



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 28th June, 2007

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Oaths
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **Confirmation of Nomination:**
Senator Teslim Folarin: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)
"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, C-in-C, for the confirmation of the Nomination of Mrs Ifueko Omoigui, as the Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), in accordance with Section 11 of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (Establishment) Act, 2007".
2. **Legislative Calendar:**
Senator Teslim Folarin: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)
"That the Senate do receive and adopt the Senate Legislative Calendar from Tuesday, 5th June, 2007 to Monday 14th January 2008".

MOTION

3. **Increasing Rate of Drop Calls Due To Inefficient Global System of Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) Network:**

Senator Sylvester N. Anyanwu:- (*Imo North*)

Senator Teslim Folarin:- (*Oyo Central*)

Senator Gbemi R. Saraki:- (*Kwara Central*)

Senator T.U. Wada:- (*Gombe South*)

The Senate,

Notes that telecommunication services are important tools in the socio-economic life of Nigerians;

Observes that Nigeria Mobile Tele-communication Subscribers are recently experiencing an increasing rate of drop calls occasioned by inefficient Global System of Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) network;

Notes that all the Global System of Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) Operators in the Country have recently been experiencing terrible congestions which denied subscribers the ability to make or receive successful calls;

Observes that subscribers¹ expectations that the quality of service delivery which should increase as network matures have, however, been dashed;

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Observes further that though they have continued to expand their network coverage beyond what existing infrastructure could carry, on investigation the 3 major operators namely MTN, Celtel and Globacom could not immediately provide the rate of drop calls on their networks;

Concerned that consumers are being ripped off and made to pay for services which they did not enjoy

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Strongly** condemn **the** increasing rate of drop calls due to inefficient Global System of Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) network;
- (ii) **Direct** the National Communications Commission (NCC) to compel all Service Providers, MTN, Celtel, Globacom to refund customers for credits lost due to no fault of theirs;
- (iii) **Urge** the NCC, (the regulatory body) to carry out effective supervision of all the Service Providers in order to ensure efficient service delivery;
- (iv) **Urge** the NCC to intensify supervision of service providers to ensure that infrastructural expansion is commensurate with subscriber-base;
- (v) **Direct** its Committee on Communications when constituted to further look into the issue of drop calls, and the inefficient Global System of Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) Network and report back to the Senate.