



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 21st November, 2007

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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Niger Delta:
Senator James E. Manager:- (*Delta South*)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta, on the Niger Delta Crisis" (*To be laid*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Frequent Cancellation of Scheduled Flights by Airlines in Nigeria:

Sen. Teslim K. Folarin:- (*Senate Leader*)
Sen. O.A. Mamora:- (*Lagos West*) Sen.
Heineken Lokpobiri:- (*Bayelsa West*) Sen.
Bala Mohammed:- (*Bauchi South*) Sen.
Sylvester Anyanwu:- (*Imo North*) Sen.
Mohammed Nazif:- (*Bauchi North*) Sen.
Nimi Barigha-Amange:- (*Bayelsa East*) Sen.
Patricia Akwashiki:- (*Nasarawa North*)

The Senate

Notes the importance of an efficient Air Transport system to the Economy of any Nation;

Notes also the additional installation of Navigational equipments and systems by the Federal Civil Aviation Authority of Nigeria (FCAA) in Nigerian Airports for the attainment of efficient and regular flights;

Observes with dismay the increasing rate of cancellation of scheduled flights by Nigerian Airlines in various airports across the country;

Observes also that such cancellations are often sudden and without adequate compensation to consumers who have been denied boarding;

Observes that this frequent cancellation of flights have assumed an ugly dimension in contravention of section 71 (1) of the Civil Aviation Act 2006 which stipulates inter alia;

"The Authority shall formulate schemes for payment of suitable compensation by carriers to passengers who are denied boarding, in specified circumstances, on flights from Nigeria to any point outside Nigeria, or on flights within Nigeria, for which they have confirmed reservation, or for any other kind of passenger grievances which in the opinion of the Authority have assumed significant level of public dissatisfaction".

Observes that this frequent and sudden disruption of scheduled flights across the country has resulted in great inconvenience to passengers, loss of man hours, in very many other cases, huge financial losses in business transactions and with serious negative implication for the Nigerian economy;

Observes that this practice is at variance with the intents and purposes of both the Consumer Protection Council Act, 1992 and the Civil Aviation Act, 2006;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Condemn the frequent cancellation and disruption of flights by airlines in Nigeria without adequate compensation to passengers;
- (ii) Urge the President, Commander- in Chief to direct the Federal Civil Aviation authority (FCAA) to ensure that adequate compensation is paid to passengers who are denied boarding; and
- (iii) Direct the Committee on Aviation to immediately and urgently come up with proposals for the amendment(s) of the Civil Aviation Act (CAA) 2006 to include provisions for compensation for passengers denied boarding and specific sanction on airlines perpetrating same.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Screening of Nominees: Senator Mohammed I.

Ahmed:- (Kwara North)

"That the Senate do resume the consideration of 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" (Adjourned Debates -Tuesday, 20th November, 2007). (Committee of Whole).

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 <i>Not Recommended</i>)	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 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 consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petition, on the Alleged \$4400m 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)"

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 N1500 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."

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	
2.	Senator (Dr.) Dalhatu Tafida	
3.	Senator Abdallah Muhammad Wali	Sokoto
4.	Prof. Iyorwuese Hargher	Benue
5.	Senator Segun Bamigbetan Bajju	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>nni</i>	Osun
31.	Mr. P.A. Dauda	Kaduna
32.	Mr. SX. Mohammed	Jigawa
33.	Mr. B.G. Wakil <i>nni</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 (Rtd)	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. Igaii	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".

5. **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".

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 21st November, 2007	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Women Affairs and Youth Development	Wednesday, 21st November, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
3.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 21st November, 2007	2. 00 p.m.	Hearing Room 04 Assembly Complex
4.	Airforce	Wednesday, 21st November, 2007	2. 30 p.m.	Committee Room 415 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Communications	Wednesday, 21st November, 2007	2.	Committee Room 211 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Ethics, Code of Conduct	Wednesday, 21st November, 2007	2.	Committee Room 211 (New Building) Assembly Complex
00 p.m.				
7.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Wednesday, 21st November,		Hearing Room 04 Assembly Complex
		Wednesday, 21st November, 2007	2. 00	Committee Room 324 (New Building) Assembly Complex
8.	Solid Minerals	Thursday, 22nd November,		Hearing Room 107 (New Building) Assembly Complex
9.	Banking, Insurance and	Wednesday, 28th November, 2007		Committee Room 323 (New Building) Assembly Complex
10. 00 p.m.				