



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 21st July, 2009

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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. *Report of the Conference Committee on the National Health Bill (SB. 50)*
Senator Gyang D. Dantong (*Plateau North*)
"That the SENATE do RECEIVE the REPORT of the CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the NATIONAL HEALTH BILL (SB. 50)" (*To be laid*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Sales of Federal Government Houses and Lands in the States:
Sen. Ikechukwu J. Obiorah (*Anambra South*)

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Mujitaba M. Mallam

Sen. Osita Izunaso

Sen. Iyiola Omisore

Sen. Ayogu Eze

Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN)

Sen. George Akume

Sen. Isiaka A. Adeleke

Sen. Otaru S. Ohize

Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw

Sen. Smart Adeyemi

Sen. Anthony O. Agbo

Sen. Joel D. Ikenya

Sen. Ehigie E. Uzamere

Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri

Sen. Uche Chukwumerije

The Senate,

Notes that the Presidential Implementation Committee (PIC) was set up to implement the Federal Government White Paper on the Report of the Committee it set up to Inquire into Alienation of its landed property in the various states of the Federation;

Observes that pursuant to the aforesaid mandate, PIC undertook assessment and valuation of Federal Government houses and properties in the various States of the Federation and fixed reserved prices with a view to receiving bids for same;

Notes also that by the Guidelines for the said implementation exercise, legal sitting tenants were entitled to the Right of First Refusal;

Notes further that the proceeds accruing from the sale of Federal Government properties were meant to be remitted and paid into the Treasury of the Federal Government, including accrued interest on Bank deposits.

Observes with serious concern that the Senate has been inundated with petitions and appeals from many Nigerian, especially legal sitting tenants who were either deprived of their Rights of First Refusal or were evicted from their houses inspite of restraining orders of courts of competent jurisdiction;

Observes further that the implementation process appears to have been characterised by racketeering and underhand deals in breach of due process, and the guidelines appears to be marred by spending of proceeds, accruing interests, and service charges without requisite appropriation by the National Assembly.

Notes that contrary to the guidelines houses were actually sold below their reserved prices;

Notes further that the a huge sums of money representing the (5%) service charge accompanying every sales transaction appear to have been frittered away or diverted;

Observes that houses taken from legal sitting tenants most of whom have served this nation for over thirty years and have lived in these houses for about the same period, were granted to individuals and corporate bodies without due process and in violation of the guidelines;

Worried that lands belonging to the federal government in various states of the federation appeared to have been carved out in plots and are alienated without due process and accountability;

Acknowledges that Senate resolution is significant for the conduct of investigation by its Committee in accordance with Sessions 88 and 89 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Accordingly Resolves to:

- (1) *Direct* its Committee on Housing and Urban Development to investigate the following:
 - (a) The activities of the Presidential Implementation Committee on Alienation of Federal Government Property;
 - (b) The sale and alienation of Federal Government property in the States of the Federation, as well as the financial proceeds of same together with accrued interests and service charge;
 - (c) All matters relating to lands belonging to the Federal Government, including their administration, allocation and revocation in the States of the Federation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Niger Delta:**
2009 Budget Proposal for the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC)
Senator James Manager (Delta South)
 "That the SENATE do CONSIDER the REPORT of the COMMITTEE on NIGER DELTA on the 2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL for the NIGER-DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC)".
2. **Report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology:**
National Climate Change Bill, 2009 (SB. 24)
Senator Grace F. Bent (Adamawa South)
 "That the SENATE do RESUME CONSIDERATION of the REPORT of the COMMITTEE on ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY, on the NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE BILL, 2009 (SB. 24) (Adjourned debate - Wednesday 15th July, 2009).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Public Accounts	Tuesday 21st July 2009	2.00 p.m	Hearing Room 4
2.	INEC	Tuesday 21st July 2009	1.30 p.m	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
3.	Health	Tuesday 21st July 2009	12.00 p.m	Hearing Room 1
4.	Local and Foreign Debts	Tuesday 21st July 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
5.	Water Resources	21st - 22nd July 2009 (Public Hearing)	12.00 noon	Hearing Room 2
6.	Education	Tuesday 21st July 2009	3.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
7.	Communications	Tuesday 21st July 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
8.	Works	21st, 23rd and 28th July 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
9.	Drugs, Narcotics Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption	Tuesday 21st July 2009	12.00 noon	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
10.	Drugs, Narcotics Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption	Tuesday 21st July 2009	3.00 p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
11.	Drugs, Narcotics Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption	Tuesday 21st July 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
12.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Tuesday 21st July 2009	2.00 p. m	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
13.	<i>Joint Meeting</i> States and Local Government, Judiciary, Establishment, Fed. Character and FCT	Tuesday 21st July 2009	2.00 p. m	Committee Room 416 Senate New Building
14.	Information and Media	Tuesday 21st July 2009	2.00 p. m	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
15.	Establishment and Public Service	Tuesday 21st July 2009	1.00 p. m	Committee Room 427 Senate New Building
16.	Public Accounts	Wednesday 22nd July 2009	2.00 p.m	Hearing Room 4
17.	Capital Market	Wednesday 22nd July 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
18.	Communications	Wednesday 22nd July 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building