



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday 30th October, 2008

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

1. University of Abuja College of Medicine (Est. etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 182) - *First Reading*
Senator Anthony G. Manzo (Taraba North)
2. Nigeria Social Welfare Commission Bill, 2008 (SB. 214) - *First Reading*
Sen. Lee L. Maeba (*Rivers South East*)
3. Petroleum Extraction and Drilling Agreement Ratification Bill, 2008 (215) - *First Reading*
Sen. Lee L. Maeba (*Rivers South East*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Amendment to Senate Standing Order 111:

Senator Olorunnimbe Mamora (*Lagos East*)

Senator Anyim Ude (*Ebonyi South*)

Senate,

Notes that the amendment as effected in the last Senate was possibly an act of inadvertent error of judgment which the present Senate ought to correct;

Observes that Rule 110, particularly **111. (ii)** as it is, is inconsistent with legislative best practices and tradition generally,

Further Observes that Section 64 subsection 1 of the CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA states;

"The Senate and the House of Representatives shall each stand dissolved on the expiration of a period of four years commencing from the date of the first sitting of the House".

This Section connotes that -

All business shall cease

No business of the Senate can exist in a vacuum i.e. without the presence of its members.

The inauguration of a new Senate necessarily signifies that all business must start de novo.

Notes that S. 60 of the Constitution grants it "power to regulate its own procedure".

However, this power is not absolute as the section says: "Subject to the provisions of this Constitution" Hence S.60 and S.6 1 must be read together,

Convinced that fresh Senators who were not party to issues in the preceding Senate might be denied the opportunity of any meaningful input thus eroding their legislative mandate,

Concerned that the retention of the rule could foreclose injection of fresh ideas based on new realities and better understanding of issues,

Convinced that the retention of the clause could create a crisis situation for a new administration particularly in lawmaking where a presidential veto existed over a bill passed by a previous Senate,

Convinced that allowing for wholesale "carryover" or "roll over" of legislative business from the previous Senate to the Succeeding Senate may predispose to legislative complacency;

Accordingly Resolves:

That the following words be deleted from the Extant Rule-

(i) "or the life" in line 3 and "or life" in line 5 of Order 111 (i)

and "or life" in line 3 and "or Senate" in line 5 of Order 111 (ii)

Thus

111 (i) The Legislative business of the Senate which remains undetermined at the close of session of the Senate shall be resumed and proceeded with in the same manner as if the session of the Senate has not ended; and

(ii) All business referred to committees and not yet laid on the Table at the close of the session of the Senate shall be returned to the office of the Clerk of the Senate and retained until the next session when they shall be returned to the respective Committees to which they had previously been referred.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Appropriation:**
2008 Supplementary Appropriation Bill, (SB. 217)
Senator Iyiola Omisore (Osun East)
"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriation, on the 2008 Supplementary Appropriation Bill, (SB. 217)
2. **Report of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development:**
Petitions on Sale of Federal Government Houses
Senator Ikechukwu J. Obiorah (Anambra South)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, on the Petitions on the Sale of Federal Government Houses".

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Trade and Competition Commission and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (SB. 80) - *Second Reading*
Senator Joel D. Ikenya (Taraba South)

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria, 2008 (IRSPON) (SB. 142) - *Second Reading*

Senator Tawar U. Wada (Gombe South)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Rules and Business	Thursday, 30th October, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
Defence and Army	Thursday, 30th October, 2008	2.30 p.m	Committee Room 324 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
Sports and Social	Thursday, 30th October, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 427 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
Public Accounts	Thursday, 30th October, 2008	2.00 p.m	Hearing Room 04 Assembly Complex
Health	Tuesday, 4th November, 2008	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 305 New Senate Building Assembly Complex