



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 24th October, 2007

1. Prayers
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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

Report of the Committee on Finance:

Screening of Nominee:

Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi:- (Kaduna North)

"That the Senate receive the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the Screening of Ms. Omoigui Ifueko Marina, as Chairman/Chief Executive Officer in the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)". *(To be laid)*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

The Collapse of the Nigerian Textile Industry:

Sen. Ahmed I. Lawan:- (Yobe North)
Sen. Ahubakar D. Sodangi:- (Nasarawa West)
Sen. Mahmud K. Bello:- (Katsina North)
Sen. Maina Ma'aji Lawan:- (Borno North)
Sen. Olorunnimbe Mamora:- (Lagos East)
Sen. Kabiru I. Gaya:- (Kano South)
Sen. Bukar A. Ibrahim:- (Yobe East)
Sen. Umaru Dahiru:- (Sokoto South)
Sen. Ibrahim M. Ida:- (Katsina Central)
Sen. Adamu Talba:- (Yobe South)
Sen. Ahmed M. Makarfi (Kaduna North)
Sen. Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)
Sen. Abdullahi I. Umar:- (Gombe Central)

Sen. Omar A. Hambagda (Borno South) **Sen. Particia Akwashiki:- (Nasarawa North)** **Sen. Mohammed K. .fibrin:- (Kaduna Central)** **Sen. Bala Mohammed:- (Bauchi South)** **Sen. Jibrin U. Wowo:- (FCT)** **Sen. Mohammed Bello:- (Kano Central)** **Sen. Mohammed Mana:- (Adamawa Central)** **Sen. Abdullazeez Usman:- (Jigawa East)** **Sen. Caleb Zagi:- (Kaduna South)** **Sen. Garba Lado:- (Katsina South)** **Sen. Aloysius A. Etok:- (Akwa Ibom West)** **Sen. Suleiman Nazif:- (Bauchi North)** **Sen. Aminu S. Garo:- (Kano North)**

The Senate

Observes that the Textile Industry was the largest single sector within the private sector of the economy in terms of total investments, output and turnover, and it was the second largest employer of labour after the Government;

Observes that in early 1980's the total direct employment in the industry was over 300,000 people, additional indirect employment generated by the industry was in excess of 700,000 people;

Worried that the total employment by this industry today declined to 26,000 people only;

Notes that in early 1980's the number of functioning textile industries in Nigeria was 175 and there are only 26 surviving today;

Concerned about the influx of smuggled textile materials into the country, particularly from the borders with Niger, Benin, Cameroon, etc and smuggled textiles account for over 80% market share in Nigeria;

Notes that waivers from-prohibition and tariff concessions to a few companies have led to unacceptable distortion in the sector;

Concerned further that as per the UNIDO Study 2002/2003, the age of the machinery in the Nigerian Textile Industry was 3-28% in Spinning and 8% in Weaving, compared to 40% and 93% respectively for Spinning and Weaving in South Africa;

Concerned that the quality and quantity of cotton, the primary raw material for the textile mills are abysmally low due to lack of meaningful investments in the production non-remunerative prices to farmers, a consequence of the Country's neglect of the agricultural sector.

Accordingly Resolves to:

- (i) *Urge* the Federal Government to provide financial support through an institutional framework to enable Nigerian cotton and textile companies who wish to re-tool, to acquire spare parts and new technology, to expand production capacity, to salvage the situation;
- (ii) *Urge* the Nigerian Customs Service to embark on a deliberate and elaborate anti-smuggling campaign and invoke the Import Prohibition List of 2004 which banned import textiles-yarns, fabrics and garments;
- (iii) *Urge* the Federal Government to review existing waivers with respect to import of cotton-yarn, Polyester and Polyester Filament Yarn Fabrics which are adequately produced locally; and
- (iv) *Urge* the Federal Government to make imports of all cotton and textile inputs and equipment duty-free for a ten-year period.

2. **De-Congestion of Federal Government Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Parastatals from the Metropolis of Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) to the Other Area Councils within the Federal Capital Territory:**

Senator Yisa Braimoh:- (Edo North)

The Senate

Notes that the Federal Capital Territory is made up of Six (6) Area Councils, to wit; Abaji, Bwari, Gwagwalada, Kuje, Kwali and Abuja Municipal;

Observes that all Federal Government Ministries, Commissions, Parastatals and several other private businesses are concentrated mostly within certain areas such as Garki 1, 3 and 10 and Wuse Zones 3 and 4, which are all within the Abuja Metropolis;

Observes that the concentration of these Federal Government Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Parastatals within the Central Business District (CBD) of Abuja have led to serious congestion characterized by heavy traffic build-ups around the Abuja Metropolis;

Notes that traveling into and out of the Abuja Metropolis is always extremely cumbersome, for instance the traffic begins from the Gwarinpa-Kubwa fly-over and continues right down past Kubwa, eases off for about 10 Kilometers only to continue again at Dei-Dei area;

Notes further that areas such as Nyanya-Mararaba are completely chaotic at all times of the day due to the heavy traffic experienced on that particular route caused by over 3,000 vehicles either leaving or coming into Abuja Metropolis;

