



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 25th September, 2007

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Desertification (Control) Commission Bill 2007 (SB. 9) - First Reading

Sen. Ahmed I Lawan:- (Yobe North) Sen.
Adamu G. Talha:- (Yobe South) Sen.
Ahmed S. Rufai:- (Zamfara West) Sen.
Ibrahim M. Ida:- (Katsina Central) Sen.
Bala A. Mohammed:- (Liauchi South) Sen.
Mohammed A. Aliero:- (Kebbi Central) Sen.
Abdulaziz Usman:- (Jigawa North East) Sen.
Joel D. Ikenya:- (Tarabo South) Sen. Grace
V.J. Bent:- (Adamawa South)

Sen. Bukar Abba Ibrahim:- (Yobe East)
Sen. Maina M. Lawan:- (Borno North)
Sen. Kahiru I. Gaya:- (Kano south) Sen.
Audu I. Umar:- (Gombe Central) Sen.
Uniaru Daliiru:- (Sokoto south) Sen.
Ahmed M. Makarfi:- (Kaduna North) Sen.
Mohammed Mana:- (Adamawa North) Sen.
Abubakar Gada:- (Sokoto East) Sen. Omar
A. Tlaniyinda:- (Borno South)

2. Industrial Waste Water, Pollution, etc (Control) Bill, 2007 SB. 10) - First Reading

Sen. Ahmed I Lawan:- (Yobe North)
Sen. Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)

Sen. Kabiru I. Gnya:- (Kano south)
Sen. Grace F.J. Bent:- (Adamawa South)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. The U.S., OPEC and the "NOPEC" BILL 2007:

Senator Olorunnhinbe Mamora:- (Lagos East)
Senator Fibril Amimi:- (Adamawa Central)

The Senate

Notes that the United States of America imports more than 60% of the oil it consumes, the bulk of which comes from OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) member states, of which Nigeria is a prominent member,

Observes that the NO Oil, PRODUCING AND EXPORTING CARTEL ("NOPEC") Bill was introduced by the U.S House Judiciary Committee Chairman, John Conyers, and the Bill was passed in the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority of 345 to 72 in July 2007,

Concerned that one of the implications of this bill, if passed by the U.S. Senate and subsequently signed into law, is that it will undermine and possibly break (he solidarity of OPEC,

Notes further that the passage of the bill would, in addition, enable the United States Justice Department to sue member states of OPEC in the name of combating globally unfair measures to drive up oil prices;

Notes also that, the bill if it becomes an act, may subvert the sovereign right of OPEC member states, as it may result in the seizure through court actions, of the assets of OPEC member countries (Nigeria inclusive) held in the U.S. and subsequently those held in some other countries as well.

Concerned further that any such resolution, if implemented, will amount to a serious breach of international convention and could destabilize international trade, global harmony and world peace.

Observes that there are salutary indications that President Bush of the U.S., who is happily aware of the damage this vindictive Congressional Bill can inflict on the world, might veto the bill,

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Condemn* for reasons already stated, the NOPEC Bill in its entirety as passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and urge the U.S. Congress, as a sister legislature of a friendly nation, not to proceed any further with the Bill, but to allow it to lapse:
- (it) *Appeal* to Congressman John Conyers, as an eminent African American, with an enviable track record of fighting for Africa and Human rights everywhere, to abandon his sponsorship of this Bill, the passage of which can damage relations between the U.S. and a Third World Organisation (OPEC) which comprises Governments and peoples of several African nations, including Nigeria, and
- (in) *Invite* the Honourable Ministers for Energy (Petroleum) and for Foreign Affairs to brief the Senate on this development and their reaction to it, so that this Senate will be able to consider its own reaction in pursuance of the best interest of our people.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of (he Committee on Appropriation:
Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (SB. 07):
Senator Iyiola Omisore: (*Osun Hast*)
"That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Appropriation, on the Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (SB. 07)" (*Committee of Supply*).
2. Report of the Committee on Appropriation:
Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2007 Part II (SB. OS):
Senator Iyiola Omisore: (*Osun East*)
"That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Appropriation, on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2007 Part II (SB. 08)" (*Committee of Supply*).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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 Gbeini
R. Snraki: - (*Kwara Central*)