



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 4th March, 2009

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

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Education:
National Summit on Education
Senator Joy Emodi (*Anambra North*)
"That the SENATE do RECEIVE the REPORT of the COMMITTEE on EDUCATION on the NATIONAL SUMMIT on EDUCATION - 10TH - 11TH DECEMBER, 2008" (*To be laid*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Confirmation of Nomination:
Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Senate Leader*)
"That the SENATE do CONSIDER the request of MR. PRESIDENT, C-IN-C, for the CONFIRMATION of the NOMINATION of CHIEF (MRS.) MARGARET GOM (*Benue State*), as a MEMBER of the FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION (FCC), in accordance with SECTION 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

MOTION

1. Worrisome Prevalence of Lassa- Fever:
Sen. Abubakar D. Sodangi (*Nararawa West*)

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Mahmud K. Bello
Sen. Jibril M. Aminu
Sen. Suleiman A. Adokwe
Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu

Sen. James E. Manager
Sen. Anthony Manzo
Sen. Patricia Akwashiki

Sen. Lee Maeba
Sen. Lawal Ahmed
Sen. Grace F. Bent

Notes with sadness the concomitant loss of lives as a result of outbreak of lassa fever in FCT Abuja, Nasarawa and other States of the Federation as evidenced by the number of patients in the National Hospital Abuja and other various government and private hospitals in the country;

Notes also that, ten persons of affected patients were confirmed dead by health officers and close to three hundred others infected victims are being treated in secluded wards of various government hospitals in the Capital Territory and the fast spread of the disease in other States of the country;

Note further that lassa fever disease as gathered from the Medical Experts is a dangerous communicable disease and could be spread easily;

Worried that, the death toll might even be more than reported, as many more patients could have been taken to private hospitals, while economic crunch is preventing many others from going to the hospital and their fate unascertained;

Observes that, attention now is being focused on HIV/AIDS while other killer diseases are being neglected and which is ruining our country;

Concerned that, reported cases of outbreak of diseases such as malaria, deage fever; measles, meningitis, lassa fever and other related diseases are in the increase and no proper attention or adequate treatment, is being given.

Notes that, many Nigerians and in particular the poorest of the poor, die from the health problems such as lassa fever, malaria, measles and other related diseases;

Concerns that, Nigerian health sector is in distressed and finds it extremely difficult to deliver a minimum package of quality primary health care, including routine health treatments;

Concerns that, government agencies in charge of our health sectors at all levels must live up to their responsibilities especially at the local and municipal levels to lodge a campaign of awareness and preventive measures;

Observes the need to save the lives of many poor Nigerians who are critically ill across the country due to the disease and the need to prevent reoccurrence of same.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to immediately direct the Federal Ministry Health and other related Agencies to embark on a holistic approach to deal with this menace in order to spare our people from this disease as it has become a yearly phenomenon and also strengthen our health sector;
- ii. *Direct* its Committee on Health to assist the ministry of Health and other related Agencies to embark on a massive medical media outreach and enlightenment campaign especially at the local level on how best to handle their foods and water and enlighten the Nigerian public before the approach of the season, on the precautions required of them to forestall any outbreak;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Health should as a mater of necessity collaborate with various States Ministry of Health and other Donor Agencies to tackle the spread of lassa fever in the Nigeria.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence:**
Private Detectives and Investigators Bill, 2009 (SB. 63):
 Senator Nuhu Aliyu (*Niger North*)
 "That the SENATE do CONSIDER the REPORT of the COMMITTEE on NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE, PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND INVESTIGATORS BILL, 2009 (SB. 63)".
2. **Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development:**
Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2008 (SB. 40)
 Senator Heineken Lokpobiri (*Bayelsa West*)
 "That the SENATE do CONSIDER the REPORT of the COMMITTEE on SPORTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, on the DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL, 2008 (SB. 40)".

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

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)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 4th March, 2009	immediately after Plenary	Committee Room 15
2.	Health	Wednesday, 4th March, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
3.	Navy	Wednesday, 4th March, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 416 Senate New Building
4.	Ethics, Code of Conduct And Public Petitions	Wednesday, 4th March, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
5.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Wednesday, 4th March, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
6.	Works	Thursday, 5th March, 2009	10.00 a.m	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
7.	Housing and Urban Development	Thursday, 5th March, 2009	1.00 p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
8.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Tuesday, 10th March, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building