SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 13th April, 2016

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

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

1. Petroleum Industry and Governance Bill, 2016 (SB. 237) -*First Reading.*
   Sen. Donald Alasoadura *(Ondo Central).*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act to provide for and adopt a Local Content Policy and timely completion of Procurement processes, and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 232) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Sam Egwu *(Ebonyi North).*

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act to provide for and adopt a Local Content Policy and timely completion of Procurement processes, and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 238) -*Second Reading.*
   Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe *(Abia South).*

3. A Bill for an Act to amend the Public Officers Protection Act CAP P41 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for other related matters, 2016 (SB. 156) - *Second Reading.*
   Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi *(Delta North)*

MOTIONS

1. Incessant Kano Markets' Infernos of Sabon Gari, Singer and Kwari
   Sen. Rabiu M. Kwankwaso *(Kano Central)*

   Co- Sponsors:

Sen. Abdullahi Adamu, CON	Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko	Sen. Matthew A. Urhoghide
Sen. Ibrahim A. Gobir	Sen. S. M. Nazif	Sen. Kabiru I. Gaya
Sen. Dino Melaye	Sen. Danjuma Goje	Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi
Sen. Umaru Kura	Sen. Sabo Mohammed	Sen. Samuel Anyawu
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Sen. T. A. Orji	Sen. Clifford A. Ordia	Sen. Jonah D. Jang
Sen. Mohammed Hassan	Sen. Nelson Efiong	Sen. Peter Nwaoboshi
Sen. Obinna Ogba	Sen. Stella Oduah	Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege

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The Senate:

Notes that about 12 midnight of Saturday, 26th March, 2016, the Abubakar Rimi market popularly known as Sabon Gari Market was razed down by fire adjudged to be the worst fire outbreak in the history of market infernos in the country;

Notes also that from November 2015 to January 2016, 11 Boarding Secondary Schools in Kano were affected by incidence of infernos causing the death of 7 students;

Concerned about the perennial occurrences of fire outbreak in recent times in Kano, Sokoto, Birnin Kebbi, Kaduna, Gashua, Ibadan, Warri, Minna, Yola, Jos, Ado Ekiti, Ikom in Cross River, Lagos, and gas explosion in Port Harcourt and Nnewi, Anambra state;

Observes that the Kurmi market (an inter-continental trade hub between Northern Nigeria and the Middle East) that has been in existence since 15th century was gutted by fire on the 10th of February, 2016. Similarly, on the 18th of the same month the Singer market was also razed down. Furthermore, the furniture section of the Sabon Gari market was also devastated by fire on the 3rd of December, 2015 and on Saturday the 26th of March, 2016 the same market recorded one of the worst infernos in the history of fire outbreaks in the country. So also barely six days later the furniture section of the Gwarzo market was gutted by fire on the 31st of March, 2016;

Notes that 15 persons sustained various degrees of injury during the Sabon Gari fire incident of 26th March, 2016; that destroyed at least 3,800 shops that constitute about 90 per cent of the market and property worth billions of naira was lost in the Saturday inferno;

Acknowledge and Appreciate the Senate and its leadership for sending a delegation under the leadership of Sen. Bala Na'allah the Deputy leader of the Senate to visit Kano and commiserate with the victims of the GSM market Bomb blast that occurred on Wednesday 18th November 2015 and even donated handsomely to the victims;

Concerned that no one seems to know what causes these incessant fire incidences that have become a perennial occurrence in our markets across the country;

Worried that at the rate which these fire outbreaks occur is becoming worrisome and calls to question the effectiveness of our Federal and State Fire Service and other emergency response management agencies tasked with the mandate of urgently addressing the trend of infernos among others;

Convinced that sensitizing and effective implementation of simple but important tips on national fire safety code could save lives and property during such emergencies.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Call on the federal government to constitute a special taskforce that will be saddled with the responsibility of investigating the incessant fire outbreak in public places across the country;

ii. Call on National Emergency Management Agency in collaboration with National Orientation Agency to embark on a national campaign on the need for the public to strictly adhere to national fire safety code in order to prevent the perennial occurrence of fire outbreaks;

iii. Urge the three tiers of Government - Federal, state and local government councils to provide their Fire Service Departments with requisite state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, introduce routine training and motivation strategies of the fire service staff so that they can respond more efficiently during fire outbreaks;

iv. Urge the traders and government to look into the possibility of introducing an insurance coverage scheme for the markets and traders;

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v. Call on the Federal government and other regulatory agencies to evolve and enforce modern means of preventing and combating fire disasters by ensuring that all markets in the country are built with plans to prevent outbreak of fire incident and properly equipped with modern firefighting equipment to ensure that our people are not subjected to this kind of distressing loss;

vi. Urge the federal government and other corporate bodies to come to the aid of the Sabon Gari market traders by providing them with special grants to continue sustaining a livelihood as well as contributing to the nation's Gross Domestic Product; and

vii. Invite the Senate to constitute a committee that will visit Kano to commiserate with the traders of the Sabon Gari market and the government and people of the state.

