THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 12th October, 2011

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter Governmental Affairs:
Screening of Nominees:
Sen. Dahiru A. Kuta *(Niger East)*
"That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter Governmental Affairs, on the screening of the following Nominees as Members of the Federal Character Commission".

S/N	NAME	STATE	ZONE
1.	Barr. (Chief) Teddy Obi Akwari	Imo	South East
2.	Chief Dr. Mrs. Margaret Nwuese Icheen	Benue	North Central
3.	Muhammad Bello Alkali	Kebbi	North West
4.	Dr. Salihu Bello	Adamawa	North East
5.	Alhaji Ado Ahmed	Jigawa	North West

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Confirmation of nomination:
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba *OFR, SAN, (Senate Leader)*:
"That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-In-Chief, for the Confirmation of the nomination of the HON. JUSTICE OLUKAYODE ARIWOOLA as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, in accordance with Section 231(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" (As Amended)".

MOTION

1. Investigation into the Current Fuel Subsidy Management:
Sen. Abubakar B. Saraki *(Kwara Central)*
Sen. Isa M. Galaudu(Kebi North) Sen. Nurudeen A. Usman(Kogi Central) Sen. Andy Uba(Anambra South)

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Sen. Sunny Ogbuoji(Ebonyi South) Sen. Barnabas Gemade(Benue N/East) Sen. Gobir Ibrahim(Sokoto East)
Sen. Okowa A. Ifeanyi(Delta North) Sen. Shaaba L.afiaji (Kwara North) Sen. Simeon Ajibola (Kwara South)
Sen. Olugbenga O. Onaolapo(Ogun Cent.) Sen. Adeyeye Olusola(Osun Cent.) Sen. Tukur Bello(Adamawa Central)
Sen. Robert A. Boroffice(Ondo North) Sen. Wilson Ake(Rivers West)

THE SENATE;

NOTES that the Federal Government of Nigeria operates a fuel subsidy scheme with the policy purpose of making petroleum products available in order to cushion the effect of the true market prices of petroleum products on the populace;

RECOGNIZING that the fuel subsidy scheme is a long-standing government palliative action to help the Nigerian masses;

RECOGNIZING in the meantime, the need to make the scheme more transparent, corruption free and competitive within an appropriate legislative framework and in compliance with the Appropriation Act.

NOTES that in furtherance to the implementation of the fuel subsidy in 2011 appropriation, the sum , N240bn (N20bn Monthly) is budgeted;

NOTES that of the N20bn monthly allocation, N11.2bn was allocated for Domestic Fuel Subsidy (NNPC) and N8.8bn for Domestic Fuel Subsidy (Market) as stated in the Appropriation Act 2011;

OBSERVES that although N20bn was set aside for subsidy on a monthly basis in the Appropriation Act 2011, in August 2011 the total figure expended was N165bn of which NNPC was N88bn and Independent Marketers was N77.7bn;

OBSERVES that although N240bn was budgeted for the entire year, so far as at end of August 2011 N931bn has been spent. This is a variance of N771bn or 700% above budget;

WORRIED that in the first three months of the year both NNPC and the Independent Marketers did not exceed N62bn monthly but within the last three months figures have ranged between N150bn and N186bn;

OBSERVES that with this trend, by the year-end we will have a fuel subsidy bill of over N1.2tr (one trillion, two hundred billion naira) as against the N240bn (two hundred and forty billion naira) budgeted in the Appropriation Act;

OBSERVES that this expenditure is treated as a first line charge and by implication all other expenditures including Capital expenditures and even distributions to the states and local government, which we represent, is secondary;

NOTES that the implementation of 2011 Appropriation Act will surely be in troubled waters if a variation of N1.2tr arises as a result of the level of expenditure incurred on fuel subsidy so far;

NOTES that the wide disparity between what was budgeted for fuel subsidy scheme and what is expended goes to the integrity of the budget and an erosion of the authority of the National Assembly;

NOTES that the processes, audit, scrutiny and value for money in the entire subsidy management system lacks transparency and control as the costs have continued to maintain an upward swing;

CONCERNED that the National Assembly spends an enormous amount of energy to conclude a Capital budget of N1.1tr (one trillion one hundred billion naira) for the entire country and a single Agency of government can incur the same amount without due approval of the National Assembly poses a grave challenge and therefore an urgent need arises to review the subsidy scheme in order to strengthen the institutional integrity, transparency and accountability;

CONCERNED that if nothing is done to address this situation urgently we risk the non-implementation of the 2011 budget and the hopes of Nigerians that much can be achieved this year will be a mirage.

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Accordingly resolves to:

i. *MANDATE* the Senate Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Appropriation and Finance *to* investigate the operation of the fuel subsidy scheme with a view to determine that it is still run within the parameters of the law and if not find ways and means to make it much more transparent, accountable, efficient, sustainable and within the Appropriation Act;

ii *INVESTIGATE* and establish the structure of operations and financing of the fuel subsidy scheme with a view to establishing if there are cases bordering on misappropriation, misallocation and infractions that aid or lead to abuse of the Appropriation Act and/or violate the law;

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1. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prevention, Control, and Management of Sickle Cell Disease and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith 2011 (SB. 59)** - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ifeanyi A. Okowa *(Delta North)*

2. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Universities Veterinary Teaching Hospital (Constitution of Boards, etc) Bill 2011 (SB. 30)** – *Second Reading*
Sen. Dahiru A. Kuta *(Niger East)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 12th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Ad hoc Committee on BPE	Wednesday, 12th October, 2011	10.00 am	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
3.	Environment and Ecology	11th & 13th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Police Affairs	Wednesday, 12th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
5.	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Wednesday, 12th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
6.	National Security and Intelligence	Wednesday, 12th October, 2011	2.30 pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
7.	Marine Transport	11th – 13th & 19th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Hearing Room 204 Senate New Building
8.	Communications	Wednesday, 12th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
9.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Wednesday, 12th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 426 Senate New Building
10.	Immortalization of Senators	Thursday, 13th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 4.20 Senate New Building
11.	Local and Foreign Debts	Thursday, 13th October, 2011 ***(Inauguration)***	2.30 pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
12.	Power, Steel Dev. and Metallurgy	18th & 19th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building

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13.	Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions	18th & 19th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
14.	Petroleum Resources Financial Institutions	Tuesday, 18th October, 2011	2.00 pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building