Convinced that the locations of some of these Federal Ministries, Agencies Commission and Parastatals were not originally included in the Abuja Master Plan leading to the recent demolition of some Federal Government Agencies such as National Biotechnological Agency and the Federal Ministry of Works , Mabushi, whilst several others that are not within the Abuja Master Plan, still exist;

Notes that residents of the Federal Capital Territory continue to suffer untold hardship whilst trying to get to work everyday from other satellite areas to the Abuja Metropolis;

Observes that the traffic situation and congestion within the Abuja Metropolis today can be adequately compared to that in Lagos State where residents living in areas such as Akowonjo, Alagbado, Ikorodu, Ketu, epe, Lekki, Badagry and FESTAC Town have to leave home as early as 5 a.m everyday in order to get to work in the Lagos and Victoria Islands, which constitute the commercial nerve centre of the State;

Observes that in due course the traffic situation and congestion within the Abuja Metropolis are likely to lead to a situation frightfully worse than the chaotic problem already existing in Lagos State;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Urge* the Federal Government in a medium term not exceeding the next 5 years to de-congest not less than half of the Federal Government Ministries, Agencies, Commission and Parastatals within the Abuja Metropolis to the other Area Councils;
- (ii) *Urge* the Federal Capital Development Authority to continue to maintain and vigorously sustain the Master Plan;
- (iii) *Urge* all Agencies dealing with traffic and safety on our roads to remain active and vigilant in the performance and conduct of their duties, so as to reduce traffic hazards within and around the Abuja Metropolis and the Federal Capital Territory;
- (iv) **Mandate** its two Committees on Establishment and Public Service, and the Federal Capital Territory to liaise with the relevant Federal Government Agencies for the actualization of the de-congestion of Federal Government Ministries, Agencies, Commission and Parastatals from the Abuja Metropolis to the other Area Councils.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:**
Alleged N400m Renovation Contract for the Residence of the President of the Senate and Alleged N2.5 Billion smuggled into the 2007 Supplementary Appropriation Bill by the President of the Senate:
Senator Omar A. Hambagda:- (Borno South)
 "That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petition, on the Alleged N400m Renovation Contract for the Residence of the President of the Senate and Alleged N2.5 Billion smuggled into the 2007 Supplementary Appropriation Bill by the President of the Senate and approve the recommendation(s)".
2. **Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**
Screening of Nominees:
Senator Mohammed I. Ahmed:- (Kwara North)
 "That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service, on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) and approve the recommendations".

S/N	Name	Designation	State of Origin	Cluster of States Represented
1.	Amb. Ahmed Al-Gazali OON, mni	Chairman	Borno	
2.	Mrs. Sarah P. Chundung Dokotri	Member	Plateau	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
3.	Obong Uwah	Member	Akwa Ibom	Akwa Ibom, and Cross River
4.	Mr. Agbo G. Chukwuemeka	Member	Enugu	Anambra, Ebonyi and Enugu
5.	Mr. Joseph Oluremi Akande	Member	Osun	Osun and Oyo
6.	Amb. Z. M. Kazaure	Member	Jigawa	Kano and Jigawa
7.	Dr. A.M. Yabani	Member	Yobe	Bauchi, Yobe and Borno
8.	Alhaji Aliyu Wali	Member	Niger	Niger and FCT
9.	Amb, I, Bindawa	Member	Katsina	Kaduna and Katsina
10.	Chief (Mrs) Ijeoma A. Umez-Eronini	Member	Imo	Imo and Abia
11.	Alhaji Y.A. Yabo	Member	Sokoto	Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara
12.	Hajiya Lami Buba	Member	Gombe	Adamawa, Taraba and Gombe
13.	Alhaji Yusuf Olowu	Member	Kwara	Kwara and Kogi
14.	Dr. J.O. Egberike	Member	Bayelsa	Delta, Rivers and Bayelsa

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do confirm the nominations of the above-named Persons as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)".

Report of the Committee on Education:

Civic and Citizenship Education Bill, 2007 (SB.234):

Sentator Joy Emodi:- (*Ananbra North*)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Education, on the Civic and Citizenship Education Bill, 2007 (SB.234)".

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 23rd October, 2007	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Science and Technology	Wednesday, 24th October, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Hearing Room 01 Assembly Complex
3.	Gas	Wednesday, 24th October, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.04 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
4.	Nigerian Navy	Wednesday, 24th October, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 415 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex

5.	Works	Wednesday, 24th October, 2007 p.m.	2. 00	Committee Room 313 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
6.	Security and Intelligence	Wednesday, 24th October, 2007 p.m.	2. 00	Committee Room 312 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
7.	Marine Transport	Thursday, 25th October, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.05 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
8.	Aviation	Thursday, 25th October, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 426 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
9.	Petroleum Resources (Downstream)	Thursday, 25th October, 2007 p.m.	2. 00	Committee Room 1.07 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
10.	Information and Media	Thursday, 25th October, 2007 p.m.	2. 00	Committee Room 304 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
11.	Environment and Ecology	Thursday, 25th October, 2007 p.m.		Committee Room 2.24 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
12.	Defence and Army	Wednesday, 24th October, 2007 p.m.	2. 00	Committee Room 324 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
13.	Finance	Thursday, 25th October, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.23 <i>New Senate Building</i> Assembly Complex
		Thursday, 25th October, 2007 noon	12. 00	