



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 4th June, 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, 3rd June, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) **End of Session Dinner/Party:**

The Senate President reminded distinguished Senators of the end of session dinner scheduled to take place, Wednesday, 4th June, 2008 at the Senate President's Mansion, Apo Legislative Quarters by 7.30 p.m.
 - (ii) **Acknowledgment:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

 - (a) Staff and Pupils of Holy Family Parish, Gwarimpa, Abuja;
 - (b) Staff and Students of Maitama Sule Girls' Academy, Kano; and
 - (c) Rev. Sis. Agatha Chikelu from Liaison Office of the Catholic Diocese, Abuja.
4. **Presentation of Bill:**

Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Appropriation Bill 2008 (SB. 121) —*Read the First Time.*
5. **Amendment of Senate Legislative Calendar:**

Motion made: That the Senate do reconsider and amend its legislative calendar of business to enable the new session commence on Thursday, 5th June, 2008 (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Calendar accordingly adopted as amended.

6. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr President, Commander-in-Chief for the confirmation of the nomination of Saidu Dambala Adamu⁷ as a member of the Federal Character Commission (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to report within two (2) weeks.

7. Committee on Police Affairs:***Report on the screening of nominee:***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the screening of Hajia Fati M. Kake'nnā as a Part-Time Member in the Police Service Commission (*Senator Gbenga Ogunniya*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of die Committee on Police Affairs on the screening of Hajia Fati M. Kake'nnā as a Part-Time Member in the Police Service Commission:

Nominee Recommended:

Hajia Fati M. Kake'nnā — Borno State

Debate:

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Hajia Fati M. Kake'nnā as a Part-Time Member in the Police Service Commission?" — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the screening of Hajia Fati M. Kake'nnā as a Part-Time Member in the Police Service Commission and approved the recommendation:

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of die Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Nominee:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hajia Fati M. Kake'nnā as a Part-Time Member hi the Police Service Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hajia Fati M. Kake'nnā as a Part-Time Member in the Police Service Commission accordingly confirmed.

8. Committee on Appropriation:**Report on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill 2008 (SB. 98):**

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriation, on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill 2008 (*Senator Ahmed M. Maccido*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of Supply to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Appropriation on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill 2008:

Debate:

Report recommitted to Committee on Appropriation for further legislative action.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Appropriation on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill 2008 and recommitted the Bill to the Committee on Appropriation for further legislative action.

9. Joint Committee on Gas, Environment and Ecology and Petroleum (Upstream):**Report on the Investigation of the Shifting of the Stoppage of Gas Flaring from 1st January to 31st December, 2008:**

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Gas, Environment and Ecology and Petroleum (Upstream), on the Investigation of the shifting of the stoppage of gas flaring from 1st January to 31st December, 2008 (*Senator Osita Izunaso*).

Recommendations:

- (i) That the Federal Government should adopt a systematic gas flare out management policy in consultation with relevant stakeholders;
- (ii) That there is also the need to shutdown fields still flaring gas by December 31, 2008;
- (iii) That fines imposed on gas flaring should reflect the prevailing market price for gas in the international market.
- (iv) That monies collected as penalties for gas flare should be properly utilised with meaningful reference to the health and environment of the peoples of the Host Communities;
- (v) That all gas being flared in Nigeria must be measured using the world standard measurement for flare gas and Highly Volatile Reactive Organic Compound (HVRC) by the flaring company and DPR. This is to bring about emission control as well as validation for environmental reporting;
- (vi) That an open market system whereby information and access to produced natural gas is freely available to third parties should be promoted. This will boost gas gathering and utilisation processes especially that of Gas to Liquid (GTL);
- (vii) That a Commission on gas flaring should be set up to ensure that the provisions in the legislation are strictly adhered to.
- (viii) That pursuant to the Senate's Resolution of Thursday, 24th January, 2008, a draft Bill to prohibit gas flaring is hereby proposed.

Debate:

Recommendation (i):

Question: That the Federal Government should adopt a systematic gas flare out management policy in consultation with relevant stakeholders — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (ii):

Question: That there is also the need to shutdown fields still flaring gas by December 31, 2008 — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (iii):

Question: That fines imposed on gas flaring should reflect the prevailing market price for gas in the international market — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (iv):

Question: That monies collected as penalties for gas flare should be properly utilised with meaningful reference to the health and environment of the peoples of the Host Communities — *Negated.*

Recommendation (v):

Question: That all gas being flared in Nigeria must be measured using the world standard measurement for flare gas and Highly Volatile Reactive Organic Compound (HVRC) by the flaring company and DPR. This is to bring about emission control as well as validation for environmental reporting — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (vi):

Question: That an open market system whereby information and access to produced natural gas is freely available to third parties should be promoted. This will boost gas gathering and utilisation processes especially that of Gas to Liquid (GTL) — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (vii):

Question: That a Commission on gas flaring should be set up to ensure that the provisions in the legislation are strictly adhered to — *Negated.*

Recommendation (viii):

Question: That pursuant to the Senate's Resolution of Thursday, 24th January, 2008, a draft Bill to prohibit gas flaring is hereby proposed

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "is hereby proposed" in line 2 *and insert* the words "be presented to the Senate for First Reading within four (4) weeks" (*Senator Idris A. Umar*).

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

on recommendation (viii) as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Federal Government should adopt a systematic gas flare out management policy in consultation with relevant stakeholders;
- (ii) That there is also the need to shutdown fields still flaring gas by December 31, 2008;
- (iii) That fines imposed on gas flaring should reflect the prevailing market price for gas in the international market;
- (iv) That all gas being flared in Nigeria must be measured using the world standard measurement for flare gas and Highly Volatile Reactive Organic Compound (HVRC) by the flaring company and DPR. This is to bring about emission control as well as validation for environmental reporting;
- (v) That an open market system whereby information and access to produced natural gas is freely available to third parties should be promoted. This will boost gas gathering and utilisation processes especially that of Gas to Liquid (GTL); and
- (vi) That pursuant to the Senate's Resolution of Thursday, 24th January, - 2008, a draft Bill to prohibit gas flaring be presented to the Senate for First Reading within four (4) weeks (*S. Res/073/08*).

10. National Parole System in Nigeria Prison Bill (SB. 62):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

11. Repeal of the Nigerian Accounting Standard Board Act No. 22 of 2003:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

12. Excess Crude Oil Reserve Fund Bill 2008 (SB. 36):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 5th June, 2008 at **10.00** a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1. 20 p.m.

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