee on Information and Media:**
Freedom of Information Bills 2008 (SB. 19)
Senator Ayogu Eze (Enugu North)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Information and Media, on the Freedom of Information **Bills** 2008 (SB. 19)" (*To be laid*).
 3. **Report of the Committee on Communications;**
Nigerian Communications Commission 2008 Budget Proposal
Senator Sylvester N. Anyanwu (Imo North)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Communications, on the Nigerian Communications Commission 2008 Budget Proposal (*To be laid*)"
 4. **Report of the Committee on Communications:**
2008 Budget Proposal For the Universal Service Provision Fund:
Senator Sylvester N. Anyanwu (Imo North)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Communications on the 2008 Budget Proposal For the Universal Service Provision Fund" (*To be laid*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Immediate Construction of the Second Niger Bridge Onitsha:

Sen. Joy Emodi (<i>Anambra North</i>)	Sen. Ike Ekwereraadu (<i>Enugu East</i>)
Sen. Ikechukwu Obiora (<i>Anambra South</i>)	Sen. Anyim Ude (<i>Ebonyi South</i>)
Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello (<i>Ogun Central</i>)	Sen. Julius Ucha (<i>Ehonyi Central</i>)
Sen. Osita Izunaso (<i>Onitsha East</i>)	Sen. Uma.ru Dahitu (<i>Sokoto South</i>)
Sen. Tawa Wada (<i>Gombe South</i>)	Sen. Grace Bent (<i>Adamawa South</i>)
Sen. Uche Chukwumerye (<i>Abia North</i>)	Sen. Ahmed Lawan (<i>Yobe North</i>)
Sen. Patrick Osakwe (<i>Delta North</i>)	

The Senate,

Notes the present dilapidated and precarious condition of the bridge across the River Niger at Onitsha which has been a source of concern to many well-meaning Nigerians especially Engineering Experts;

Aware that the bridge constructed and completed in 1965 is the only link between the South-Eastern States and the rest of the country and therefore occupies a significant position in the economy of this country;

Aware that as a result of the above reason, the bridge has seen very heavy human and vehicular traffic crossing over it through the years resulting in its rapid deterioration and structural weakness;

Aware also that the Federal Government's effort at maintaining the bridge has been anything but satisfactory the last maintenance being in the year 2005 after so much public outcry;

Concerned that the Federal Government has continued to ignore calls for the construction of a new bridge across the River Niger to prevent an immense disaster in the event of the collapse of the present bridge;

Concerned that the muted idea of a private sector participation in the construction of this bridge is to say the least most unacceptable to the people of the South-East who demand nothing more than equitable and fair sharing of infrastructural development amongst the different geo-political zones in the country;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Transport to as a matter of urgency take drastic steps to review the already awarded contract for the construction of a Second Niger Bridge and find out the reasons for its non-execution.;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government to review the present Public/Private Sector participatory arrangement for the construction of the Second Niger Bridge, with a view to terminating the contractor as it is exploitative and anti-people;
- (iii) Urge the Federal Government to appropriate funds for the project in the 2009 Budget instead of the Public-Private Sector arrangement due to its importance to the economy of the South-East and the country in general to avert a possible calamity that will occur in the event of a collapse of the existing bridge;
- (iv) Urge the Federal Government to ensure that another round of thorough maintenance work is immediately carried out on the existing bridge to prevent it from further deterioration as it is on the brink of collapse.

1. Confirmation of Nominations:

Senator Teskim K. Folarin (*Senator Leader*)

"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr, President C-in-C, for the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons as **Chairman** and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Commission (NLRC) in accordance with 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

S/NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	GEO-POLITICAL ZONE
1.	Hon. Justice Atu Kalgo	Commissioner/Chairman	North West
2.	Prof. CO. Okonkwo (SAN)	Commissioner	South East
3.	Mr. Roland Ewubare	Commissioner	South South
4.	Mr. Kefas Magaji	Commissioner	North East

Confirmation of Nominations:

Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Senator Leader*)

"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C, for the confirmation of the nomination of MR. EMMANUEL TERI VAHYALA (*Adamawa State*), as a member of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) in accordance with Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federation Republic of Nigeria".

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Monopolies to Trade, Commerce or Industry, to Regulate the Business Activities of Combines and Trusts with Regard to Restraints in Trade of Commerce, to Establish the antitrust Division for the Purposes of Enforcing the Provisions thereof and to Foster the Sustenance and Development of a Free Market system, and Secure the Practice of a Fair and Open Market Economy Based on Free Competition Between Varied Enterprises Operating in the Federation, and to Provide for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (SB. 87) - *Second Reading*

Senator Heineken Lokpobiri (*Bayelsa West*)

Senator Ahmed M, Makarfi (*Kaduna North*)

Senator Felix K. Bajomo (*Ogun West*)

Senator Umar Abubakar T, Argungu (*Kebbi North*)

A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Flaring of Natural Gas in Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith (SB. 126)
Second Reading

Senator Osita **B. Izunaso** (*Into West*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	3. 00 pm	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 17* Sept. 2008	2.00 pm	Hearing Room 4 Assembly Complex
3.	Capital Market	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 221 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
4.	Works	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	10.00 a.m	Committee Room 313 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
5.	Education	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	3.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
6.	Gas	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 301 New Senate Building Assembly Complex

7.	Niger-Delta	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 312 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
8.	Water Resources	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
9.	Conference Committee: 2008 Appropriation Amendment Bill	Wednesday, 17th September, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
10.	Health	Thursday, 18th September, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 305 New Senate Building Assembly Complex