



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 3rd July, 2007

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The Agonies of Depositors of Failed Banks and Financial Institutions:

Senator Teslim Folarin: - (Oyo Central)

Senator Sylvester N. Anyanwu:- (Imo North)

Senator Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)

The Senate,

Recalls that on 8th February, 2007 a motion on the agonies of depositors of failed banks was debated by the last Senate;

Recalls that the motion was subsequently referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions for further legislative action to report within 1 (one) week:

Notes that the Committee's report could not be debated before the last Senate wound up;

Observes that the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), which is the body statutorily empowered to protect depositors' money in banks, has failed to live up to its responsibilities;

Notes also that the public statement credited to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), sometimes in 2006 assuring depositors of total repayment of their money within six (6) months is still unfulfilled;

Concerned that the attitude of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) and the indifference of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) have created so much uncertainty and apprehension among the depositors to the extent that many have lost their businesses, others their lives, some, their marriages and some have withdrawn their wards from school, others were sick and unable to get medical treatment..

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Urge** the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to live up to their **responsibilities**;
- (ii) **Direct** the Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions when constituted to investigate the issues raised and report back to the Senate within 1 (week).

2. Poor State of Safety in Our Airports:
Senator Ike Ekweremadu:- (Enugu West)
Senator Ayogu Eze :- (Enugu North)

The Senate,

Recalls that Nigeria has experienced several air disasters in the past few years some arising from poor facilities;

Notes that only one out of 6 (six) number of Radio facility at the Murtala Mohammed Airport, Lagos is working;

Notes also that the Radar facility at the Murtala Mohammed Airport Lagos is also in a sorry state of disrepair;

Observes that the Akanu Ibiam Airport Enugu has been congested with grounded air planes for over a year now;

Notes further that the above sorry state of affairs in our airports has constituted serious danger to air travelers;

Observes further on Sunday, 1st July, 2007. Arik Air CRJ Aircraft lost one of its wings when a luggage van knocked off one of its wings in a bid to avoid a packed aircraft;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Nigerian Air Space Management Agency (NAMA) to take immediate necessary steps to repair radio and radar facilities in all the Airports where such problems exist;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria to take immediate steps to remove grounded aircraft from the tarmac in all airports in Nigeria;
- (iii) Constitute an Adhoc Committee to visit Lagos and Enugu Airport in the next 1 (one) week to assess compliance and report back to the Senate.

3. Collapse of the Road Infrastructure in Nigeria:

Senator Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)
Senator Teslim Eolarin:- (Oyo Central)
Senator Osita Izunaso:- (Into West)
Senator Sylvester N. Anyanvuu:- (Imo North)
Senator Anthony Agbo:- (Ebonyi North)
Senator Ehogie Uzamere: (Edo South)
Senator Ahmed Lawan:- (Yobe North)
Senator Grace Bent:- (Adamawa South)

The Senate,

Observes the near collapse of the entire road infrastructure in Nigeria;

Concerned that the following Federal roads have collapsed and now pose a threat to the lives of the people of Nigeria: Benin - Ore - Shagamu Road; Zaria - Katsina - Kano Road; Ninth Mile - Nsukka - Makurdi - Lokoja - Abuja Road; Enugu Portharcourt Road; Enugu - Abakaliki - Calabar Road; Enugu - Onitsha Road; Onitsha - Owerri - Aba Road; Bauchi - Kari - Maiduguri Road; Warri - Patani - Yenegoa Road; Jos - Makurdi - Oturkpo Road; Lagos - Shagamu - Ibadan Expressway;

Observes that over one trillion naira was spent on road construction and rehabilitation in Nigeria in the past eight years with minimal or no impact on our roads;

Observes that the collapse of the road infrastructure has virtually cut off many parts of Nigeria, with its attendant negative impact on trade and commerce;

Observes that the collapse has led to a decline in agricultural activities, adversely affecting the movement of agricultural produce from rural to urban area and across the country, resulting in a slide in the country's agricultural output and the economy;

Notes with sadness the concomitant loss of lives as a result of the bad state of these roads, as evidenced by the chilling statistics reeled out by the Federal Road Safety Commission;

Observes that the loss of about 13 lives to road accidents daily and a yearly average of about 17,000 lives is a price too high and too prohibitive to pay for the failure of governance.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Urge* the Federal Government to reorganize the Federal Ministry of Works and its agencies, especially the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) with a view to re-positioning them for the onerous task of rebuilding our roads;
- (ii) *Urge* the Federal Government to undertake the immediate rehabilitation and the dualisation of major highways and interstate roads across the country;
- (iii) *Direct* its Committee on Works, when constituted to embark on audit of all road projects in Nigeria with a view to producing the raw data for further necessary legislative action.
- (iv) *Further* directs its Committee on Works to liaise with the appropriate Government Agencies to ensure the rehabilitation or completion of all abandoned and on going road projects across the country.