



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8th July, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.30 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 3rd July, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
(A) The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw as follows:



Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw
Cross River South Senatorial District
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

July 7, 2008

*His Excellency
Distinguished Senator David Mark,
Senate President, National Assembly
Complex, Abuja.*

Your Excellency,

METHODIST ARCHDIOCESE OF ABUJA
FUND RAISING DINNER

May I on behalf of the Fund Raising Committee, Archbishop Chimaroke Iweha and the entire Methodist Family thank you for sparing the time to grace the Fund Raising Dinner of Wednesday July 2, 2008 with your presence as Special Guest of Honour.

Through you, I wish to also thank my Distinguished Colleagues who made out time to be with us at that occasion. It was indeed an honour to have you and your presence, moral and financial support will no doubt go a long way towards ensuring realization of the religious and social programmes which the church has embarked upon.

I pray that God Almighty will reward you abundantly and that as His Church has found favour in you, so also will all of you find favour in Him.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

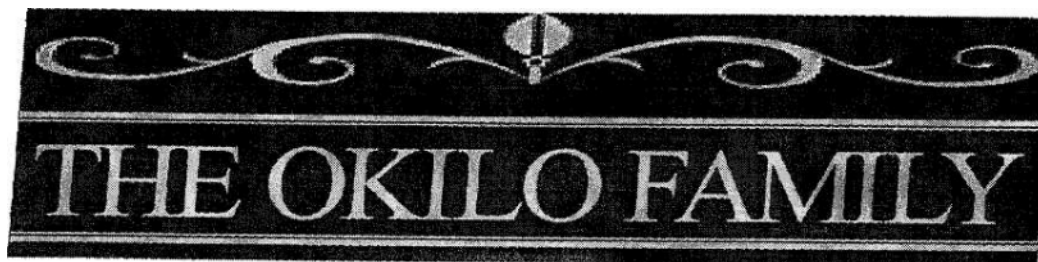
With Kind Regards. Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw

(B) Death of Senator Melford Okilo:

The Senate President also read a letter from Mr. Otio Okilo as follows:



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Anyaku Street, Area II, Garki,
Abuja

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*Senator David Mark,
The Senate President,
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly,
Abuja*

July 6th, 2008

Dear Sir,

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF OUR FATHER CHIEF MELFORD OKILO. CFR

On behalf of myself and the entire Okilo family of Emakalakala, Ogbia LGA, Bayelsa State, we wish to inform you of the death of our father Chief Melford Obiene Okilo, CFR on Saturday, July 5th 2008 at his residence in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. He was a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 1999-2003.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. A condolence register has been opened at his Abuja residence of No. 9 Ado Ekiti Close, Off Emeka Anyaku Street, Garki, Abuja. Burial dates and venues will be made available once arrangements have been concluded.

Yours truly,

Signed:

Otio Okilo

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Order 42, Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange referred the Senate to the death of Senator Melford Okilo. He sought and obtained leave of the Senate for the matter to be debated the next legislative day.

Matter to stand over to the next legislative day {Rule 42(2)}.

5. Presentation of Bill:

- (i) 2008 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill (SB. 133) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Grazing Reserves (Establishment and Development) Bill 2008(SB. 114) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc) Bill 2008 (SB. 129) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Niger Delta:***Report on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Appropriation Bill 2008 (SB. 121):***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta, on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Appropriation Bill 2008 (*Senator James E. Manager*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly Laid.

7. Motions:**(A) *Flood Disaster in Tinga-Dadinkowa in Yamaltu-Deba Local Government Area, Gombe:***

That the Senate notes that between Sunday, 22nd and Monday, 23rd June 2008, there was a heavy rain around Dadinkowa in Yamaltu-Deba LGA of Gombe State, which lasted for over 10 hours;

Observe that the rain resulted to a heavy and unprecedented flood which swept away more than 500 houses thereby rendering over 2000 people homeless with properties worth millions of Naira destroyed;

Note further that various families have been displaced and are now temporarily residing in public buildings such as primary schools and mosques, which has in turn resulted into temporary closure of these schools;

Be informed that the flood occurred when the rain uprooted some trees from the upstream and blocked the water discharge channel of the Tinga Bridge;

Note that as a result of the blockage of the flow channel, the water over flooded the town thereby destroying houses, animals and properties;

Note also that both Yamaltu-Deba Local Government Councils and Gombe State Government have taken immediate steps in aid of the victims;

Being aware of the magnitude of this disaster and the damage it has caused the Community which far exceeded the ability of both the State and the Local Governments;

Accordingly resolve that the Senate do:

- (i) commiserate with the victims and Gombe State Government over the incidence;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency send relief materials to the victims. (*Senator Idris A. Umar*).

Pursuant to Rule 51(1) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senator Idris A. Umar sought and obtained leave of the Senate to withdraw the Motion.

Motion accordingly withdrawn.

(B) *Curbing the Abnormal Price of Diesel:*

That the Senate notes that Diesel is one of the oils used as fuel in Nigeria;

Equally notes that this fuel is used in diversified ways (i.e.) transportation, machines for fabrication, grinding of pepper, tomatoes, melon and other food items;

Observes that Agricultural products on sale are equally transported to the market and the high rise of price in Diesel has also affected the cost of transportation, which inadvertently leads to the abnormal increase in price, not only of food stuffs but of every item in the country;

Reasons that a reduction in price of Diesel will favourably reduce the cost of food commodities etc and increase the general wellbeing of Nigerians;

Accordingly resolve that the Senate do:

Urge the Petroleum Ministry to prevail on Mr. President to use every available standard to bring the price of Diesel down, so that other items that escalated through the price of Diesel can equally go down for the common man (*Senator Kabiru I. Gaya*).

