



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Monday 23rd February, 2009

Tuesday, 24th February, 2009

1. **Alarming Increase in the Use of Sub-Standard Refilling Gas Cylinders in the Country:**
Sen. Osita Izunaso (Imo West)

The Senate,

Notes that consumption of gas in our homes for domestic purpose is carried out by means of gas cylinders;

Notes that gas cylinder specifically means for domestic use must conform with Nigerian Industrial Standard (NIS);

Notes that refillable gas cylinders have expiry dates;

Observes that Nigerian market has been flooded with sub-standard refillable gas cylinders and accessories;

Notes that exposure of gas cylinders to the whether condition cause wear and tear to them thereby making them susceptible to danger in our homes through latent leakages;

Concerned that sub-standard gas cylinder and accessories lead to explosion thereby causing fire incidents;

Concerned that the use of sub-standard refillable gas cylinder by Nigerians has been a major source of fire incidents in our homes with grave human and material consequences;

Concerned that dealers in domestic gas engage in fraudulent practices against Nigerian consumers through false scaling and refilling.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) refilling plants to test gas cylinders brought before it before refilling them.
 - ii. *Urge* standard organization of Nigeria (SON) to intensify efforts in its fight against sub-standard products in Nigeria by carrying out enlightenment campaign to dealers and the general public on the inherent dangers of using sub-standard cylinders and accessories and invoke its by laws by punishing erring members of the public.
 - iii. *Condemn* fraudulent practices by domestic gas dealers against Nigerian consumers.
 - iv. *Condemn* the importation and use of sub-standard refilling gas cylinder in the country.
2. **Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development:**
Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2008 (SB. 40)
Senator Heineken Lokpobiri (Bayelsa West)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development, on the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2008 (SB. 40)".

3. A **BILL** for an **ACT** to Provide for the Regulation of the **PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, SPONSORSHIP, DISTRIBUTION, SALE** and **SMOKING** of **CIGARETTES** and Other Tobacco Products and to **REPEAL** the Existing Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (HB. 20) - *Second Reading*
Senator Teslim Folarin (*Senate Leader*)
4. Institute of Certified Public Accountants Bill, 2009 (SB. 155) - *Second Reading*
Senator Idris A. Umar (*Gombe Central*)

Wednesday, 25th February, 2009

1. **Fire Disaster in Akwanga Market:**
Senator Patricia Akwashiki (Nasarawa North)

Co-Sponsors;
Sen Abubakar .D. Sodangi,
Sen Suleman Adokwe

The Senate,
Notes with serious concern the devastating fire incident that engulfed the Akwanga market in the early hours January 1st 2009;

Notes further that the Akwanga market is reputed to be one of the largest markets in Nassarawa State;

Observes that goods, properties and valuables worth millions of naira were destroyed resulting to food scarcity in Akwanga and its environs at the moment;

Concerned that the economic activities in Akwanga have virtually grounded to a halt since the incident with the affected traders helpless and without a source of livelihood.

Accordingly resolves to:
i *Send* a letter expressing its sympathy with the victims and government of Nassarawa State;

ii *Urge* the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials urgently to the victims.
2. **Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence:**
Private Detectives and Investigators Bill, 2009 (SB. 63):
Senator Nuhu Aliyu (*Niger North*)
"That the **SENATE** do **CONSIDER** the **REPORT** of the **COMMITTEE** on **NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE, PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND INVESTIGATORS BILL, 2009 (SB. 63)**".
3. A **BILL** for an **Act** to Provide for the **ESTABLISHMENT** of the **NATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION** to Among Other Things Provide Sustainable Management of Nigeria's Fisheries Resources and Coordinate Series of Programmes for the Development of Fishing Potentials of Nigerians. 2009 (SB. 70) - *Second Reading*
Senator Umar A. T. Argungu (*Kebbi South*)
4. A **BILL** for an **Act** to **AMEND** the **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION ACT, BILL, 2009 (SB. 205)** - *Second Reading*
Senator Sola Akinyede (*Ekiti South*)

Thursday, 26th February, 2009

1. A Bill for an **Act** to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria as a body Corporate and to Empower the Council, Inter Alia to Determine Persons, What Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be Attained by such Persons, and for Related matters, 2009 (SB. 06) - *Second Reading*
Senator Aloysius A. Etok (*Akwa Ibom North West*)

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2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Commerce of Nigeria to Provide and Foster the Professional Capabilities of persons Involved in Commercial Administration in the Federation, and for Other Purposes connected therewith, 2009 (SB. 124) – *Second Reading*
Senator Mohammed Bello (Kano Central)
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Tuesday, 3rd March, 2009

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Co-operative Societies Development Agency and to vest with it the Responsibility for the Registration, Control, Co-ordination and Regulation of Co-operatives societies in Nigeria and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (SB. 49) – *Second Reading*
Senator Anthony O. Agbo (Ebonyi North)
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act CAP. No.30 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2009 (SB. 204) – *Second Reading*
Senator Sola Akinyede (Ekiti South)
3. A Bill for an Act to the Establish the National Transport Commission Bill, 2009 (SB. 111) – *Second Reading*
Senator Gbemi Saraki (Kwara Central)
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Works	Tuesday, 24th February, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
2.	Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institution	Tuesday, 24th February, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
3.	Education	Tuesday, 24th February, 2009	3.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
4.	Housing and Urban Development	Tuesday, 24th February, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building