2. The Urgent Need for Effective Implementation of the Joint Venture Cash Calls Obligations by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) In Accordance With the Appropriation Act of the National Assembly.
Sen. Bassey Albert Akpan *(Akwa Ibom North-East)*

The Senate:

Observes that the persistent constraint by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to meet its cash call obligations have taken a turn for the worse on the country's crude oil production output and sundry activities in the oil and gas industry;
Notes that the National Assembly has been appropriating for the NNPC Joint Venture cash calls obligations in the past;

Further notes that the current outstanding cash call obligations in the oil and gas sector stands at over $6 Billion;

Aware that cash calls are treated as first line items by NNPC before remittance of available balance on its collectibles revenue from crude sales to the Federation account and as such should be treated in accordance with fiscal appropriation approval of the National Assembly;

Observes that the effective utilization of Joint Venture cash calls will enhance production, reserves sustainability and the general portfolio management of the oil and gas industry;
Disturbed that where the NNPC fails to meet its Joint Venture cash call obligations there is nothing the International Oil Companies (IOCs) can unilaterally do to salvage the situation hence the current lull in the industry;

Further disturbed that the inability of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to meet its joint venture cash call obligations has led to a loss of confidence by investors in the oil and gas sector;

Worried that the resultant effect of this is a drastic reduction in the Gross Domestic Production (GDP), oil production, depleting oil Reserves with a resultant compounding effect on unemployment due to severance of workforce by IOCs;

Concerned that the lack of activities by IOCs will definitely affect our oil and non - oil revenue collections through Company Income Tax which can hinder the implementation of the current budget;

Worried that the crude oil production from the joint venture between NNPC and the International Oil Companies (IOCs) have declined by 47 per cent as at the last quarter of 2015 due to the inability of the federal government to meet its cash call obligation;

Believes that the operation of the NNPC joint venture cash call is devoid of transparency and accountability;

Strongly believes that it is illegal and unconstitutional for the NNPC to spend billions of dollars which should have gone into settlement of Joint Venture cash calls obligations on inconsequential administrative expenses;

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Concerned that with the current National Assembly approval of over N1 Trillion for 2016 Fiscal year on Joint Venture cash calls, we must ensure strict adherence to the provision in the 2016 Appropriation Act and the approved MTEF 2016 - 2018;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Mandate the Committees on Gas, Petroleum Upstream, Finance and Appropriations to investigate the operations of the NNPC Joint Venture Cash Calls obligations;

ii. Invite NNPC and IOCs to explain their roles in the management of the NNPC joint venture cash call expenses as approved by the National Assembly; and

iii. Proffer adequate sanctions for any violation arising from the administration of Joint Venture Cash Call obligations in the Oil and Gas sector as approved by various appropriation Acts of the National Assembly.

3. The use of substandard or used tyres on Nigerian roads.
Sen. Shehu Sani *(Kaduna Central)*

The Senate:

NOTES with grave concern the incessant road accidents that occur in Nigeria associated with tyres as a result of the use of substandard tyres or second-hand tyres popularly called "tokunbo";

AWARE that the Standards Organisation of Nigeria is saddled with the responsibility of ensuring standards and quality control in the Nigeria;

ALARMED with the rate and frequency of the occurrence of the accidents, lives and properties lost as a result of these accidents;

WORRIED that from 2010 to date, statistics has shown that 5000 precious lives have been lost on Nigerian roads as a result of tyre burst due to low quality or over-use. Used tyres popularly called "tokunbo" are notorious for bursting on roads largely because they have been corroded by rain and sea spray during long trips from Europe or over-stay at ports;

MORE WORRIED that substandard or "tokunbo" tyres have over-flooded Nigerian markets due to the activities of unpatriotic tyre manufacturers and importers. Tyre manufacturers have largely engage in buying old and fairly used tyres to recap or regrade them and sell to innocent Nigerians;

DETERMINED to change these unwholesome practices and ensure a relatively low tyre accident-free country.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Urge the Standards Organisation of Nigeria to immediately and strictly enforce the provisions of Section 17 of the SON Act which prohibits the violation of the Mandatory Industrial Standards Order;

ii. Urge the Standards Organisation of Nigeria to partner with the Nigerian Customs Service to intensify boarders and ports checks where the substandard tyres are brought into the country and ensure speedy clearance of imported tyres form the ports; and

iii. Urge the Federal Roads Safety Commission and Vehicle Inspection Officers to conduct a quick check on all tyres in use in Nigeria.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Environment (Joint Committee)	Wednesday, 13th April, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	12.00p.m	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
2. Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 13th April, 2016	2.00p.m	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
3. Privatization	Wednesday, 13th April, 2016	12.00p.m	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
4. Interior	Wednesday, 13th April, 2016	2.00p.m	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
5. Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy and Privatization	Wednesday, 13th April, 2016	1.00p.m	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
6. INEC	Wednesday, 13th April, 2016	2.30p.m	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
7. Finance	Thursday, 14th April, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building

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