



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 9th July, 2008

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Oaths
4. Announcements (if any)
5. Petitions

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Rivers Basins Authorities Act (Amendment) Bill, 2008 (SB. 134) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ike Ekweremadu (Enugu West)
2. National Security Enhancement Bill, 2008 (SB. 128) - *First Reading*
Senator Anthony G. Manzo (Taraba North) and 11 Others
3. Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill, 2008 (SB. 132) - *First Reading*
Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe (Abia South)
4. National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 123)
First Reading
Senator Joy Emodi (Anambra North) ;
5. Federal Capital Territory Area Council Administration Bill, 2008 (SB.131) - *First Reading*
Senator Adamu M. Sidi-Ali (FCT)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. "That the Senate do receive the Sessional Reports of the following Committees in accordance with Rule 102(b) of the Senate Standing Order 2007 As Amended for the period June 2007 - June 2008" (*To be Laid*).
 - (1) Committee on Rules and Business.
Sen. Aloysius A. Etok
 - (2) Committee on Defence
Sen. Ibrahim Ida
 - (3) Committee on Power
Sen. Nicholas Ugbane

- (4) Committee on Federal Capital Territory
Sen. Abubakar D. Sodangi
- (5) Committee on Marine Transport
Sen. Gbemi R. Saraki
- (6) Committee on Information and Media
Sen. Ayogu Eze
- (7) Committee on Security and Intelligence
Sen. Nuhu Aliyu
- (8) Committee on Navy
Sen. Bode Olajunmoke
- (9) Committee on Down Stream Petroleum
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker
- (10) Committee on Land Transport
Sen. Garba Y. Lado
- (11) Committee on Appropriation
Sen. Iyiola Omisore
- (12) Committee on Works
Sen. Julius A. Ucha
- (13) Committee on Science and Technology; and
Sen. Gregory I. Ngaji
- (14) Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Anti-Corruption.
Sen. Sola Akinyede

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Alarming Increase in the Prices of Kerosene and Diesel: Senator Kabiru I. Gaya (Kano South)**

CO-SPONSORS

Sen. Ike Ekweremadu
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN)
Sen. Ahmed Sani Yerima
Sen. Solomon Ganiyu
Sen. Okonkwo Anine
Sen. Obiorah Ikechukwu John
Sen. Grace Bent
Sen. Ibrahim M. Ida
Sen. Maccido Ahmed M.
Sen. Kure Zainab A
Sen. Usman Abdulaziz
Sen. Lawan Ahmed Ibrahim
Sen. Saraki Gbemi
Sen. Basse Ewa-Henshaw
Sen. Sodangi Abubakar
Sen. Aminu Sule Gazo
Sen. Sahbi A Ya'u
Sen. .Dahiru Kuta
Sen. Muh'd Hassan Gusau
Sen. Yisa Ibrahim
Sen. Bukar Abba Ibrahim

Sen. Teslim Folarin Sen.
Muhammed Mana Sen.
Adeleke Mamora Sen.
Olajumoke Bode Sen.
Adeyemi Smart Sen. Amange
Nimi-Barigha Sen. Babalola
A. Abidemi Sen. Gada
Abubakar Umar Sen. Gasso!
Dahiru Bako Sen.
Hambaghda Omar Sen. Jibril
Muhammed Kabir Sen.
Manzo G Anthony Sen.
Wada Tawar Umbi
Sen. Aliyu Nuhu Sen. Muhammad
Umar A T. Argungu
Sen. Suleiman Nazif
Sen. John Shagaya OFR
Sen. Ehigie Uzamere
Sen. Kaka Mallam Yale
Sen. Bala A. Muh'd

Sen. Kanti Bello Sen.
Maina Ma'aji Sen. Kabiru
Gaya Sen. Akaageeger
Joseph Sen. Adeleke
Isiyaka Sen. Mustapha
Muhammed Sen. George T.
Sekibo Sen. Musa M.
Adekunle Sen. Umar Audu
Idris Sen. Ekaette Ime Ufot
Sen. Akwashiki Patricia N.
Sen. Eze Ayogu Sen. Lee
Maeba Sen. Ahmed
Muhammed
Sen. Salihu Ataru Ohize
Sen. George Akume
Sen. Muh'd A, Muh'd
Sen. Muh'd A. Bello
Sen. Adamu A. Talba

The Senate,

Notes that Nigeria is a prominent member of Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and is the largest producer of Crude Oil in Africa and the Eight largest in the World;

Notes also that diesel, Kerosene, Petrol, which are some of the products derived from Crude Oil are used for both domestic and industrial purposes and are significant ingredients in Industrial growth and development;

Observes that the prices of some of these petroleum products, notably Kerosene and diesel, have been on the increase in recent time with adverse consequences on the economy of this country;

Observes also that this situation has paralyzed Industrial activities in most parts of the country resulting in the loss of millions of jobs; high cost of transportation, increase in the cost of food items, goods and services, and a general high cost of living;

Concerned that this ugly Scenario is attributed to the unwholesome activities of private Depot Owners who undermine the subsidy granted by the Federal Government to sell these products at exorbitant prices

Concerned further that in this circumstance the Government Agency responsible for the administration of the oil sector seems to be incapable of addressing the problems.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i **Condemn** the unwholesome activities of the private depot owners who undermine the subsidy granted by the Federal Government to sell these products at exorbitant prices for their selfish gains;
- ii. **Urge** the President, Commander-in-Chief to direct the Ministry of Petroleum Resources to intervene in the matter;
- iii. **Direct** its Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to investigate the matter and report back within four weeks.

