



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 22nd November, 2007

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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Joint Committee on Communications and Commerce:
Increasing Rate of Drop Calls due to Inefficient Global System of Mobile Telecommunications (GSM) Network in Nigeria:
Senator Sylvester Anyanwu:- (Imo North)
Senator Joel D. Ikenya:- (Taraba South)

"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Communications and Commerce, on the Increasing Rate of Drop Calls due to Inefficient Global System of Mobile Telecommunications (GSM) Network in Nigeria" {To be laid}.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Impending Crisis in and Uncertain Fate of the People of Bakassi:
Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw:- (Cross River South) Sen. Ayogu Eze:- (Enugu North)
Sen. Ike Ekweremadu:- (Enugu West) Sen. Lee Maeba:- (Rivers South East)
Teslim K. Folarin:- (Oyo Central) Sen. Mahmud Sen. Abubakar. D. Sodangi:- (Nasarawa West)
Kanti Bello:- (Katsina North) Sen. Victor Sen. Patrick Osakwe:- (Delta North)
Ndoma-Egba:- (Cross River North) Sen. Gaiyu O. Solomon:- (Lagos West)
Olorunnimbe Mamora:- (Lagos East) Sen. Mohammed A. Bello:- (Kano Central)
Kabiru I. Gaya:- (Kano South) Sen. Abubakar Sen. Usman J. Wowo:- (FCT)
Gada:- (Sokoto East) Sen. Nimi Sen. Umaru Dahiru:- (Sokoto South)
Barigha-Amange:- (Bayelsa East) Sen. James E. Sen. Hosea O. Ehinlanwo:- (Ondo South)
Manager:- (Delta South) Sen. Felix Kola Sen. George T. Sekibo:- (Rivers East)
Bajomo:- (Ogun West) Sen. Erne Ufot Ekaette:- (Akwa Ibom N/South)

The Senate

Notes that On October 10, 2002, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to which Nigeria had subjected itself gave judgment in the matter of the land and maritime boundary dispute between Nigeria and Cameroon. In its

verdict the ICJ awarded ownership of Bakassi peninsula to Cameroon inspite of the strong historical, cultural, political and legal arguments put forward by Nigeria.

Notwithstanding the widespread national disaffection and concerns expressed over the ICJ verdict, and despite his own earlier promise not to cede the territory to Cameroon, the former President Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, was reported to have signed an agreement at Green Tree, New York on June 12, 2006 in which he agreed to surrender the peninsula to Cameroon.

The signing of the agreement and cession of the Peninsula on August 14, 2006 to Cameroon was unilateral and against the provisions of Section 12(1) of our Constitution. And that up till date, the so called Green Tree Agreement is yet to be placed before the National Assembly for scrutiny as required by the Constitution.

Observes With great concern and disappointment the uncertain fate and neglect now faced by the people of Bakassi since their relocation from their ancestral homes in the peninsula to Ikang in Akpabuyo local government area of Cross River State;

That more than one year after their relocation, no budgetary provisions have been made for compensation, resettlement or rehabilitation by the Federal Government of Nigeria;

With great apprehension the recent incident in which about 20 Cameroonian gendarmes were reported to have been ambushed and killed as well as the retaliatory killing of some 10 Nigerians in the peninsula.

That the integration of those relocated from Bakassi into Ikang is developing into a stalemate due to:

- (a.) Inability to harmonize political interests and the sharing of public offices between the new arrivals from Bakassi and the original residents of Ikang. Local government elections could not be held in the area, (b.) The existence of two parallel traditional rulership structures and the obvious difficulties in harmonising them into one. (c.) Lack of payment of compensation to the Ikang people whose land is to be used to resettle the new comers.

Accordingly Resolves to:

- (i.) *Sympathise* with the people of Bakassi for the hardship caused them by the unfortunate cession of their ancestral homes to Cameroon and the neglect by government to take appropriate steps for a less traumatic relocation and rehabilitation.
- (ii.) *Draw* the attention of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the fact that transfer of Bakassi from Nigeria to Cameroon under the agreement of June 12, 2006 without ratification by the National Assembly as required by Section 12(1) of our Constitution is unconstitutional and of no effect.
- (iii.) *Urge* Mr. President to submit the agreement to the National Assembly for scrutiny without further delay to enable the National Assembly determine whether or not it is in the interest of Nigeria to ratify the agreement.
- (iv.) *Request* the Federal Government to forthwith stop any further transfer of territory in the peninsula particularly Abana and Atabong to Cameroon until and unless the Agreement is ratified by the National Assembly.
- (v.) *Urge* the Federal Government as a matter of urgency to provide for the immediate rehabilitation and resettlement of the people of the Peninsula who have already been displaced from their homes.
- (vi.) *Further* advise the Federal Government of Nigeria that the interests and security of Nigeria must not be compromised in any future discussions or negotiations with Cameroon but ensure that Nigeria is not drawn into conflict with Cameroon.
- (vii.) *Constitute* an ad-hoc Committee to visit the people and the peninsula to facilitate a first hand appraisal of the current situation in the area and report back to the Senate within two weeks.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:
Screening Nominees: Senator Jibril M. Aminu:-
(Adamawa Central)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of the following Nominees as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approve the recommendations".

