



SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 20th February, 2008

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Compulsory Military Training and Related Matters in Nigeria Bill, 2008 (SB. 46) - *First Reading*
Senator Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)
- 2. Boards and Head of Federal Statutory Bodies (Appointment, Removal) and Related Matters Bill, 2008 (SB. 47) - *First Reading*.
Sen. Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)
- 3. State of the Federation Address Bill, 2008 (SB. 61) - *First Reading*
Senator Umar A. Tafidan Argungu:- (Kebbi North)

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 (Borno 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 Federal Republic of Nigeria".

MOTION

- 1. Rising Air Tariff and Declining inflight Services by Our Airlines:
Sen. Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)
Sen. Ehigie E. Uzamere:- (Edo South)
Sen. Joy I. Emodi:- (Anambra North)
Sen. Sahabi Ya'u:- (Zamfara North)
Sen. Erne Ufot Ekaette:- (Akwa Ibom North)
Sen. Gbemi R. Saraki:- (Kwara Central)
Sen. Satti Godwim:- (Plateau Central)
Sen. Aloysius A.Etok:- (Akwa Ibom N/West)
Sen. George T. Sekibo:- (Rivers East)
Sen. Nicholas Ugbane:- (Kogi East)
Sen. Smart Adeyemi:- (Kogi West)
Sen. Ahmed Lawai:- (Yobe North)
Sen. Munirudeen Musa:- (Lagos Central)
Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu:- (Abia Central)

Sen. Uche Chukwumerije:- (Abia North)
Sen. N. Anyanwu: (Okigwe) Sen. Grace F. Bent:- (Adamawa South) Sen. Julius Ucha:- (Ebonyi Central) Sen. Anthony Agbo:- (Ebonyi South) Sen. Adeleke O. Mamora:- (iMgos East) Sen. Kolawole Bajomo:- (Ogun West) Sen. Iyabo Obosanjo Bello:- (Ogun Central)

Sen. S.N. Anyanwu: (Owerri) Sen. Adedibu Kamorudeem:- (Oyo South) Sen. Ikechukwu Obiorah:- (Anambra South) Sen. Anthony Manzo:- (Taraba North) Sen. Ibrahim M. Ida:- (Katsina Central) Sen. Kabiru I. Gaya:- (Kano South)

The Senate

Observes the spiraling cost of air travel in this country, sometimes rising many times in the same month;

Notes that the quality of air travel within the country and in-flight services are degenerating at the same spiraling rate;

Observes specifically that most airlines leave the interior of their aircraft in very deplorable and unkempt condition, with dirty and detaching fabrics, staring passengers in the face;

Notes further that on a **flight** to Enugu on February, 15, 2008 on Arik Air and back to Abuja on February 18, 2008, in-flight entertainment had been withdrawn even after the air fare had jumped from N1,500 to its present level of N15,500 for the economy class, and from N23,000 to its present level of N31,000 for the business class, just in a matter of two months;

Concerned that for the 30 minutes flight between Enugu and Abuja, passengers pay about N517.00 a minute for the economy class, and N1,033.00 a minute for the business class, making it one of Nigeria's most expensive routes;

Notes that these rampant and unjustifiable airfare increases in the name of liberalization are callous, inhuman and unpatriotic;

Observes that these poor quality services are compounded by total neglect of the basic rules of hygiene and orderliness, made even worse by the hiring of very cheap and half-baked staff, who equally dish out incoherent and unintelligible in-flight information and instructions;

Recall with disgust the state of some of the aircraft in our land, and the uncivilized practice of allowing insects such as mosquitoes on board, as in the case of a flight to Lagos from Abuja on Virgin Nigeria on February 10, 2008, and on a flight to Abuja from Enugu on Arik Air on February 18, 2008;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Condemn** in very strong terms these sharp practices by these airlines;
- (ii) **Ask** the Federal Ministry of Aviation and her relevant Agencies to step in to save helpless Nigerians from this naked exploration by these airlines by checking these unreasonable tariff increases;
- (iii) **Urge** the Federal Government to return to the known practice of having a truly wholly Nigeria-owned National Carrier, which shall have the duty of setting standards and temper the mindless competition that results in these ugly business ethics.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

Report of the Committee on Petroleum Upstream:

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

Senator Lee Maeba:- (River South East)

"That the Senate do receive and 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.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 20th February, 2008	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Local and Foreign Debts	Wednesday, 20th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 313- (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Environment and Ecology	20th - 21st February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 117 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Defence and Army	Wednesday, 20th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 324 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Foreign Affairs	Wednesday, 20th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 313 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
	Agriculture and Rural Development	Wednesday, 20th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 426 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
	States and Local Government Administration	Thursday, 21st February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 416 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex