



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25th November, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.30 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 20th November, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. Announcements:
 - (i) ***Marriage Ceremony:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Patrick E. Osakwe as follows:



THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

25/11/2008

*His Excellency, Senator David B. A. Mark, GCON,
President of the Senate, National Assembly,
Abuja.*

MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF MY DAUGHTER, NGOZI

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to express my profound gratitude to the leadership of the Senate in particular and to each and every Senator in general for the cooperation I received and for the esteemed presence of Distinguished Senators at the ceremony. May the Almighty God continue to guide and protect you all.

Secondly, Mr. President, I wish to thank my Colleagues for a successful burial ceremony of our dear colleague Senator Okpede who was a strong pillar of St. Molumba Chaplaincy, Apo. May his gentle soul rest in peace amen.

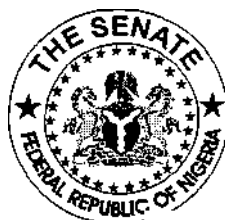
Thanks.

Signed:

Senator Patrick E. Osakwe
(Delta North)

(ii) **Appreciation:**

The Senate President also read a letter from Senator Suleiman Asonya Adokwe as follows:



Senator Suteiman Asonya Adof&e
Nasarawa South Senatorial District

VICE-CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON SENATE SERVICES

25th November, 2008

*His Excellency, Senator David B. A. Mark,
President of the Senate, National Assembly,
Abuja.*

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the good people of Nasarawa South Senatorial District, indeed the Government and People of Nasarawa State, I wish to express with deep appreciation to the Senate President, Senator David B. A. Mark, all Principal Officers and Distinguished Colleagues for the solidarity and massive turn out during the burial ceremony of our Late brother, friend and Colleague, Distinguished Senator (Dr) Emmanuel Okudu Okpede.

Please be assured that the family of Late Senator (Dr) Emmanuel Okudu Okpede, Doma Community and the entire people of Nasarawa State are forever grateful to you all for the show of support and pray God Almighty to reward you abundantly, amen.

Signed:

Senator Suleiman Asonya Adokwe

(iii) **Acknowledgment:**

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

- (a) Staff and Students of Abuja Children's home, Karu;
- (b) Staff and Students of Overcomer's School, Abuja
- (c) Members and Staff of the Akoko-Edo Local Government Legislative house.

4. Closed Session:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on issues relevant to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Close Session — **10:45 a.m.**

Open Session — **11:20 a.m.**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues relevant to the workings of the Senate.

5. Presentation of Bill:

Counterfeit Goods (Prohibition, etc) Bill 2008 (SB. 187) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Motion:

The Demise of Alhaji Shehu Ahmadu Musa, (CFR) Makaman Nupe:

Motion made: That the Senate do note with heavy hearts the death of Shehu Ahmadu Musa, (CFR) *Makaman Nupe* at the ripe age of 73 years;

Notes also that late Shehu Ahmadu Musa was born on January 16th, 1935 in Bida, Niger State and attended the Bida Elementary School in 1943 to 1947, Bida Middle School in 1948, obtained his Secondary education at Zaria Secondary School (now Barewa College) between 1949 and 1954. He attended the Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Zaria in 1955 where he studied Pure/Applied Mathematics and Physics. He afterwards proceeded to the nation's Premier University, University College, Ibadan (now University of Ibadan);

Notes further that the late Makaman Nupe obtained a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Hon. (London) in Mathematics and Physics in 1959. He also held the record of being the first Nupe man from Bida to hold a University Degree. He obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Minneapolis, USA in 1963;

Notes also that he had a distinguished Public Service Career commencing from his stint as a Senior Auditor of the defunct Northern Regional Government in 1963, where he worked under the Northern Icon of inestimable value, the late Sardauna of Sokoto, Sir Ahmadu Bello. He was Head of Audit, Sokoto in 1964 from where he became the Senior Assistant Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Finance between 1965 and 1967. He was also Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence between 1971 and 1974. He became Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Finance in 1974;

Notes further that late Shehu Ahmadu Musa was appointed the Administrative Secretary of Customs and Excise Board in 1967. His honest ways of handling the Custom's affairs culminated into his return as the Director of Customs and Excise in 1975. He was appointed Secretary to the Federal Government (SFG) to the Shehu Shagari led democratic administration from 1979 to 1983. Between 1988 and 1992, the late Makaman Nupe served the country as the Chairman, National Population Commission (NPC) which conducted the 1991 Population Census;

Observes that until his death on November 19th, 2008, the late Makaman Nupe held several traditional titles from across the length and breadth of Nigeria. Such as: *Onotu of Ogume* (Delta State, 1982), *Boba Selu of Osogbo* (Osun State, 1983), *Onwa-Nitilora of Assah Ibilerem* (Imo State, 1991), *Batolu of Lagos* (Lagos State, 1991), *Aare Atunluse of Ibadan* (Oyo State, 1991), *Seriki Mayogun of Oke Ona Egba* (Ogun State, 1991), *Bajowa of Eefon Alaaye* (Ekiti State, 1992);

Accordingly resolve to:

- (i) Send a delegation with letter of condolence to the Government and people of Niger State, the Etsu Nupe and his family;
- (ii) Observe one minute silence in honour of the late Makaman Nupe (*Senator Jibril M. Aminu and Others*).

