



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 27th February, 2008

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Oaths
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Solid Minerals Producing Area Development Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 67)
First Reading
Sen. Grace F. Bent:- (Adamawa South)
2. Nigeria College of Medical Physics (Establishment, etc) **Bill**, 2008 (SB. 71) - *First Reading*
Sen. Iyabo Obosanjo Bello:- (Ogun Central)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 **VERONICA UKAMAKA EBENEKE** (Anambra State), as a Member of the Federal Character Commission, in accordance with Section 154 (1) of the **1999** Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

MOTIONS Mandatory installation of the Emergency

1. Locator Transmitter Beacon 406Mhz in all Aircrafts:

Sen. George Thompson Sekibo:- (Rivers East)
Sen. John Shagaya:- (Plateau South)
Sen. Femi Kila:- (Ekiti Central)
Sen. Ayogu Eze (Enugu North)
Sen. Effiong Bob:- (Akwa Ibom North East)
Sen. Garba Lado Yakubu:- (Kastina South)
Sen. Osita B. Izunaso:- (Into West)
Sen. Adeleke O. Mamora:- (Lagos East)
Sen. Uche Chukwumerije:- (Abia North)
Sen. Nimi Barigha-Amange:- (Bayelsa East)
Sen. Muninideen Adekunle:- (Lagos Central)

Sen. M. K. Jibril:- (Kaduna Central)
Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello:- (Ogun Central)
Sen. Abubakar D. Sodangi:- (Nasarawa West)
Sen. Smart Adeyemi:- (Kogi West)
Sen. Nicolas Ugbane:- (Kogi East)
Sen. Ahmed I. Lawah- (Yobe North)
Sen. Annie Okonkwo:- (Anambra Central)
Sen. Aloysius Etok:- (Akwa Ibom West)
Sen. Solomon Ganiyu:- (Lagos West)
Sen. Grace Bent:- (Adamawa South)
Sen. Nkechi J. Nwaogwu:- (Abia Central)

Sen. Idril Umar:- (Gombe Central)
Sen. Chris N.D. Anyanwu:- (Imo East)
Sen. Gyang Dantong (Plateau North)

Sen. Erne Ufot Ekaette:- (Akwa Ibom North)
 Sen. Patricia Akwashiki:- (Nasarawa North)

The Senate

Recalls that over three hundred lives were lost in four major aircraft disasters involving a **Bellevue** and a **Sosoliso** aircrafts in 2005; and in 2006 an **ADC** aircraft and **the Dornier 228 Air force plane**.

Further recalls other minor incidences involving either loss of route direction or minor mishaps in recent times in different parts of the Country.

Concerned that safety in the air is paramount to all aircraft users especially as one can not predict when and how the next incident would occur.

Further concerned that the installation of safety equipment as well as distress calls indicators should not be compromised.

Worried that many aircrafts flying in the Nigerian skyline are not equipped with sensitive emergency equipment such as emergency locator transmitter beacon 406Mhz which sends signals to COSPAS-SARSAT

monitoring mission at National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA) office which in turn uses such signals to alert owners of such aircrafts and relevant disaster management agencies or rescue operators time and locations of such incidences in the event They occur.

Aware that from 2005, the installation of the emergency locator transmitter beacon 406Mhz has been made mandatory for all aircrafts using Nigerian airspace as this distress call transmitter replaces beacon 121.5Mhz (which comes with the aircraft) on February 01, 2009;

Worried that many airline operators have not complied with this sensitive directive till now, this trend if continued poses danger to all aircraft users.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Urge* the federal ministry of transport (Aviation) to compel all airline operators using the Nigerian airspace to install the emergency locator transmitter beacon 406Mhz in their aircrafts before the global deadline of February 01, 2009.
- (ii) *Urge* all airline operators in the country to **immediately** comply with the directives of the installation of emergency locator transmitter beacon **406Mhz** for the safety of aircraft users.
- (iii) *Direct* its committee on aviation to carry out regular compliance check and brief the senate regularly before the global deadline.

2. **Threat of a Nation-Wide Strike by the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA):**

Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello:- (Ogun Central)
 Sen. Gyang **Dantong** (Plateau North)

Sen. **Anthony Manzo:- (Taraba North)**

The Senate,

Notes with serious concern, the impending threat of strike action by the Nigeria Medical Association.

Observes that industrial disharmony has been looming in the health sector and if not contained, could result in another period of agony, grief and loss of lives difficult to quantify in monetary terms.

Notes that the bone of contention is the rejection of the CONTISS salary scale approved for Medical Personnel and the demand for Medical Salary Structure scale (MSS) by the Nigerian Medical Association;

Further notes that the Jos University Teaching Hospital is yet to pay the subsisting CONTISS salary scale, thereby further aggravating the situation;

Worried that the threat of a nationwide strike by the Nigeria Medical Association if allowed into a full blown strike will be most hazardous to our healthcare delivery system.

Accordingly resolves:

- (i) **Direct** its Committees on Labour and Health to intervene in the impending crises with a view to preventing a nation wide doctors strike; and
- (ii) To report back in two (2) weeks.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

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 (HB. 01)

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 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, 27th February, 2008	3. 00 p.m	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Solid Mineral	Wednesday, 27th February, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 416 <i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex
3.	National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation	Wednesday, 27th February, 2008	3.00 p.m	Committee Room 204 <i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex
	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Wednesday, 27th February, 2008	11.00 a.m	Committee Room 3.13 <i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex
	Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption	Wednesday, 27th February, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 313 <i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex
6.	Environment and Ecology	Wednesday, 27th February, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 117 <i>Senate New Building</i> Assembly Complex