2. Passing to the Great Beyond of Senator Melford Obiene Okilo:

Sen. Nimi Barigha-Amange (Baylesa East)

CO-SPONSORS:

Sen. Victor N. Egba (SAN)
 Sen. John Shagaya
 Sen. Adegbo Eferakeye
 Sen. Sylvester N. Anyanwu
 Sen. Paulker Emmanuel
 Sen. Ayo Arise
 Sen. A. Adedibu
 Sen. Joseph Akaagerger
 Sen. Bob Effiong
 Sen. Dahiru Kuta
 Sen. Patricia Akwashiki
 Sen. Ayim Chukwu Ude
 Sen. Edebor Uzamere

Sen. Felix K. Bajomo
 Sen. Gbenga Babalola
 Sen. Erne Ekaette
 Sen. Lekan Mustapha
 Sen. Lee Maeba
 Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu
 Sen. Chukwumerije Uche
 Sen. George Sekibo
 Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw
 Sen. Yisa Braimoh
 Sen. Ganiyu Solomon
 Sen. Heiniken Lokpobiri
 Sen. Greg Ngaji

Sen. Anthony Manzo
 Sen. M. K. Jibril
 Sen. Aloysius Etok
 Sen. Olorunnimbe Mamora
 Sen. Grace Bent
 Sen. Muniru Muse
 Sen. Ahmed Lawal
 Sen. Chris N. D. Anyanwu
 Sen. Odion Ugbesia
 Sen. Abukakar Sodangi
 Sen. Garba Lado
 Sen. Wilson Ake
 Sen. Bob D. Effiong

The Senate,

Notes that Saturday, the 5th of July will forever mark the day this country lost a political icon; it will mark for the Niger Delta the loss of a rare mentor and elder statesman, and for the Bayelsa East Senatorial strict, it is the departure of a political god father, social mentor and a selfless leader whose humility and ordinariness shall remain eternal ideals for us all to emulate.

Observes that the passing away of Senator Melford Okilo on 5th July, 2008, should be the end of a man but not the end of the political ideals he represented. Born on November 30th 1933, the late Senator belongs to the pre-independence political era when as a member of parliament, the then 26 years old political prodigy served as a parliamentary secretary between 1959 and 1964 on the platform of the Niger Delta Congress (NDC) which merged with the Northern Peoples Congress (NPC) to form the first government at independence.

Notes also that;

- > He was a Commissioner of education in the old Rivers State from 1972 to 1974.
- > He became a Councilor in 1975 to 1976
- > He became a Governor of the old Rivers State in 1979 till 1983
- > He was made a Minister of Commerce in 1993 till 1995.
- > He became a Senator in 1999 till 2003
- > In 2003 he was a Presidential running mate to M.D. Yusuf on the platform of MDJ.

Observes further that as a visionary Governor of the old Rivers State, the legacies of the late Senator includes the establishment of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology; the Independent Power Plant at Imiringi (now Bayelsa State), both of which have since been acclaimed as the first of their kind. As a grassroots representative and author of the book, **God, Man and Politics**, the late Senator has long been admitted into the people's hall of fame.

Observes further that as a pre-independence politician he could be described as a bridge builder between the North and the South. For these achievements and especially, his belief in the gentle philosophy of politics without bitterness I, Sen. Nimi Barigha-Amange who, today stand on the large foot prints of such a revered figure, feel duty-bound to call on the Senate to:

Accordingly resolve to:

- i. **Observe** a minute silence in honour of our late colleague;
- ii. **Send** a letter of condolence to the Government and people of Bayelsa State.

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. **Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta,
Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Appropriation Bill, 2008 (SB. 121)**

Senator James E. Manager (Delta South)

"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta, on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Appropriation Bill, 2008" (SB. 121).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the 2008 Appropriation Act and Part A, B, C and D of the Schedule Thereto, 2008 (SB. 133) - *Second Reading*
Senator Teslim K. Folarin (Senate Leader)
2. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Flaring of Natural Gas in Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith (SB. 126)
Second Reading
Senator Osita B. Izunaso (Into West)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 8th July, 2008	3. 00 pm	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Capital Market	Wednesday, 9th July, 2008	2.00 pm	Committee Room 221 New Senate Building Assembly Complex

3.	Defence and Army	Wednesday, 9th July, 2008	2.30 pm	Committee Room 324 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
	Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 9th July, 2008	2.30 pm	Committee Room 211 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
	Foreign Affairs	Wednesday, 9th July, 2008	2.30 pm	Committee Room 313 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
6.	Industries	Thursday, 10th July, 2008	2.00 pm	Committee Room 117 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
7.	Inter-Parliamentary Affairs	Thursday, 10th July, 2008	2.00 pm	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
8.	Power, Steel Development And Metallurgy	Thursday, 10th July, 2008	2.00 pm	Committee Room 323 New Senate Building Assembly Complex
9.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Thursday, 10th July, 2008	2.00 pm	Committee Room 426 New Senate Building Assembly Complex