



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Friday 4th July, 2008

Tuesday, 8th July, 2008

1. **Motion: The Concession of the International Trade Fair Complex and the Tafawa Balewa Square Lagos by the Bureau of Public Enterprises:**

Sen. Joel D. Ikenya (*Taraba South*)

Sen. Gbemi R. Saraki (*Kwara Central*)

Sen. Aloysius A. Etok (*Akwa Ibom North West*)

Sen. Abubakar U. Gada (*Sokoto East*)

Sen. Julius A. Ucha (*Ebonyi Central*)

Sen. Mohammed A. Muhammed (*Bauchi Central*)

Sen. Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*)

The Senate,

Notes that the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) was established to among other things, handle the privatization, commercialization and concession exercise of Federal Government Companies and it has already privatized, commercialized and concessioned more than 150 of such companies within the period of its existence;

Concerned that so many petitions trailed the privatization, commercialization and concession exercise carried out by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE): It is accused of unwholesome acts ranging from allegations of impropriety, abuse of due process, arbitrariness in granting concession, the inability of bid winners to fully take possession of their winnings, to allegation that funds realized from the exercise could not be properly accounted for;

Concerned further that entitlements, gratuities, severance allowances and pension benefits of disengaged Staff are yet to be settled years after the privatization, commercialization and concession of some of these companies particularly the International Trade Fair Complex and the Tafawa Balewa Square Lagos, with the resultant untold hardships to affected staff and their dependants, culminating into incapacitation and some times death;

Notes that the Committees on Commerce consider it expedient to conduct an investigative hearing on the manner in which the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) had conducted its activities relating to concession of the International Trade Fair Complex and the Tafawa Balewa Square Lagos;

Notes further that Senate Resolution is a sine qua non for conducting investigative hearing by a Committee in accordance with Section 88 and 89 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Order 103 of the Senate Standing Orders 2007 As Amended.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) ***Direct*** its Committee on Commerce to investigate the activities of the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) relating to the Concession of the International Trade Fair Complex and the Tafawa Balewa Square Lagos, and to report back within four weeks;

- (ii) **Direct** the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) to stay action on handing over and taking over the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex and Tafawa Balewa Square pending the outcome of the Senate investigation.
2. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Disposal of Waste by Industries or Companies; Prohibit Environmental Pollution; Prescribe Penalties against Offenders; and for Related Matters, 2008 (SB. 10) – *Second Reading*
Senator Ahmed I. Lawan: - (Yobe North)
3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Trade and Competition Commission and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (SB. 80) – *Second Reading*
Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya (Taraba South)

Wednesday, 9th July, 2008

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish a Desertification Control Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Desertification; and for Related Matters, 2008 (SB 09) – *Second Reading*
Senator Ahmed I. Lawan (Yobe North) and 15 Others
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Residency Rights for Every Citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Who has Lived or Resided Consecutively and Paid Taxes to the Relevant Local Government of the Area where such Person Has Lived or Resided for a Period of Not Less than Five (5) Consecutive Years and for any Child of such Person who is Less than Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Who Has Lived with Such Citizen for the Same Period of Time, and for Other Related Purposes, 2008 (SB. 16) – *Second Reading*
Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi (Nasarawa West)

Thursday, 10th July, 2008

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Infrastructures, Energies and Socio-Economics Development Commission for the Expansion, Modernization of the Existing Infrastructures, to Support Economic Development and for Other Related Matters, 2008 (SB. 85) – *Second Reading*
Senator Ehigie E. Uzamere (Edo South)
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Ecological Fund for the Purposes of Funding Certain Federal Agencies Dealing with Environmental and Ecological Problems and for Related Matters, 2008 (SB 91) – *Second Reading*
Senator Grace F. Bent (Adamawa South)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Friday, 4th July, 2008	3. 00 pm	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex