



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 8th December, 2005

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Education:**
Oversight Responsibilities
Senator Joy Emodi: - (Anambra North)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Education on its oversight responsibilities". *(To be Laid)*
2. **Report of the Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission:**
Oversight Responsibilities
Senator Iya Abubakar: - (Adamawa North)
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission on its oversight responsibilities". *(To be Laid)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION:

1. **Dislocation of Six Villages Containing over 300 Families and Truncation of Ahaba - Uturu - Okigwe Road Linking Three States - Abia, Ebonyi and Imo:**

Senator Uche Chukwumerije:	Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba:	Senator Legodo Maebe Lee:
Senator Farouk Bello:	Senator Joy Emodi:	Senator Abubakar Maikafi:
Senator Ben Obi:	Senator Ike Ekweremadu:	Senator Uba Ugochukwu:
Senator Mamora Adeleke:	Senator Manager James:	Senator Chris Adighije:
Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw:	Senator Sodangi A. D:	

WHEREAS what started as a mild erosion at two points along the key Ahaba/Imenyi -Uturu- Okigwe road linking Abia, Imo and Ebonyi States has rapidly deteriorated into an extensive landslide that has so far swallowed up a stretch of two kilometers of the road and dislocated six villages;

WHEREAS the ecological damage caused by the land slide includes the cut of Isuikwuato Local Government area into two halves by a gully, devastation of farmlands, displacement of over 20,000 villagers, and rapid encroachment of the erosion menace into the vicinity of Abia State University;

WHEREAS the social and economic damages of the landslides include the disruption of the flow of commerce between Isuikwuato/Bende in Abia State, Okigwe in Imo State and Afikpo/Edda in Ebonyi State, paralysation

of farm activities, and disappearance of schools, petrol stations, health centres and properties worth millions of naira into the bowels of the earth;

WHEREAS this road and its environmental problem are a federal responsibility as is evident in the provisions made for its rehabilitation in recent federal budgets - N200m in 2000, N250m in 2001 and N250m in 2002 budgets.

WHEREAS these budgetary plans were never implemented;

WHEREAS the gully, if not effectively and immediately checked, will escalate further and spread progressively to wider area, as is evident in the facts that (i) the road diversions made by the Isuikwuato Local Government to check the erosion and create alternative routes were soon eaten up by the advancing onslaught of the landslides, and (ii) that the current encroachment rate is estimated at 400 metres per annum;

WHEREAS the erosion menace is so extensive that its effect can be compared only to the ocean erosion of the Bar Beach in Lagos State and desert encroachment in the northern parts of our federation.

BE it resolved and it's hereby resolved;

- (i) That the Senate endorses the urgent need to rehabilitate the victims of the landslides, control the gully erosion and repair the 27 km road stretching from Ahaba - Imenyi in Isuikwuato Local Government area through Umunnekwu Agbo Uturu (Abia State University town) to Ahaba road.
 - (ii) That the National Emergency Management Agency provide emergency relief materials to the six villages of Ahaba Imenyi who are victims of the landslides.
 - (iii) That the Ministry of Inter Governmental Affairs, Ministry of Environment and other relevant Federal Authorities take urgent measures to control the gully erosion and rehabilitate the truncated road.
 - (iv) That the Senate Committee on Special Duties be sent to Ahaba - Imenyi in Isiukwuato LGA of Abia North to appraise the environmental disaster and report back to the Senate.
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CONSIDERATION OF BILL

1. Appropriation Bill, 2006 (SB. 268) - *Second Reading (First Allotted Day, 8th December, 2005)*
Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida: - (*Senate Majority Leader*)
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on FCT:
FCT Board of Internal Revenue (Establishment) Bill, 2005 (SB. 10)
Senator Bello H. Gwarzo: - (*Kano North*)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on FCT on the FCT Board of Internal Revenue (Establishment) Bill, 2005 (SB. 10)". (*Further consideration Deferred on Thursday, 1st December, 2005*)
(*Committee of the Whole*)
 2. Report of the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity:
Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill, 2005 (SB. 39)
Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw: - (*Cross River South*)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity on the Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill, 2005 (SB. 39)". (*Report Presented and Laid*) (*Thursday 1st December, 2005*)
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Rules and Business	Thursday, 8th December, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2. Defence	Thursday, 8th December, 2005	2.00 p.m.	' House Hearing Room 03 Assembly Complex

3.	Finance: <i>Joint Public Hearing (Tax Reform Bills)</i>	7th - 9th December, 2005	11.00 a.m.	House Hearing Room 02 <i>Assembly Complex</i>
4.	Housing and Urban <i>Development</i>	Thursday, 8th December, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 22 Assembly Complex
5.	Niger-Delta	Thursday, 8th December, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 01 Assembly Complex