



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDERPAPER

Thursday 13th March, 2008

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **Withholding of the sum of N9, 398,603,500.21 Due to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) by the Federal Government Between 2003 - 2007:**

Senator Smart Adeyemi:- (Kogi East)

The Senate

Notes that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was established by Act No. 12 of 1999 as amended by Act No. 50 of 1999;

Further notes that NEMA is empowered among other functions to distribute emergency- relief materials to victims of natural or other disasters and also assist in the rehabilitation of the victim where necessary;

Notes that Section 13 Sub-section 2(b) of the Act, provides for 20% of the Federal Government's share of Ecological Funds for the management of ecological related disasters be released to the Agency;

Notes that since 2003 the Federal Government has been taking 1.46% of the annual budget as Ecological Fund from which 20% should be allocated to NEMA annually;

Concerned that in the course of the Senate Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs Oversight work with NEMA on 18th January, 2008, it was discovered that from 2003 - 2006, the 20% Ecological Fund due to NEMA was not released;

Concerned further that in 2007, the Federal Government received N23,514,150,309.10 as Ecological Fund of which NEMA was entitled to N4,702,830,061.82 (20%) but no single kobo was released to NEMA;

Notes also that the total amount due to NEMA as outstanding allocations from 2003 - 2006 and the whole allocation for 2007 as Ecological Fund is N9, 398,603,500.21;

Observes that the failure of the Federal Government to completely release the yearly allocations due to NEMA as Ecological Funds between year 2003 and 2006 has seriously hampered the activities of the Agency.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Deplore** the non-release of the N4 Billion outstanding allocations due to NEMA as Ecological Funds for years 2003 - 2006;
- (ii) **Summon** the Minister of Finance and the Accountant-General of the Federation to explain why the various allocations due to NEMA from 2003 - 2006 were not completely released to the Agency and why the whole allocation due to it in 2007 as Ecological Fund was not released.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT**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)" (*Laid on Tuesday, 11th 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>
Rule and Business	Thursday, 13th March, 2008	3. 00 p.m	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
Housing and Urban Development	Thursday, 13th March, 2008	1. 00 p.m	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
Health	Thursday, 13th March, 2008	1. 00 p.m	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
Health	Tuesday, 18th March, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 426 Senate New Building Assembly Complex
Local and Foreign Debts	Wednesday, 19th March, 2008	2. 00 p.m	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building Assembly Complex