



Wednesday, 12 March, 2008

- By unanimous consent, the Voles and Proceedings were approved. .*

- Question put and agreed to.*

Senate in Open Session 11. 15 p.m.

He was the 42nd Emir of Katsina and he ascended to the throne in 1981, after the death of his father,¹Alh: (Sir) Usman Nagogo, the 41st Emir of Katsina;

The late Emir. Alh. Muhammadu Kabir Usman-Nagogo; 'had his primary education in Katsina and was at the famous Katsina Middle School from 1941 to 1947. He joined the services of the Katsina Native Authority Police in 1947 and was appointed the Magaji Gari (Heir apparent) in 1965. Like his father, he was an ardent polo player, culminating into his becoming the Life Patron of the Nigerian. Polo Association;

The late Emir was a man of superlative standards

the spiritual and traditional leader

to forget the candor of his speeches, the courage of his faith, and the warm and glowing, brightness of his love for his people. He never-wavered in his responsibility to his people, never refused to take on a "hard" job. if it needed to be done. What he preached, he practiced and what he believed in, he believed with his heart and soul. He fought hard for every cause in which he enlisted and the causes for which he fought for were good and, right. In short he verily and indeed of all the divine faiths; To help the needy to succor- the distressed and to support everything that is fine and noble"; and. . .

His passing leaves a void in the heart of every Katsina man and woman in particular, and of every Nigerian and humanity in general- Words are therefore, futile at a time, like this, to assuage the anguish of his family his relations friends, subjects and all those who know him **We can only, now heads to the will** of the Almighty Allah (SWT) and say to ourselves: .

"May he enjoy his- eternal rest in *Atjanhah Firdaiisi* as the reward he has earned for his good worldly deeds".

"May his family and his subjects derive some measure of comfort in the knowledge- that this Senate and Nigerians share their grief with them".

Accordingly resolve that the Senate do:

- (i) Observe a minute silence in honour of the memory of this worthy and noble Nigerian; and
- (ii) Send a letter of condolence to the good people of Katsina State, in addition to the condolence visit ■ which a high powered delegation of this Senate has already undertaken (*Senator Ibrahim M. Ida*). .

Debate:

Prayer (i):

That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the memory of this worthy and noble Nigerian — *Agreed to*.

Prayer (ii):

That the Senate do send a letter of condolence to the good people of Katsina State; in addition to the ■ . condolence visit which a high powered delegation of this Senate has already undertaken — *Agreed to*. .

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows: .".

"That the Senate President do lead a high powered delegation to commiserate with the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the demise of the Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Muhammadu Kabir Usman Nagogo .(*Senator Teslim Folarin*) .

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

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the memory of this worthy and noble -Nigerian; :
- (ii) That the Senate do send a letter of condolence to the good people of Katsina State, in addition to the condolence visit which a high power delegation of this **Senate** has already undertaken; and
- (iii) That the Senate President do-lead a high **powered delegation** to commiserate with the President, Connmander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the **Federal-Republic** of Nigeria on the demise of the Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Muhammadu Kabir Usman Nagogo (*S. Res/054/08*).

One minute silence accordingly observed.

6. **Presentation of Bills.** ,

- (i) Legal Practitioners Act (Amendment) **Bill** 2008 (SB. 76) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Criminal Justice (Victims' Remedies) Bill 2008 (SB. 77) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Motion

Motion made and Question Proposed; That the Senate do note that the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) as the administrative capital of Nigeria and the seat of the Federal Government of Nigeria is vested by law to manage, develop and regulate, Federal/Government landed property within the FCT;

in carrying out its statutory functions, the FCT/Administration had left in its trail, anguish, cries and complaints from some aggrieved members of the public;

Notes further that the Committee on the FCT considers it expedient to conduct an investigative hearing on the manner in which the FCT Administration had conducted its activities relating to sales of Federal Government houses, concessioning of Government Properties, Land Allocation, Revocation, **Demolition**.*

Notes further that Senate Resolution is a sine qua non for conducting investigative hearing by a Committee in accordance with Sections 88, 89, and 299 (a) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 which stipulates that "*the National Assembly shall have power by a resolution published in its journal to direct or cause to be directed an investigation into the conduct of affairs of any person. Authority, Ministry or Government Department*".

Accordingly resolve that the Senate do:

Direct its Committee on FCT to investigate these activities of the FCT Administration as from 1999 to date and to report within 4 (four) weeks to wit:

- (i) Sales of all Federal Government properties in the FCT and proceeds from therein;
- (ii) All land related matters: Allocation, Revocation and Demolition;
- (iii) Concessionings:- Garki General Hospital, Abuja Garden, Wuse Market, Aso Savings (Capitalisation), Nicon Luxury (Sofitel), Sheraton Hotels, Abuja Urban Mass Transit Agency, Abuja Metropolitan Management Agency and Satellite Town Development Agency Projects (Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi).

