



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 9th March, 2005

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1. Prayers
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Budget Implementation and Official Accountability Bill 2005 (SB.158) — *First Reading*.
Senator Abu Ibrahim:
 2. Nigeria Steel University Bill 2005. (SB.162) — *First Reading*.
Senator Mohammed Ohiare:
 3. Federal High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (SB.163) — *First Reading*.
Senator O.A. Osunbor:
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

**Calling on the Inspector General of Police to Stem the Spate of Extrajudicial Killings by the Police:
Senator Olorunnimbe Mamora:**

WHEREAS several National Newspapers particularly The Guardian of Friday March 4, 2005 had in its front-page a story captioned "Policeman kills Driver, woman, three others in Makurdi". The report had it that "a commercial bus driver, a pregnant woman and three other Nigerians were on Wednesday sent to early graves by Police bullet,"

WHEREAS the report further stated that the killings resulted from an attempt by the policeman to extort twenty naira from a commercial motorist,

WHEREAS, it was also reported that a 19 year old girl was shot dead barely two weeks earlier by a police patrol team in the same city,

WHEREAS, similar killings had taken place in so many places and in similar circumstances particularly in major Nigerian cities in the past, including Lagos,

WHEREAS, such senseless killings by the Police usually trigger off wide spread protests and reprisal attacks by enraged citizens characterised by attacks on Police personnel, burning of Police vehicles and Police stations with attendant breakdown of law and order in the society as it happened in Makurdi last

WHEREAS if adequate measures are not taken to manage such crises and forestall a repeat of such incidents in future, anarchy may set in with possible threat to our democracy,

WHEREAS, we were made to understand that the Police had since discarded "Operation fire-for-fire", replacing it with "To protect and serve with integrity",

WHEREAS the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria recognizes the sanctity of human life and same is so stated in Section 17 ,2(b) to wit "the sanctity of the human shall be recognised and human dignity shall be maintained and enhanced".

WHEREAS, this position is further buttressed by same 1999 Constitution under Fundamental Rights Section 33(1), which says: "Every person has a right to life, and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his life, save in execution of the sentence of a court in respect of a criminal offence of which he has been found guilty in Nigeria",

Be it resolved that:

- (i) The Senate do condemn in the strongest terms the incessant extrajudicial killings by the Police.
- (ii) The Senate do ask the Inspector General of Police to urgently call his men to order with a view to upholding the sanctity of human lives.
- (iii) The Senate do call on the Inspector General of Police to immediately charge to Court the Policeman/Policemen implicated in these extrajudicial killings.
- (iv) The Senate do call on the Inspector General of Police to step up Police/Community relations to foster better understanding between the Police and ordinary Nigerians particularly commercial motorists in order to reduce possible areas of friction.
- (v) The Senate do call on the Inspector General of Police, Police Service Commission and other relevant bodies to improve the welfare of the Police in all its ramifications in a bid to make them less prone to extortionist tendency and resultant displaced aggression on ordinary Nigerians and innocent motorists.
- (vi) The Senate do call on the Inspector General of Police to put in place appropriate machinery through proper training, retraining of Police personnel and other measures in order to give effect to the new Police slogan "To protect and serve with integrity" and make the Police a true friend of the ordinary Nigerian.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL

1. Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution Bill 2005 (SB.65) — *Second Reading*.
Senate Majority Leader:
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

1. **Report of the Committee on Appropriation & Finance:**
Appropriation Bill 2005 (SB.151):
Senator John Azuta Mbata:
That the Senate do Receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on Appropriation Bill 2005 (*Committee of Supply*).
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| 1. | Rules and Business | Wednesday, 9th March, 2005 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 15
Assembly Complex |

2.	Land Transport	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 23 Assembly Complex
3.	Ethics Code of Conduct and Public Petition	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 02 Assembly Complex
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4.	Inter-Parliamentary	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
5.	Establishment and Public Service	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 03 Assembly Complex
6.	Petroleum Resources (<i>Downstream</i>)	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 18 Assembly Complex
7.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex
8.	Commerce	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
9.	Environment and Ecology	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	12.30 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
10.	FCT	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	2.30 p.m.	Hearing Room 02 Assembly Complex
11.	Local and Foreign Debts	Wednesday, 9th March, 2005	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 01 Assembly Complex
12.	Air force	Thursday, 10th March, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex