



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 8th November, 2006

1. Prayers
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Senate Independent Investigation into the ADC Air Crash:

Senator Dalhatu Sarki Tafida (**OFR**): - (*Kaduna North*)

Senator Muktar A. M. Aruwa: - (*Kaduna Central*)

Senator T. U. Wada; - (*Gombe South*)

Senator T. A. Adudu: - (*Plateau North*)

Senator Ben Obi: - (*Anambra Central*)

Senator Fred Oti: - (*Benue North West*)

Whereas on Sunday 29th October 2006, Nigeria witnessed the fourth major Air Crash within a year which brought a National calamity in its wake, claiming 99 lives including two of our Distinguished Colleagues Senator Badamasi Muhammadu Maccido (*Sokoto North*) and Senator Sule Yari Gandi (*Sokoto East*) and His Eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Mohammed Maccido Abubakar III;

Whereas a catalogue of air disasters continues to plague this country, including the following:

1. Bellview Crash at Lisa, Ogun State on 22nd October 2005 that claimed 117 lives;
2. 'Sosoliso Air Crash of 10 December 2005 which also claimed 107 lives including 60 secondary schoolchildren;
3. Light aircraft crash in Kaduna Airport;
4. Airforce plane crash of September 2006 near Vandekia in Benue State;
5. ADC plane crash of 29th October 2006 which claimed 99 lives including Senators.

Whereas the Federal Government set up enquiries to unearth the causes of these frequent accidents with a view to preventing future occurrence, just as this Senate passed several resolutions and in one case, set up a Special Committee to investigate the remote causes of those crashes, the rapidity of these air mishaps has become alarming, overwhelming, frightening and therefore totally unacceptable to this Distinguished Senate;

Whereas these investigations and enquiries have yet to be concluded and its findings published, the time has come for the Senate to take urgent and radical steps to restore hope in our Aviation Industry which is fast

losing the confidence of the air traveling public in particular and Nigerians in general. This independent investigation should be a totally different one from what we did in the past, so that we can unravel the causes and the measures to take in the future to ensure that our skies are free of the kind of accidents witnessed this past one year.

Be it resolved and it's hereby resolved:

- (i) That the Senate notes the prompt action of the Senate Leadership and Senators by visiting the crash sight shortly after the crash and leading a delegation to pay condolences to the government and people of Sokoto State.
- (ii) That the Senate do appreciate the prompt action of the Executive in providing aircrafts to convey distinguished Senators, Honourable Members, government functionaries and the corpses of the deceased from Abuja to Sokoto,
- (iii) That the Senate investigate the level of compliance by industry practitioners of the provisions of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations.
- (iv) That the Senate do set up a 7- man Independent Civil Aviation Panel to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the ADC flight 053 air crash of Sunday 29th October 2006.
- (v) That the Senate empower the committee to draw from the resources and expertise of the International Civil Aviation organization and other foreign experts in air safety along with indigenous experts from the Aviation industry in Nigeria.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Conference Report on the Civil Aviation Act (Amendments) Bill 2006 (SB.216)
Senator Muhammad Ibrahim: - (*Jigawa North East*)
"That the Senate do receive and adopt the Conference Report on the Civil Aviation Act (Amendments) Bill 1006 (SB.216)".
2. Report of the Committee on Health:
National Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS Bill, 2006 (SB, 260) (Resumption of Adjourned Debate)
Senator Martyns Yellowe: - (*Rivers West*)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Health on the National Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS Bill, 2006 (SB. 260).

CONSIDERATION OF BILL

1. Chartered Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 318) - *Second Reading* Senator Gbenga Ogunniya; - (*Ondo Central*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 8th November, 2006 *	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2,	Adhoc committee: (<i>PTDE</i>)	Wednesday, 8th November, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex
3.	Judiciary, Human Rights And Legal Matters	Wednesday, 8th November, 2006	2.30 a.m.	Committee Room 20 Assembly Complex

4.	Petroleum Resources (Downstream)	Wednesday, 8th November, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 18 Assembly Complex
5.	Ethics, Code of Conduct Public Petitions	Wednesday, 8th November, 2006	12.00 noon	Committee Room 02 Assembly Complex
6.	Federal Character and Governmental Affairs	Wednesday, 8th November, 2006	12.00 noon	Committee Room 02 Assembly Complex
7.	Finance:	Wednesday, 8th November, 2006	1.00 p. m	Committee Room 20 Assembly Complex
8.	Water Resources	Thursday, 9th November, 2006	1.00 p.m	Hearing Room 03 Assembly Complex
9.	States and Local Govt. Administration: (<i>Budget Defence</i>)	Thursday, 9th November, 2006	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 23 Assembly Complex
10.	Information	Thursday, 9th November, 2006	1.00 p.m	Hearing Room 02 Assembly Complex
11.	Science and Technology	Tuesday, 14th November, 2006	10.00 a.m	Hearing Room 02 Assembly Complex