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do send a delegation with letter of condolence to the Government and people of Niger State, the Etsu Nupe and his family — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of the late Makaman Nupe.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert the words "Alhaji Shehu Ahmadu Musa (CFR)" immediately after the word "late" (Senator Adeleke Mamora).

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

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do send a delegation with letter of condolence to the Government and people of Niger State, the Etsu Nupe and his family.
- (ii) That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of the late Alhaji Shehu Ahmadu Musa (CFR), Makaman Nupe (*S. Res/020/2/08*).

One Minute silence in honour of the late Alhaji Shehu Ahmadu Musa, (CFR), accordingly observed.

7. Committee on Finance:

Report on the screening of Nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Members of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC);

S/No.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Aliyu Yelwa	Chairman
2.	Debo Adesina	Member
3.	Suleman Abubakar	Member
4.	Mohammed Z. Sada	Member
5.	Yau Gimba	Member
6.	Sylvanus E. Ogoriseme Mordi	Member
7.	Adewumi Abitoye	Member
8.	Shaibu Abdullahi Kore	Member
9.	Benson Upah	Member
10.	Chris Anaetochukwu Okewulonu	Member

(Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi).

Report presented and Laid.

Recommendations:

That the Senate do confirm the Nominations of the above mentioned Chairman/Members of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC).

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the screening of Mr President's nominees as Chairman and Members of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC):

Nominees recommended:

(i)	Aliyu Yelwa	—	Chairman
(ii)	Debo Adesina	—	Member
(iii)	Suleiman Abubakar	—	Member
(iv)	Mohammed Z. Sada	—	Member
(v)	Yau Gimba	—	Member
(vi)	Sylvanus E. Ogoriseme Mordi	—	Member
(vii)	Shaibu Abdullahi Kore	—	Member
(viii)	Benson Upah	—	Member
(ix)	Chris Anaetochukwu Okewulonu	—	Member

Nominee not recommended:

(i)	Adewumi Abitoye	—	Member
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Debate:

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Aliyu Yelwa as Chairman of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Debo Adesina as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Suleiman Abubakar as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Mohammed Z. Sada as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Yau Gimba as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Sylvanus E. Ogoriseme Mordi as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Shaibu Abdullahi Kore as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Benson Upah as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Chris Anaetochukwu Okewulonu as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *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 Finance, on the screening of the underlisted persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) and approved as follows:

(i)	Aliyu Yelwa	Chairman — <i>Approved.</i>
(ii)	Debo Adesina	Member - — <i>Approved.</i>
(iii)	Suleiman Abubakar	Member - — <i>Approved.</i>
(iv)	Mohammed Z. Sada	Member - — <i>Approved.</i>
(v)	Yau Gimba	Member - — <i>Approved.</i>
(vi)	Sylvanus E. Ogoriseme Mordi	Member - — <i>Approved.</i>
(vii)	Adewumi Abitoye	Member - - <i>Not Recommended.</i>
(viii)	Shaibu Abdullahi Kore	Member - - <i>Approved.</i>
(ix)	Benson Upah	Member - — <i>Approved.</i>
(x)	Chris Anaetochukwu Okewulonu	Member - - <i>Approved.</i>

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

Confirmation of Nominees:***Question:***

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Aliyu Yelwa as Chairman of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Aliyu Yelwa as Chairman of the Board of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Debo Adesina as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Debo Adesina as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Suleiman Abubakar as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Suleiman Abubakar as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Z. Sada as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Z. Sada as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Yau Gimba as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Yau Gimba as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sylvanus E. Ogoriseme Mordi as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Sylvanus E. Ogoriseme Mordi as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Shaibu Abdullahi Kore as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Shaibu Abdullahi Kore as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Benson Upah as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Benson Upah as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chris Anaetochukwu Okewulonu as a Member of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chris Anaetochukwu Okewulonu as a Member of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) accordingly confirmed.

8. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Nigeria Police Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2008 (SB. 65):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative day.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 26th November, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.35p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.