



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 8th October, 2008

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Occupational Safety and Health Bill, 2008 (SB. 191) - *First Reading*
Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Senate Leader*)
2. Solid Minerals Reactivation Guarantee Loan Scheme (Establishment) Bill, 2008 (SB. 195) - *First Reading*
Senator George T. Sekibo (*Rivers East*)
3. National Unity and Peace Corps (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 194) - *First Reading*
Senator Nkechi .J. Nwaogu:- (*Abia Central*)
4. Nigeria Coastal Enforcement Agency Bill, 2008 (SB. 192) -- *First Reading*
.Senator Umar A. T. Argungu (*Kebbi North*)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. "That the Senate do receive the Sessional Reports of (he following Committees in accordance with Rule 102(d) of the Senate Standing Order 2007 As Amended for the period June 2007 - June 2008" (*To be Laid*).
 - (i) Committee on Public Accounts
Sen. Ahmed 1. La wan
 - (ii) Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity
Sen. Wilson A. Ake
2. Report of (he Committee on Solid Minerals:
Holistic Review of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2007
Senator George T. Sekibo (*Rivers East*)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Solid Minerals on the Holistic Review of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 to Accommodate the Interest of the Local Populace of the Mining Areas"
(*To be laid*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Confirmation of Nominations:

Senator Teslim K. Folnrin: - (Senate Leader)

"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr, President C-in-C, for the confirmation of the Nominations of the following five (5) Non-Career and six (6) Career Ambassadorial Nominees, in accordance with Section 171 (c) (4) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

NON-CAREER NOMINEES

S/NO.	Name	State	Gender
1.	Amb. Aminu Baslrir Wali	Kano	Male
2.	Hon. Isaac Onuh	Kogi	Male
3.	Amb. Adamu Danra	Katsina	Male
4.	Chief Lawrence Nwurukmi	Ebonyi	Male
5.	Mrs. Nkoyo Toyo	Cross River	Female

CAREER NOMINEES

S/NO.	Name	State	Gender
1.	Mr. H. Abdullahi	Niger	Male
2.	Mr. L. Bature	Katsina	Male
3.	Mr. L.O. Akindele	Oyo	Male
4.	Mr. Samuel Folorunsho Aiyedona	Lagos	Male
5.	Mr. R.O. Eze	Enugu	Male
6.	Amb. Ghali Umar, mni	Kano	Male

MOTIONS

1. Global Credit Crisis and its Impact on Nigeria:

Sen. Anthony G. Manzo

Co-sponsors: Sen. Felix K.

Bajomo Sen. Teslim Folarin Sen. Sen. Jibril M. Aminu
Grace Bent Sen. Ayogu Eze Sen. Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN)
Nkechi Nwaogu Sen. Nazif Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello
Suleiman Sen. Effiong D. Bob Sen. Ayo Arise

Sen. Joel D. Ikenya
Sen. Ganiyu Solomon

Sen, Bassey Ewa-Hcnshaw

Sen. Ike Ekvvereinadu Sen.
Oloruimbe A. Maniora Sen.
Zaynab Kure Sen. Aloysius
A. Etok Sen. Ehigie E.
Uzamere Sen. Osita Izunaso

The Senate,

Notes that the wave of the Global Financial Crisis sweeping through the United States of America and Europe, is the first financial crisis of the 21st century; the world has not seen any thing like this since the Wall Street crash of 1929, the great depression of 1930 and the Stock Market Crisis of 1984 and 2001;

Concerned also that the United States - the world's largest economy which accounts for almost 40% of the global GDP may have slipped into recession;

Aware that the biggest danger of this crisis is the global credit squeeze. The reluctance of the banks to lend money to one another has worsened the situation and the implication is that Nigerian banks which have easy access to Credit from International Banks will now find it difficult if not impossible to benefit from such facility;

Observes that as the crisis worsens, the banking sector may be affected and, the implication is that activities in the banking sector will begin to shrink and outstanding facilities will be recalled which will adversely affect, the nation's economy;

Observes further that the capital market will be worst hit by the Global Credit Crisis as investors' preference at the moment is investing in fixed income securities such as treasury bills and Government Bonds, since there is no way investors will turn to the capital market where returns are much smaller;