Debate:

Prayer:

That the Senate do direct, its Committee on FCT to investigate these activities of the FCT Administration as from 1999 to date and to report Within 4- {four} weeks to wit:

- (i) Sales of all Federal Government properties in the FCT and proceeds from therein;
- (ii) All land related matters' Allocation, **Revocation** and Demolition;
- (iii) , Concessionings:- Garki General Hospital, Abuja Garden, Wuse Market, Aso Savings (**Capitalisation**), Nicon Luxury (Sofitel), Sheraton'Hotels¹, Abuja'Urban Mass Transit Agency, Abuja **Metropolitan** Management Agency and Satellite Town Development Agency Projects.

Amendment Proposed;

Immediately after the word "FCT" in line 1, insert the words "Housing and Urban Development (Senator Ikechukwu J. Obiorah).

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

Question on the Main Prayer, as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved:. -

That the Senate do direct its Committees on FCT and Housing and Urban Development to investigate these activities of the FCT Administration as from 1999 to date and to report within 4 (four) weeks to wit:

- (i) Sales of all Federal Government properties in the FCT and proceeds from therein;
- (iii) Concessionings:- Garki General Hospital, Abuja Garden, Wuse Market, Aso Savings (Capitalisation), Nicon Luxury. (Sofitel); Sheraton- Hotels; Abuja Urban Mass Transit Agency',. Abuja Metropolitan Management Agency and Satellite-Town Development Agency Projects {

8. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the Screening of Nominee;

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on, Establishment and Public Service on the screening of Dr. Akpania M. Akpama- (Cross River State) as . a **Member in the Federal-Civii Service Commission (FCSC)[(Senator Mohammed I Ahmed).**

Recommendations

■'That the Senate do confirm the. nomination of Dr. Akpama M. Akpama (Cross River State) as a Member' in the Federal Civil Service Commission. (FCSC)

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: 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 the Committee on Establishment and public Service on the screening of Dr. Akpama M. Akpama (Cross River State) the President's, nominee for appointment as. a Member in the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC).

Nominee Recommended:

Dr. Akpama M. Akpama

Debate:

Question:

"Will the committee approve *the* nomination of Dr. Akpfama M". 'Akpama' (Cross River State)'the President's nominee for appointment as a Member in the Federal Civil Service Commission'(FCSC) — **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 Establishment and. Public Service on the screening of Dr. Akpama M. Akpama (Cross River State) the President's nominee for appointment' as' a Member in the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) and approved the recommendations.

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

Confirmation of Nominee:;

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Akpama M. Akpama (Cross River State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Member in the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — **Resolved in the Affirmative.**

Nomination of Dr., Akpama M. Akpama (Cross River State)- as a, Member in the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed,

9. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Observations made by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, on the Appropriation Bill 2008 (SB. 21):
Motion made and Question Proposed: that the Senate, do receive and. consider the. Report of the Ad-hoc. . Committee on the observation

2008. (Senator Ike Ekwerernadu)-

Question, put and agreed to.-

Report presented and Laid ;

Debate:

Question; that, the Report be, approved and adopted —Resolved in the Affirmative.

(See Ad-Hoc Committee Report attached to Votes and Proceedings as Annexure)

10. Committee on Finance:

Report on the Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc (Consolidation) Act (Amendment)- Bill, 2008 (HB. 01):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc' (Consolidation) Act (Amendment) Bill 2008 (Senator Muhammad A. Muhammad)-.

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: 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 the Committee on Finance on the Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc (Consolidation) Act (Amendment) Bill 2008.

Debate:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill be recommitted to the Committee for further legislative action .(Senate Majority Leader):

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report of the Committee on Finance,, on –the Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc (Consolidation) Act (Amendment)' Bill 2008 and recommitted the Bill to the Committee for further legislative action

Question; that the Report of the Committee of the .Whole be approved— Resolved in the affirmative-bill accordingly recommitted to the Committee for further legislative action.

11. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Water Ways Authority Act No. 47 2004 and to Re-Enact the National Inland Water Ways Agency to provide for among other things the Regulation, Management, Directions and Control of the Inland Water Ways for Navigation and Provision of River Torts Services and Other Connected Purposes 2008 (SB. 02).

Consideration of Bill deferred: to another legislative day:

12. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 13th March, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Majority Leader).

David A. B. Mack GCON

President of the Senate