



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 27th November, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.10 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 26th November, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. Message from Mr. President:
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

26 November, 2008

*Distinguished Senator David Mark
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

2009 BUDGET

Sequel to my earlier letter of November 14th, 2008, I crave the indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot of 12:00 noon, Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008, to formally address a Joint Session of the National Assembly on Budget 2009.

I thank the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic for your unwavering support and steadfast understanding.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Anthony G. Manzo drew the attention of the Senate to the alarming rate of death of children as widely reported in some dailies due to acute renal failure caused by administration of teething formulation. He stated that similar cases were reported in the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH) Kaduna and Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) Lagos. He sought the leave of the Senate to present a Motion on the matter.

Question that the matter be debated put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative day.

5. Privileges of the Floor:

(i) Admission of Special Advisers on National Assembly Matters to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces:

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit the Special Advisers on National Assembly Matters to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Senator Abba Aji and Hon. Cairo Ojugbana, to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(ii) Admission of Ministerial Nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the ministerial nominees to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

6. Confirmation of Nominees for Ministerial Appointment:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief for the screening of the underlisted nominees as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

S/N	Name		State
(i)	Dr. Rilwanu Lukman	—	Kaduna
(ii)	Dr. Sam Egwu	—	Ebonyi
(iii)	Arc. Nuhu Somo Wya	—	Kaduna
(iv)	Alhaji Jibril Maigari	—	Yobe (<i>Senate Leader</i>).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Ministerial Nominees)

Nominees screened:

S/N	Name		State
(i)	Dr. Rilwanu Lukman	—	Kaduna
(ii)	Dr. Sam Egwu	—	Ebonyi

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole conducted a public screening of the underlisted ministerial nominees:

S/N	Name		State
(i)	Dr. Rilwanu Lukman	—	Kaduna
(ii)	Dr. Sam Egwu	—	Ebonyi

Further screening of Ministerial nominees deferred to another Legislative day.

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

7. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 2nd December, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.55p.m.

David A. B. Mark, GCON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.