



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 4th December, 2008

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1. The Senate met at 10.15 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, 3rd December, 2008 and approved same.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Announcements:**
  - (i) **Invitation to 2-Day National Summit on Education:**  
The Senate President read a letter from Senate Committee on Education as follows:



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The President of the Senate  
National Assembly,  
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

**INVITATION TO A TWO DAY NATIONAL SUMMIT ON EDUCATION.**

*The Senate Committee on Education in her oversight functions, observed that the Country's Educational System is faced with numerous impediments such as improper funding, brain drain,*

poor staff quality, inadequate facilities, obsolete equipment, outdated curricula, industrial disharmony, etc. Recent policy flip-flops have even created more confusion in the system.

2. In the bid to arrest this unwholesome situation, the Committee on Education on behalf of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria decided to organize a Summit of all stakeholders to comprehensively review the weighty issues and subsequently define a road-map for an unambiguous re-focusing for educational development.

3. The Committee is hereby inviting all distinguished Senators to a two day National Summit with the theme '**Repositioning Nigeria's Educational System for the Achievement of the National 20-2020 Vision**'. The Summit will hold at Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Ladi Kwali Conference Hall, Abuja on 10 -11 December, 2008 at 9.00 a. m. daily.

4. Accept the renewed assurance of the Committee's highest regards.

Signed:

**Senator Dr. Joy Emodi**

Chairman, Senate Committee on Education

**(ii) NEC of Peoples Democratic Party (PDF):**

The Senate President announced that the National Executive Council (NEC) meeting of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has been slated for Thursday, 4th December, 2008 by 1.00 p.m.

**(iii) Ad-Hoc Committee on Jos crisis:**

The Senate President announced the following Senators as members of the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Jos Crisis:

|     |                            |   |          |
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| (a) | Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba  | — | Chairman |
| (b) | Senator Ikechukwu Obiorah  | — | Member   |
| (c) | Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon  | — | Member   |
| (d) | Senator Bala Mohammed      | — | Member   |
| (e) | Senator Mujitaba M. Mallam | — | Member   |
| (f) | Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe | — | Member   |

**4. Confirmation of Nominations:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons as Chairman, Director-General and Members of the National Pension Commission.

| JS/No | NAME                        | ZONE          | DESIGNATION      |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1.    | Chief Oluwole Alani Adeosun | South-West    | Chairman         |
| 2.    | Mr. Muhammad Kabiru Ahmad   | North-East    | Director-General |
| 3.    | Mr. Pius Nnaemeka Akubueze  | South-East    | Commissioner     |
| 4.    | Mr. Manzuma Tsoeda Mamman   | North-Central | Commissioner     |
| 5.    | Dr. Musa Abdullahi Ibrahim  | North-West    | Commissioner     |
| 6.    | Miss Eyamba Theresa Henshaw | South-South   | Commissioner     |

(Senate Leader).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters to report within one week*

**5. Appropriation Bill 2009 (SB. 231):**

*Motion Made:* That the Senate do resume discussion on the Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of H2,870,510,042,679 (Two Trillion, Eight Hundred and Seventy Billion, Five Hundred and Ten Million, Forty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Nine Naira) only, of which, N140,693,160,103 (One Hundred and Forty Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety three Million, One Hundred and Sixty Thousand, One Hundred and three Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, N283,649,892, 795 (Two Hundred and Eight-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Naira) only, is for Debt Service, N1,649,429,453,681 (One Trillion, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Billion, four Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-One Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-debt) Expenditure while the balance of N796,737,536,101 (Seven Hundred and Ninety Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and One Naira) only, is for Contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the Year ending on the 31st day of December, 2009, Bill 2008 (SB. 231) be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*) (*Adjourned Debate on Question — Wednesday, 3rd December, 2008*).

*Debate:*

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Dahiru A. Kuta
- (ii) Senator Anyim Ude
- (iii) Senator Adego E. Eferakeya
- (iv) Senator Erne Ufot Ekaette
- (v) Senator Hosea O. Ehinlanwo
- (vi) Senator Kabiru I. Gaya
- (vii) Senator Yahaya N. Ugbane
- (viii) Senator Munirudeen A. Muse
- (ix) Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange
- (x) Senator Joy Emodi
- (xi) Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi
- (xii) Senator Smart Adeyemi
- (xiii) Senator Garba Lado
- (xiv) Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya
- (xv) Senator Adamu Garba Talba

- (xvi) Senator Abidemi Babalola
- (xvii) Senator Satty Davies Gogwin
- (xviii) Senator Patricia Akwashaki
- (xix) Senator Paulker Emmanuel
- (xx) Senator Gyang D. Dantong
- (xxi) Senator James E. Manager
- (xxii) Senator Nuhu Aliyu
- (xxiii) Senator Umaru Dahiru
- (xxiv) Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim
- (xxv) Senator Otaru S. Ohize
- (xxvi) Senator Tawar U. Wada
- (xxvii) Senator Adamu M. Aliero
- (xxviii) Senator Grace F. Bent
- (xxix) Senator Iyabo-Bello Obasanjo
- (xxx) Senator Bode Olajumoke
- (xxxi) Senator Tanko A. Ayuba
- (xxxii) Senator John N. Shagaya
- (xxxiii) Senator Kaka M. Yale
- (xxxiv) Senator Abubakar U. Argungu
- (xxxv) Senator Muhammed Muhammed
- (xxxvi) Senator George T. Sekibo
- (xxxvii) Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Appropriation and Finance to report on or before 18th December, 2008 .*

**6. Demise of Senator Adejo A. Ogiri:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of late Senator Adejo A. Ogiri (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*One minute silence accordingly observed.*

**7. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 10th December, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.  
(Senate Leader).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p. m.*

**David A. B. Mark, GCON**

*President,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*