Notes that while more advanced capital markets may be able to absorb their losses owing to their depth, the Nigeria capital market where banking assets alone account for 65% of market capitalization may, not as a result of investors movement to fixed income securities;

Notes that in inspite of our poverty and vulnerable mono-economy, all that we have been receiving are soothing assurances from those authorities who by now should be informing and consulting appropriate bodies and organizations including the National Assembly and generally sensitizing our people to the possible deterioration of the economy especially with (he concomitant, and not surprising, fall in the oil prices and therefore attenuated national revenue;

Advocates the need for a well coordinated approach to the financial crisis and its attendant implication on Nigeria;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Urge* the Federal Government to pay up debts owed local contractors as a way of reducing the credit crunch;
- (ii) *Invite* the Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria to brief the relevant Committees of (he Senate on their state of preparedness to handle the imminent crisis.

2. **Plight of Nigerians in Indonesian Prison:**

Senator Uche Cliukwumerije, (Abia North)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Oloruimibe Mammora
Sen. Kabiru Gaya
Sen. Dahiru Kuta
Sen. Nicholas Ugbanne
Sen. Kanti Bello
Sen. Joy Emodi

Sen. Patrick Osakwe
Sen. Eme Ufot Ekaete
Sen. Bode Olajumoke
Sen. Lee Maeha
Sen. Nuhu Aliyn
Sen. Ibrahim Idah

Sen. Iyiola Omisore
Sea. Anyini Ude
Sen. Annie Okonkwo
Sen. Ike Ekweremadu
Sen Abubakar Sodangi
Sen. George Anthony Manzo

The Senate,

Concerned that over fifty Nigerians are held in various Prisons in Indonesia;

Notes that the Nigerian prisoners were arrested for alleged drug related offences;

Informed that the prisoners were tried, convicted and sentenced to various jail terms and, eighteen of them presently to death penalty;

Aggrieved by eye-witness reports that the prisoners were tried, convicted and sentenced without legal representation and in a language they do not understand;

Concerned that most of the prisoners sentenced to death are awaiting execution and could be executed any moment;

Notes that many indignities - e.g. deaths of inmates as a result of inadequate medical care and harsh prison conditions, the latest of which is the death of Augustine Ogbonna on September 9, 2008 - were inflicted on Nigerian authorities;

Bemoan the indifference of the officials of Nigerian Embassy in Indonesia to the plight of the Nigerian prisoners;

Regret the ineptitude of the Nigerian Government and its representatives abroad towards the inhuman treatment of her citizens abroad;

Concerned that this brutality will continue if Nigerian authorities do not rise up to the demands of State responsibility to her citizens and to the expectations of the international community.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Reiterate** its stand on the duty of Nigerians residing abroad to obey the laws of their host countries;
- (ii) **Affirm** that most Nigerians living abroad, are law-abiding residents, positively contributing to the development of their host countries;
- (iii) **Regret** the unfortunate possibility of a misjudgement by any host country being beguiled by the criminal activities of microscopically few deviants (who exist in every community) to develop a mind-cast that condemns the innocent majority of her alien Nigerian residents on a negative unrepresentative stereotype;
- (iv) **Deplore** the attitude of Indonesian authorities towards Nigerians, especially criminal suspects;
- (v) **Request** the federal government to urge Indonesian government to temper justice with mercy in executing the sentences of its courts;
- (vi) **Call** on the Nigerian federal government to be proactive in protecting the rights of her citizens and our national dignity, in accordance with international law;
- (vii) **Mandate** the Senate Committee on External Affairs to liaise with Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Justice to investigate this case and report back, as a matter of urgency, to the Senate.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2008 (SB. 125) - *Second Reading*
Senator Tcslim K. Folarin (*Senate Leader*)
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Council Act No. 66 of 1992 to Modify its Composition, Widen its Functions and Powers in Order to Provide for a Broader and more Effective Council and for Other Related Matters, 2008 (SB. 101) - *Second Reading*
Senator Joel D. Ikenya (*Taraba South*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 8th October, 2008	2.00 p.m	Hearing Room 4 Assembly Complex
2.	Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 8th October, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 323 New Senate Building Assembly Complex