



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 13th September, 2007

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

- 1. **The Persistent Power Outage in Nigeria:**
Senator Joy Emodi:- (Anambra North)

Senate

Notes the epileptic power supply in recent times in all parts of the country which has made life unbearable for the citizens of this nation;

Notes with sadness the hardship and sufferings of the people occasioned by the lack of electricity supply. These include but are not limited to:

- (a) loss of lives in Hospitals and Clinics without alternative sources of power;
- (b) loss of means of livelihood by workers whose businesses are solely dependent on constant electricity supply;
- (c) high cost of production by Industries relying on alternative sources of power;
- (d) threat to national security due to inability to operate installed surveillance equipments;

Observes that this has led to the total collapse of several industries which is impacting negatively on the economy of **the** nation;

Observes that the Federal Government has spent a total of USD 6.3 Billion from 1999 to date on power generation with nothing to show for it;

Concerned that inspite of this huge sum of money, Nigeria a country with a population of over 140 million produces 30 watts of electricity per person **while** South Africa with a population of about 40 million produces 800 watts of electricity per person;

Embarrassed that with an installed power generating potential of about 5,200 mw, the output today is a mere 1,930 mw of Energy, while countries like Iran with a population of 70 million generates about 42,000 mw and South Korea with a population of about 35 million generates about 60,000 mw of electricity;

Notes the need for the Nation to have alternative sources of power as there are limitations in overdependence on thermal power with incessant **vandalization** of Gas Pipelines;

Notes the abundant coal deposits in Enugu, Kogi and Benue States which can be explored, and sustain the revival of Oji River Power Station and Construction of new Power Stations;

Notes **that** wind and solar powered energy can be successfully harnessed **in** our environment to add to the pool of energy sources;

Notes the need to ensure that the existing Power Stations, Egbim, Afam, Kainji etc are maintained and functioning to their full installed capacities;

Determined to ensure that this steady decline into total darkness is reversed and our people made to enjoy one of the basic necessities of modern life;

Concerned **that** the Agency responsible for provision of electricity **in** Nigeria, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria, (PHCN) has proved incapable of discharging its duties.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Strongly* deplore the inability of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) to provide continuous and uninterrupted power supply to all parts of the country;
- (ii) *Urge* the State government to urgently partner with the Federal Government to revive the energy sector by initiating the Construction of Independent Power Plants (IPP) in their respective States;
- (iii) *Urge* the Federal Government to expedite action on its reforms in the Energy Industry and encourage private sector investment in the Power Sector;
- (iv) *Urge* the Federal Government to explore the use of Coal, Hydro, wind and Solar Energy as most viable alternative sources of Power Generation;
- (v) *Urge* the National Electricity Regulatory Commission to draw up a 10 year utility development plan for implementation by Government to cater for development and replacement of obsolete infrastructure, with a view to formulating **the** framework for needed legislative action;
- (vi) *Direct* **its** Committee on Privatization when constituted to investigate the appropriateness of the sale by BPE of Egbim Power Station to Korea Power Corporation (KEPCO) Nigeria for the sum of \$280 million;
- (vii) *Direct* its Committee on Power to investigate the reasons for this inability of PHCN to provide continuous uninterrupted power supply and report back to the Senate.

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for An Act to Establish A Skills Acquisition and Development Trust Fund And For Related Purposes 2007 (SB.01) - *Second Reading* Senator Gbemi R. Saraki: - (Kwara Central)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 13th September, 2007	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex