



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday 26th March, 2009

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1. National Institute for Sports (Amendment) Bill, 2009 (SB. 243) – *First Reading*
Senator Joel D. Ikenya (*Taraba South*) and 3 Others
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Senator Joel D. Ikenya (*Taraba South*) and 9 Others
 3. Credit Bureau Report Bill, 2009 (SB. 245) – *First Reading*
Senator Ayo S. Arise (*Ekiti North*) and 2 Others
 4. Conveyance of Persons in Containers and Articulated Vehicles (Prohibition) Bill, 2009 (SB. 246)
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Senator Osita Izunaso (*Imo West*)
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development:
Screening of Nominees:
Senator Heineken Lokpobiri (*Bayelsa West*)
“That the SENATE do RECEIVE the REPORT of the COMMITTEE on SPORTS and SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT on the SCREENING of MR. PETER IGHO as the DIRECTOR-GENERAL of the NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMISSION” (*To be laid*).
2. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Sexual Offences (Prohibition) Bill, 2009 (SB. 12)
Senator Umaru Dahiru (*Sokoto South*)
“That the SENATE do RECEIVE the REPORT of the COMMITTEE on JUDICIARY, HUMAN RIGHTS and LEGAL MATTERS on the SEXUAL OFFENCES (PROHIBITION) Bill, 2009 (SB. 12)” (*To be laid*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **Measures to Protect Nigerian Consumers and to Safeguard the Environment by Controlling the Importation, Distribution, Dismantling and Disposal of Obsolete Electronic Devices and Harmful Electronic Waste:**

Sen. Grace F. Bent (Adamawa South)

Co-sponsors

Sen. Teslim K. Folarin

Sen. Jibril M. Aminu

Sen. Awaisu D. Kuta

Sen. Nimi Barigha-Amange

Sen. Zainab A. Kure

Sen. Abubakar D. Sodangi

Sen. Iyiola Omisore

Sen. Joy I. Emodi

Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu

Sen. Joseph Akaagerger

Sen. Anthony G. Manzo

Sen. Yisa Braimoh

The Senate,

Notes that currently there are no manufacturing year limits on the imported second-hand electronic devices into Nigeria and that this regulatory discrepancy is further aggravated by the lack of adequate legislation to protect and inform the Nigerian consumer, ensure value for money and safeguard the health of ignorant citizens who dismantle these dangerous articles;

Concerned that with no safety measures in place, available evidence based on scientific studies shows that these metals such as mercury, lead and cadmium can accumulate in human beings exposed to them and in the environment thus endangering even the life of future generations. **Mercury** damages the brain; **Lead** can lead to a breakdown of the nervous system and damage the reproductive systems while **Cadmium** causes kidney damage. (See Marubini E and Valsecchi MG (1995); Effects of five metals on susceptibility of striped bass to *Flexibacter columnaris*. Trans Amer Fish Soc 115:227-231);

Notes that most second-hand electronic goods such as television sets, computer mainframes and screens, refrigerators, air-conditioning units and scientific devices which are obsolete both in design, operating software and utilize analog systems to process and archive data, have been described as “**dangerous toxic waste**” and that these classes of goods have been phased out in most developed countries including the United States of America and the European Union, as they constitute serious hazards to both human and the environment;

Further notes that in Nigeria, electronic repairers and artisans dismantle some of these electronic second-hand goods into pieces in a bid to obtain spare parts, oblivious of their toxic chemical and hazardous contents; consequently, unserviceable or unusable parts of these e-wastes are sometimes set on fire as a way of discarding them. This could lead to the escape of **dioxins** into the atmosphere. **Dioxins** are **carcinogenic** and are capable of causing **endocrine disruptions** in the body. While other chemical contents could percolate into the soil and contaminate water supply, edible plants and the environment generally;

Aware that electronic manufacturing companies in Europe are mandated to recycle these items for reproduction or re-use in other forms, in accordance with the provisions of European Union Laws, however some ship them to developing countries where more than half of them find their way into Nigeria, where they become hazardous to the health of the people and endangering the environment;

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. **Urge** the National Environmental Standards & Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) and the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) to liaise with the aim of taking urgent steps such as placing manufacturing date limits, certificate of origin and admission of digital mode complaint products only, in order to protect the unsuspecting consumers, conserve scarce foreign exchange thereby ensuring value for money;
- ii. **Urge** the Nigerian Customs Service to quickly put in place guidelines and adequate control measures to checkmate the flow of fairly used or second-hand electronic goods into Nigeria;

- iii. *Urge* the National Environmental Standards & Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) and the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) to checkmate and provide guiding principles on electronic waste (e-waste) in the country for the purposes of protecting lives and the environment;

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A **BILL** for an Act to **ESTABLISH** the **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA** as a body Corporate and to Empower the Council, Inter Alia to Determine Persons, What Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be Attained by such Persons, and for Related matters, 2009 (SB. 06) – *Second Reading*
Senator Aloysius A. Etok (Akwa Ibom North West)
 2. A **BILL** for an Act to **AMEND** the **INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES and OTHER RELATED OFFENCES COMMISSION (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT, 2000** (SB. 206) – *Second Reading*
Senator Sola Akinyede (Ekiti South)
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Establishment and Public Service	Thursday, 26th March, 2009	2.00 p.m	Hearing Room 2
2.	Land Transport	Thursday, 26th March, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation	Thursday, 26th March, 2009	12.00 noon	Committee Room 416 Senate New Building