Motion made: That the Motion be stood down to another legislative day (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Consideration of Motion accordingly deferred to another legislative day.

8. Nigeria Investment Fund for Future Generations Bill 2008 (SB. 79):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Investment Fund for Future Generations and Other Matters Incidental Thereto, 2008 be read the Second (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw*).

Debate:

Question put and the *Senate divided.*

ROLL CALL:

AYES	—	34
NOES	-	18
ABSTENTION	—	3
ABSENT	—	53
TOTAL		108

Senate President — 109

Question by Roll Call Vote, agreed to.

DIVISION:

AYES

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| 1. Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe | 2. Senator Anthony O. Agbo |
| 3. Senator Joseph I. Akaagerger | 4. Senator Wilson Asinobi Ake |
| 5. Senator Chris N. D. Anyanwu | 6. Senator Ayodele S. Arise |
| 7. Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange | 8. Senator Mahmud Kanti Bello |
| 9. Senator Uche Chukwumerije | 10. Senator Umaru Dahiru |
| 11. Senator H. O. Ehinlanwo | 12. Senator Ike Ekweremadu |
| 13. Senator Joy E. Emodi | 14. Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw |
| 15. Senator Teslim K. Folarin | 16. Senator Kabiru I. Gay a |
| 17. Senator Hassan M. Gusau | 18. Senator Omar A. Hambagda |
| 19. Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya | 20. Senator Osita B. Izunaso |
| 21. Senator Garba Y. Lado | 22. Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawal |
| 23. Senator Lee Ledogo Maeba | 24. Senator Mohammed Mana |
| 25. Senator James E. Manager | 26. Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba |
| 27. Senator Chimaroke Nnamani | 28. Senator Simeon O. Oduoye |
| 29. Senator Ahmad Rufai Sani | 30. Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi |
| 31. Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane | 32. Senator Audu Idris Umar |
| 33. Senator Abdulaziz Usman | 34. Senator Tawar Umbi Wada |

NOES

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| 1. Senator Isiaka A. Adeleke | 2. Senator Smart Adeyemi |
| 3. Senator George Akume | 4. Senator Mohammed A. Aliero |
| 5. Senator Adefemi Kila | 6. Senator Ahmad M. Makarfi |
| 7. Senator Mujitaba M. Mallam | 8. Senator Bala A. Mohammed |
| 9. Senator Mohammed A. Muhammad | 10. Senator Gyang D. Dantong |
| 11. Senator Kawu Peto Dukku | 12. Senator Ayogu Eze |

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| 13. Senator Abubakar Umar Gada | 14. Senator Mohammed Kabiru Jibril |
| 15. Senator Emmanuel Paulker | 16. Senator Adamu M. Sidi-Ali |
| 17. Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon | 18. Senator Julius A. Ucha |

ABSTENTION

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| 1. Senator Grace F. Bent | 2. Senator Eme Ufot Ekaette |
| 3. Senator Dahiru Awaisu Kuta | |

ABSENT

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| 1. Senator Kamorudeen A. Adedibu | 2. Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe |
| 3. Senator Mohammed I. Ahmed | 4. Senator Simeon S. Ajibola |
| 5. Senator Sola Akinyede | 6. Senator Naomi Patricia Akwashiki |
| 7. Senator Nuhu Aliyu | 8. Senator Mohammed Jibril Aminu |
| 9. Senator Sylvester N. Anyanwu | 10. Senator Umar Abubakar Argungu |
| 11. Senator Tanko Abubakar Ayuba | 12. Senator O. Abidemi A. Babalola |
| 13. Senator Kolawole Felix Bajomo | 14. Senator Adamu Mohammed Bello |
| 15. Senator Effiong Dickson Bob | 16. Senator Zaynab Kure |
| 17. Senator Ibrahim Ahmad Lawan | 18. Senator Heineken Lokpobiri |
| 19. Senator Muhammed Ahmad Maccido | 20. Senator Suleiman A. |
| 21. Senator Anthony G. Manzo | 22. Senator Adekunle Munirudeen Muse |
| 23. Senator Olalekan Ramoni Mustapha | 24. Senator Simeon S. Ajibola |
| 25. Senator I. Gregory Ngaji | 26. Senator Naomi Patricia Akwashiki |
| 27. Senator Iyabo O. Obansanjo-Bello | 28. Senator John Ikechukwu Obiorah |
| 29. Senator Yisa Braimoh | 30. Senator Adegbo E. Eferakeya |
| 31. Senator Aloysius Akpan Etok | 32. Senator Sule Aminu Garo |
| 33. Senator Bako Dahiru Gassol | 34. Senator Satty Davies Gogwim |
| 35. Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim | 36. Senator Ibrahim Mohammed |
| 37. Senator Gbenga Ogunniya | 38. Senator Otaru Salihu Ohize |
| 39. Senator Annie Okonkwo | 40. Senator Bode Olajumoke |
| 41. Senator Iyiola Omisore | 42. Senator Patrick E. Osakwe |

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| 43. Senator Gbemisola Ruqayah Saraki | 44. Senator John Nanzip Shagaya |
| 45. Senator George Thompson Sekibo | 46. Senator Adamu Garba Talba |
| 47. Senator Ibrahim Saminu Turaki | 48. Senator Elder Anyinchukwu Ude |
| 49. Senator Odion Ugbesia | 50. Senator Ehigie Edobor Uzamere |
| 51. Senator Mallam Kaka Yale | 52. Senator Alhaji Sahabi Ya'u |
| 53. Senator Caleb Zagi | |

Bill read the Second Time and referred to Committees on Finance; Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters and National Planning to report within four (4) weeks.

9. Prohibition of Flaring of Natural Gas Bill 2008 (SB. 126):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 9th July, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.00p.m.

David A. B. Mark, GCON
President of the Senate