



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 4th October, 2006

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **The Disastrous Torrential Rain in Zamfara State:**
Senator Saidu Mohammed Dansadau: - (Zamfara Central)
Senator Lawal Shuaibu: - (Zamfara North)
Senator Yushu'a Mohammed Anka: - (Zamfara East)

Whereas on the night of 29th September, 2006 a torrential rain which lasted for over twenty-three (23) hours flooded all the rivers, destroyed crops, houses and household properties;

Whereas this deluge also tore down the embankments of the Gusau River barrage in Zamfara State, destroying One Thousand, Five Hundred (1,500) houses and killing about forty (40) people in its wake;

Whereas the washed-away barrage is the main source of portable drinking water in Gusau and has led to an acute shortage of drinking water, so much so, that Government and Private Water tankers have to travel a distance of 130 kilometers to Funtua, in Katsina State to fetch drinking water for the use of Gusau Residents;

Whereas the fear now is that barring the supply of fresh drinking water, the residents may resort to the use of any available water with the consequent possibility of the out-break of water-borne diseases;

Whereas hundreds of thousand of people, settlements and towns, including my village have been cut-off from the State Capital while the movement of food items from the Southern part of Gusau to the State Capital is now impossible. Also, the movement of essential commodities, especially petroleum products, from Gusau to the Southern communities has grounded to a halt;

Whereas as an interim remedial measure, the displaced victims of the flood are being camped in a Primary and a Secondary School in Gusau, and the Zamfara State Government has engaged a competent Contractor to immediately effect repairs to the damaged barrage. Furthermore, a Committee has been set up to ascertain and compile the list of victims, including those who lost their lives, with a view to rendering sundry assistance, while some food items have been supplied by the State Government as a stop-gap measure;

Be it resolved and its hereby resolved;

- (i) That the Senate condoles with the victims of the flood, the Government and people of Zamfara State and the families of the deceased;
- (ii) That the Senate directs its Committee on Special Duties to visit the sites and victims of the flood disaster, and the Governor of Zamfara State and commiserate with him;
- (iii) That the Senate requests President Olusegun Obasanjo to direct the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter **of** urgency, assist the victims of the flood with food, household items and building materials to help in the reconstruction or repairs of their washed-away houses;
- (iv) That the Senate requests Mr. President to direct the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Services to send experts in Water-borne diseases to Gusau to assist the Medical Personnel of Zamfara State in taking preventive measures against the outbreak of Water-borne diseases;
- (v) **That the** Senate Requests Mr. President to direct the Federal Ministry of Environment to send Environmental and Ecological Experts to Zamfara State to assist the Government of the State in taking measures to prevent any future occurrence of such disasters.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Auditor-General for the Federation (Additional Powers and Functions) Bill, 2006 (SB. 266)**
Third Reading
Senator Mamman B. Ali: - (Yobe South)
2. **Auditor-General for the Federation (Additional Powers and Functions) Bill, 2006 (SB. 266) (Provision for Audit Service Commission):**
Senator Mamman B. Ali: - (Yobe South)
"That the Senate do consider the Additional Provision for Audit Service Commission to stand as part of the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Additional Powers and Functions*) Bill, 2006".
3. **Report of the Committee on Finance:**
Company Income Tax Act (Amendment) Bill. 2006 (SB. 178):
Senator Effiong D. Bob: - (Akwa Ibom North East)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the Company Income Tax Act (Amendment) Bill. 2006 (SB. 178)".
4. **Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:**
Chartered Institute of Certified Public Accountants Bill, 2006 (HB. 55):
Senator Felix O. Ibru: - (Delta Central)
"The Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters, on the Chartered Institute of Certified Public Accountants Bill, 2006 (HB. 55)".

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Tim</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 4th October, 2006	2 .00 .in.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Communications	Wednesday, 4th October, 2006	1 .00 m.	Committee Room 19
3.	Solid Minerals: (Public Hearing)	Wednesday, 4th October, 2006	1 .00 m.	Assembly Complex Hearins Room 01
4.	Joint Committee: Finance, Appropriation and National Planning	Wednesday, 4th October, 2006 Assembly Complex	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 13