



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 26th January, 2005

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Pension Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (SB:149) — *First Reading*.
Senator Adolphus Wabara:
 2. Petroleum and Minerals Technology Development Fund Bill 2005 (SB. 99) — *First Reading*.
Deputy Senate Majority Leader:
 3. Public Procurement Bill, 2005 (SB:151) — *First Reading*.
Deputy Senate Majority Leader:
 4. Electoral Bill, 2005 (SB:152) — *First Reading*.
Deputy Senate Majority Leader:
 5. Existing Vacancies (Publication) Bill, 2005 (*First Reading*).
Senator Gbemi F. Saraki:
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

- 1 **The Tsunamis Disaster:**
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN):
Senator Effiong D. Bob:
Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw:

WHEREAS Christians in particular and the rest of the world in general, were still celebrating Christmas, on the 26th December, 2004, what has been described as “the most destructive disaster in living memory” struck the South East Asia Nations by way of a massive earthquake that devastated the Western coasts of the Indonesia Island of Sumatra with shock waves (*tsunamis*) that were felt more than 5000 kilometres even on the coasts of Africa;

WHEREAS the disaster left the following chilling statistics:

Indonesia — 94,200 dead, 6,000 missing;

Sri Lanka:	—	More than 46,000 dead, 14,000 missing, 27,513 are dead and 3,858 missing in non-rebel held areas of the Island nation. Tamil Tiger rebels in conjunction with the UNDP say nearly 19,000 are dead and 10,000 missing in rebel held territory;
India:	—	9,682 dead 6,011 missing 5,914 on Andaman and Nicola Islands;
Thailand:	—	5,187 dead, 2,810 missing;
Somalia:	—	114 dead according to the United Nations;
Maldives:	—	82 dead, 26 missing;
Malaysia:	—	66 dead, 6 missing;
Myanmar:	—	86 dead according to the International Federation of the Red Cross, which is coordinating with the Myanmar Government and the United Nations;
Tanzania:	—	10 dead according to the United Nations;
Bangladesh:	—	2 dead according to the United Nations;
Kenya:	—	1 dead according to Kenyan media;
Seychelles:	—	Unconfirmed reports of deaths.
Nigeria:	—	Reports have it that at least two Nigerians were casualties in Thailand.

WHEREAS it is the general belief that tsunamis may not occur in Nigeria even as experts have warned that Nigeria's Western boundary with Cameroun was an active volcanic region with fracture zone stretching through Romache (Western), Chain (Western Flack, Charcot) and Cameroun Fracture Zone (Eastern Boundary of Nigeria);

WHEREAS the tragedy has sparked the largest ever relief efforts with over US\$ 2 billion pledged all over the world. The United Nations leading other regional bodies, countries, individuals in mobilizing funds for the more than 5 million survivors, one third of them children who are the most vulnerable;

WHEREAS Nigeria has not been left out of this momentous display of solidarity with a donation of US\$1 million (One Million US Dollars) and a Committee set up by Mr President, C-in-C to mobilize further material support in aid of the victims, Australia also pledged US\$754.5 million while Germany and Japan pledged US\$680 million and US\$500 million respectively. The United States apart from a monetary pledge of \$350 million has also moved in men and materials to assist in the rehabilitation;

CONSIDERING the fact that over 220,000 people including some Nigerians are now known to have died as a result of the disaster, with the figure still rising, and the fact that it has created the largest population of orphans in recent history with a large number of the victims being tourists from various countries of the world.

This Distinguished Senate do now resolve:

- (i) That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria sends a condolence message to the Parliaments of the Countries affected.
- (ii) That the Senate sends a delegation to the Embassies and Missions of the affected Countries in Nigeria to formally convey its condolences.
- (iii) That the Senate commends the Federal Government of Nigeria for the financial support to the affected countries and the efforts being made to mobilize further relief to the victims of the disaster and that the Senate do support every initiative of the Federal Government in this regard.
- (iv) That the Senate appreciates and commends the unprecedented global response to an unprecedented catastrophe.

- (v) That this Senate urges the Federal Government of Nigeria to urgently re-assess Government's capacity to respond to disasters and to take proactive measures to protect and safeguard the coastal areas and other disaster-prone areas of the country.

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- (vi) That this Senate urge the Federal Government to evolve strategies that will reduce population drift to Lagos and other cities, control ocean surge and reduce land reclamation.
- (vii) That this Senate urges the Federal Government to carefully monitor oil exploration and Seismic activity in the Niger Delta to avert any avoidable catastrophe.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Works:

The Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission:

Senator Idris Kuta:

That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Works on the Bill for an Act provide for the establishment of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission and for Matters connected therewith (SB. 66) and approve their recommendations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 26th January, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Appropriation and Finance	Wednesday, 26th January, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 13 Assembly Complex
3.	Aviation	Wednesday, 26th January, 2005	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 20 Assembly Complex
4.	Ethics and Privileges	Wednesday, 26th January, 2005	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 02 Assembly Complex