	<i>Name</i>	<i>State</i>
1.	Senator (Dr.) Ahmadu Ali	Kogi
2.	Senator (Dr.) Dalhatu Tafida	Kaduna
3.	Senator Abdallah Muhammad Wali	Sokoto
4.	Prof. Iyorwuese Hargher	Benue
5.	Senator Segun Bamigbetan Bajun	Osun
6.	Senator Musiliu Obanikoro	Lagos
7.	Senator (Chief) Felix Oboro	Bayelsa
8.	Senator Umaru Azores Suleiman	Nasarawa
9.	Chief Soni Abang	Cross River
10.	Chief Empire Kanu	Abia
11.	Chief (Hon.) Fidel Ayogu	Enugu
12.	Hon. Musa John	Taraba
13.	Alh. Ahmed Abdulhamid Malam Madori	Jigawa
14.	Professor Joy Ogbu	Delta
15.	Mr. E.A. Adigun	Ondo
16.	Mr. M.A. Mba	Ebonyi
17.	Ms. Asalina R. Mamuno	Adamawa
18.	Mr. A.B. Gwari	Yobe
19.	Mr. G.O. Agamah	Benue
20.	Mr. B.U. Eyo	Akwa Ibom
21.	Brig. Gen. Oluwole Rotimi (Rtd)	Ogun
22.	Mr. Godwin Nsude Agbo	Enugu
23.	Ibrahim Baba Mai Sule	Yobe
24.	Brig. Gen. Yusuf Abubakar (Rtd)	Kogi
25.	Ambassador (Prof.) Olu Agbi	Ondo
26.	Dr. (Mrs.) Nimota Hihinola Akanbi	Kwara
27.	Dr. Aisha Laraba Abdullahi	Bauchi
28.	Mr. A.G. Bala	Zamfara
29.	Mr. M.B. Egbe	Cross River
30.	Mr. C.L. Laseinde, <i>mni</i>	Osun
31.	Mr. P.A. Dauda	Kaduna
32.	Mr. S.L. Mohammed	Jigawa
33.	Mr. B.G. Wakil <i>mni</i>	Borno

34.	Mr. Y.T. Zaria	Kaduna
35.	Dr. Ishay Majanbu	Niger
36.	Alhaji Isah Aliyu Muhammed	Kebbi
37.	Barr. Toye Olofintuyi	Ekiti
38.	Alhaji Abdulahi Garba Aminchi	Katsina
39.	Mr. A.A. Omaki	Nasarawa
40.	Prince Eheneden Erediauwa	Edo
41.	Maj. Gen. Timothy Shelpidi TRtd)	Gombe
42.	Esther John Audu	FCT
43.	Hon. Desmond Akawor	Rivers
44.	Mr. J.Y. Hassan	Taraba
45.	Alhaji Bashir Yuguda	Zamfara
46.	Mr. G.H. Bristol	Rivers
47.	Mr. G.B. Igali	Bayelsa
48.	Mr. S.M. Pissagih	Gombe
49.	Mr. C.W. Wigwe	Abia
50.	Mr. R.B. Onemola	Kogi
51.	Chief Godson Echegile	Delta
52.	Ambassador Peter Layi Oyedele	Oyo
53.	Chief (Mrs.) Folake Marcus Bello	Ogun
54.	Barr. Ibrahim Pada Kasai	Plateau
55.	Chief (Dr.) Etim U. Uye	Akwa Ibom
56.	Barrister Obed Wadzani	Borno
57.	Alhaji Abubakar Cika	Sokoto
58.	Hon. Jerry Ugokwe	Anambra

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do confirm the nominations of the above mentioned fifty-eight Nominees (58) as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

2. Report of the Committee on Finance:

Screening of Nominee:

Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi:- (Kaduna North)

"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the Screening of Ms. Omoigui Ifueko Marina, as the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and approve the recommendation".

3. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:

Alleged N4Q0m 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 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 U2.5 Billion smuggled into the 2007 Supplementary Appropriation Bill by the President of the Senate and approve the recommendation(s)"

4. Request for Virement:
 Sen. Teslim K. Folarin:- (*Senate Leader*)
 "That the Senate do consider and approve the request for virement by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for the sum of N500 million (Five Hundred Million Naira) only from the sum of N1Billion (One Billion Naira) only approved in the 2007 Supplementary Appropriation Act 2007, to enable the Commission conduct bye elections within the next two weeks, to take care of legal obligations not envisaged in the 2007 over head appropriation, etc."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 22nd November, 2007	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Solid Minerals	Thursday, 22nd November, 2007	10.00 am	Hearing Room 107 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
	Banking, Insurance and p.m. Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 28th November, 2007 (<i>Budget Defence</i>)	10. 00	Committee Room 323 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
	Federal Character and Governmental	Thursday, 22nd November, 2007	2.90 am	Committee Room 304 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
	States and Local Governmental Affairs	Thursday, 22nd November, 2007	2.00 am	Committee Room 416 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
	Petroleum Resources (Down Stream)	Thursday, 22nd November, 2007	2.00 am	Committee Room 117 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
7.	Gas	Thursday, 22nd November, 2007	1. 00pm	Committee Room 3.04 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
8.	Health	Monday, 26th November, 2007	3.00 pm	Hearing Room 305 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
9.	Information and Media	Monday, 26th November, 2007	3.00 pm	Committee Room 301 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
10.	Privatisation	Tuesday, 27th November, 2007	1.00 p.m	Committee Room 324 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
11.	Interior	Wednesday, 28th November, 2007	10. 00 a.m.	Committee Room 117 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
12. 1. 00 p.m.	Science and Technology	Wednesday, 28th November, 2007		Committee Room 312 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
13. a.m	Housing and Urban Dev.	Tuesday, 27th November, 2007	11.00	Committee Room