



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Friday 24th April, 2009

Tuesday, 28th April, 2009

1. A **BILL** for an Act to **ESTABLISH** the **NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS (NUPC)** to **UPHOLD** and **IMPART** the Attributes of the National Ethics for Restituting Diligence and Industry in the Citizenry, and Render such other Social Services to enhance the Power, Ideals and Good Name of Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (SB. 194) – *Second Reading*
Senator Nkechi Nwaogu (*Abia Central*)
2. A **BILL** for an Act to Provide for the **ESTABLISHMENT, PRESERVATION and CONTROL** of **NATIONAL GRAZING RESERVES and STOCK ROUTES** and the **CREATION** of **NATIONAL GRAZING RESERVE COMMISSION** and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2009 (SB.114) – *Second Reading*
Senator Zaynab A. Kure (*Niger South*)

Wednesday, 29th April, 2009

1. Motion on the Non-Implementation of the Principle of Federal Character in Government Establishments at Various Levels in Nigeria:

Senator Smart Adeyemi (*Kogi West*)

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Kamorudeen A. Adedibu	Sen. Muhammed I. Ahmed	Sen. Joy Emodi
Sen. Chris N. Anyanwu	Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe	Sen. Ayodele Arise
Sen. Joseph I. Akaageeger	Sen. Olorunnimbe A. Mamora	Sen. Andrew A. Babalola
Sen. Dahiru A. Kuta	Sen. George T. Sekibo	Sen. Zaynab A. Kure
Sen. Lee L. Maeba	Sen. Lawan Ahmed Ibrahim	Sen. Anthony O. Agbo
Sen. Bala A. Mohammed	Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu	Sen. Ayogu Eze
Sen. Suleiman Adokwe	Sen. Grace F. Bent	Sen. Aloysius A. Etok

The Senate,

Notes that, one of the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policy as enshrined in Section 14 (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution is that, the composition of governments and their agencies at both Federal and State levels, shall reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria, in order to promote national unity;

Notes that, the afore-mentioned provisions were enshrined in the constitution to ensure that there is no predominance of persons from a few states or from a few ethnic or religious groups in the government or in any of its agencies and to promote a sense of belonging and loyalty among all the peoples of Nigeria;

Notes that, towards the realization of the afore-mentioned objectives, the Federal Character Commission was established, under the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution, to give effect to Section 14 (3) and (4) of the constitution and work out an equitable formula for the distribution of all cadres of posts in the public service of the federation and of the states, and in the armed forces and other security agencies;

Observes that, many federal agencies and parastatals do not comply with the principle of federal character in the composition of their staff and in the recruitment of new ones;

Observes that, many state governments do not observe the principle of Federal Character in the composition of government and recruitment of staff into government establishments, agencies and parastatals;

Observes that, the Senate Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs has received petitions against many federal agencies and many state governments on the failure of the affected agencies, states and their governors, to observe the principle of Federal Character in the composition of their workforce and in making appointments into political and public offices in their states;

Observes that the underlisted Federal Agencies and parastatals have continually violated the principle of Federal Character in the composition of their staff and in the recruitment of new ones. They include:

1. Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)
2. Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd (NLNG)
3. Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF)
4. Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR)
5. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
6. Nigerian Army
7. Nigerian Intelligence Agency (NIA)
8. State Security Services (SSS)
9. Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs
10. National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission
11. Federal Medical Centre, Gussau.
12. Federal Medical Centre, Birnin-Kebbi.
13. Federal Medical Centre, Ebute-Metta.

Observes that, the continuous neglect of the principle of federal character in the composition and recruitment of staff into government agencies and parastatals at various levels of government is inimical to the unity and corporate existence of the country;

Convinced that, the implementation of the principle of Federal Character at all levels of government in Nigeria is fundamental to the corporate survival of Nigeria as a nation, being a veritable tool for national integration;

Convinced that, the strict implementation of the principle of Federal Character in government establishments would ensure social justice, fairness and equity and engender peace and harmony among different nationalities existing in the country and the various ethnic, religious and sectional groups existing in each state of the federation;

Further convinced that, it is highly necessary for a public hearing to be conducted by the Senate, to investigate the genuineness of the complaints received so far on the non-implementation of the principle of Federal Character in the country and the impediments confronting the Federal Character Commission in the implementation of the principle and recommend ways of halting or minimizing the violation of the principle;

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to conduct a public hearing on the complaints received on the non-implementation of the principle of Federal Character at all levels of government in Nigeria, the success so far recorded and the impediments confronting the Federal Character Commission in the enforcement and implementation of the principle and make recommendations on how to stop or minimize the violation of the principle in government establishments at all levels in Nigeria;
 - ii. *Direct* the Senate Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to submit its report to the Senate after concluding the said public hearing.
2. A BILL for an Act to ESTABLISH the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION and for Other Related Matters, 2009 (SB.123) – *Second Reading*
Senator Joy Emodi (Anambra North)

3. A **BILL** for an Act to **PROVIDE** for **LEGAL FRAMEWORK** for **CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, 2009** (SB. 245) – *Second Reading*
Senator Ayo Arise (Ekiti North) and Two Others

Thursday, 30th April, 2009

1. **Report of the Committee on Interior:**
Nigerian Congressional Medal of Honour Award 2009 (SB. 48)
Senator Ramoni O. Mustpha (Ogun East)
 "That the **SENATE** do **RECEIVE** the **REPORT** of the **COMMITTEE** on **INTERIOR**, on the **NIGERIAN CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOUR AWARD 2009 (SB. 48)**. *(To be laid)*.
2. A **BILL** for an Act to **ESTABLISH** the **LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COUNCIL** of **NIGERIA** for **1** Purposes of **REGULATING** and **CONTROLLING** the **OPERATIONS** of **PERSONNEL** Engaged in the **LIQUEFIED PETROLUUM GAS SUB-SECTOR** and for **Matters Connected Therewith, 2009** (SB. 99) – *Second Reading*
Senator Osita Izunaso (Imo West)
3. A **BILL** for 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 2009 (SB. 16)** – *Second Reading*
Senator Abubakar Sodangi (Nasarawa West)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Solid Minerals	Tuesday, 28th April, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
2.	Capital Market	Tuesday, 28th April, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
3.	Education	Wednesday, 29th April, 2009	3.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
4.	Health	Wednesday, 29th April, 2009	1.00 p.m	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building