



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 10th September, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.20 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 9th September, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill 2008 (SB. 144) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) National Social Security and Welfare Commission Bill 2008 (SB. 110) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (Hi) Medical and Dental Practitioners Act (Amendment) Bill 2008 (SB.l 16) — *Read the First Time.*
4. **Legislative Calendar and Schedule of Legislative Business in the Senate:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Legislative Calendar from Tuesday, 5th June, 2008 to Monday, 12th January, 2009 and Schedule of Legislative Business from Tuesday, 9th September to 18th December, 2008 (*Senator Aloysius A. Etok*).

Question put and agreed to.

Legislative Calendar and Schedule of Legislative Business presented and laid.

Debate:

The Legislative Calendar and Schedule of Legislative Business recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Business for further action.
5. **Committee on Sports and Social Development:**
Report on the Full Scale Investigation on the Management of the nation's Sports:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development on the Full Scale Investigation (including Public Hearing) on the Management

of the nation's Sports in General and the Dismal Performance of the Super Eagles in Ghana 2008 African Cup of Nations and approve the recommendations therein. (*Senator Heineken Lokpobiri*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Recommendations:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to always appoint persons with impeccable records in sports administration, robust charisma and motivational skills as Minister/Chairman of National Sports Commission to sufficiently inspire confidence for better performance.
- (ii) Urge the NFA to immediately overhaul itself and enthrone a knowledgeable, purposeful, transparent and result oriented leadership.
- (iii) The National Assembly that is vested with the legislative power under section 80 (1) and 81 (1) of 1999 Constitution to appropriate fund should in successive Appropriation bills endeavour to increase allocation of fund to the sports sector;
- (iv) Urge the Federal Government to henceforth release fund meant for sporting event in good time to allow for early preparations;
- (v) Urge the Federal Government to make a deliberate policy to provide sporting facilities and play grounds in all the States across the Country;
- (vi) Urged the Federal Government to show serious commitment in the maintenance of stadia across the country;
- (vii) Urge the Federal Government to adequately prepare financially and otherwise for the forthcoming FIFA under 17 World Cup 2009;
- (viii) Urge government to come up with a comprehensive welfare package and incentives to cater for our sports men and women both active and retired;
- (ix) Urge Mr. President to grant special tax incentives to companies identified to be making meaningful contribution to the development of our sports in line with the power vested on him in section 23 (2)(b) of the Company Income Tax Act (CITA);
- (x) Urge the Federal Government to partner and cooperate more closely with the Nigeria Intercollegiate Sports Associations (NUGA, NIPOGA, etc) for the promotion of sports with a view to identifying talents at the grassroots level; and
- (xi) Urge the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN) to have more interactive sessions with the Sports authorities.
- (xii) Urge the Nigeria Football Association to cede the placement of referees to the Nigeria Football League (*Senator Heineken Lokpobiri*).

Debate:

Recommendation (i);

Urge the Federal Government to always appoint persons with impeccable records in sports administration, robust charisma and motivational skills as Minister/Chairman of National Sports Commission to sufficiently inspire confidence for better performance — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (ii):

Urge the NFA to immediately overhaul itself and enthrone a knowledgeable, purposeful, transparent and result oriented leadership — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (iii):

The National Assembly that is vested with the legislative power under section 80 (1) and 81 (1) of 1999 Constitution to appropriate fund should in successive Appropriation bills endeavour to increase allocation of fund to the sports sector — *Negatived.*

Recommendation (iv):

Urge the Federal Government to henceforth release fund meant for sporting event in good time to allow for early preparations — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (v):

Urge the Federal Government to make a deliberate policy to provide sporting facilities and play grounds in all the States across the Country

Amendment Proposed:

- (a) Leave out the words " the Federal" and insert the words "all levels of" instead thereof
- (b) Immediately after the word "provide" insert the words "and maintain" (*Senator Chris N. D. Anyanwu*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):

Urged the Federal Government to show serious commitment in the maintenance of stadia across the country — *Negatived.*

Recommendation (vii):

Urge the Federal Government to adequately prepare financially and otherwise for the forthcoming FIFA under 17 World Cup 2009 — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (viii):

Urge government to come up with a comprehensive welfare package and incentives to cater for our sports men and women both active and retired — *Negatived.*

Recommendation (be):

Urge Mr. President to grant special tax incentives to companies identified to be making meaningful contribution to the development of our sports in line with the power vested on him in section 23 (2)(b) of the Company Income Tax Act (CITA) — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (x):

Urge the Federal Government to partner and cooperate more closely with the Nigeria Intercollegiate Sports Associations(NUGA, NIPOGA, etc) for the promotion of sports with a view to identifying talents at the grassroots level — *Negatived.*

Recommendation (xi):

Urge the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN) to have more interactive sessions with the Sports authorities — *Negatived.*

Recommendation (xii):

Urge the Nigeria Football Association to cede the placement of referees to the Nigeria Football League — *Agreed to.*

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new prayer as follows:

"Direct the Senate Committee on Sports and Social Development to articulate a Bill for a formal legal framework to establish the National Sports Commission" (*Senator Idris A. Umar*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment Proposed:.

Insert a new prayer as follows:

"Urge the Federal Government to commence full implementation of the Revised National Sports Policy already in place" (*Senator Osita B. hunaso*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to always appoint persons with impeccable records in sports administration, robust charisma and motivational skills as Minister/Chairman of National Sports Commission to sufficiently inspire confidence for better performance.
- (ii) Urge the NFA to immediately overhaul itself and enthrone a knowledgeable, purposeful, transparent and result oriented leadership.
- (iii) Urge the Federal Government to henceforth release fund meant for sporting event in good time to allow for early preparations;
- (iv) Urge all levels of Government to make a deliberate policy to provide and maintain sporting facilities and play grounds in all the States across the Country;
- (v) Urged the Federal Government to show serious commitment in the maintenance of stadia across the country;
- (vi) Urge the Federal Government to adequately prepare financially and otherwise for the forthcoming FIFA under 17 World Cup 2009;
- (vii) Urge Mr. President to grant special tax incentives to companies identified to be making meaningful contribution to the development of our sports in line with the power vested on him in section 23 (2)(b) of the Company Income Tax Act (CITA);
- (via) Urge the Nigeria Football Association to cede the placement of referees to the Nigeria Football League;
- (ix) Direct the Senate Committee on Sports and Social Development to articulate a Bill for an formal legal framework to establish the National Sports Commission; and
- (x) Urge the Federal Government to commence full implementation of the Revised National Sports Policy already in place (*S. Res/005/2/08*).

6. Nigerian College of Medical Physics BILL 2008 (SB. 71):

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next legislative day.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 11th September, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.35 p.m.

David A. B. Mark, GCON
President of the Senate