



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 16th September, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.00 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, 11th September, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of Members of Obuoffia Students' Union, Obuoffia Awkunanaw, Enugu State who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.
 - (ii) The Deputy Senate President also read out list of Committees that would lay their Annual Report on Wednesday, 17th September, 2008 as follows:
 - (1) Committee on Commerce;
 - (2) Committee on Women and Youths;
 - (3) Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters;
 - (4) Committee on Health;
 - (5) Committee on Finance;
 - (6) Committee on Inter-Parliamentary;
 - (7) Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity;
 - (8) Committee on Ethics and Petition;
 - (9) Committee on Industry;
 - (10) Committee on States and Local Governments;

- (11) Committee on Upstream Petroleum;
- (12) Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions;
- (13) Committee on Capital Market;
- (14) Committee on Privatisation;
- (15) Committee on Identity Card and Population;
- (16) Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa/NEPAD;
- (17) Committee on Foreign and Local Debts;
- (18) Committee on Solid Minerals;
- (19) Committee on Federal Character; and
- (20) Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

(Hi) The Deputy Senate President enjoined Senators who raised concern on the Committee composition announced last year to address such concern to the Senate Leader's Office for further action.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Order 42, Senator Joy Emodi drew the attention of the Senate to the dilapidating state of the Niger Bridge. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present a substantive Motion on the matter the next legislative day.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative day Rule 42(2).

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Order 43, Senator Kabir I. Gaya, Deputy Minority Whip, informed the Senate of the demise of a Member of the House of Representatives, Hon. Mustapha Tsairyawa who died on Saturday, 13th September, 2008 at Lagos on his way to Saudi Arabia to perform Lesser Hajj. The late Hon. Tsanyawa was hard working, honest and a very humble citizen whose demise is a great loss to the people of his constituency, Kano State and the nation at large.

Senator Gaya prayed the Almighty Allah to grant him Eternal rest and bless him with *Jannatul-firdausi*. Senator Gaya further prayed that the Senate do send a delegation to condole the Honourable Speaker, House of Representatives on the death of Honourable Tsanyawa.

The Deputy Senate President named the under-listed Senators as Members of the condolence delegation:

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| (i) | Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba | — | Leader of the Delegation. |
| (ii) | Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Suleiman Moh'd Nazif | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Anyim Chukwu Ude | — | Member |

6. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Fire Service (Inspection of Buildings) Bill 2008 (SB. 163) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Occupational Safety and Health Bill 2008 (SB. 130) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Power, Steel and Metallurgy:***Report on the Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission Bill 2008 (SB.3):***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Power, Steel and Metallurgy on the Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission Bill 2008 (*Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly Laid.

8. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:***Report on the Screening of Nominees:***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the screening of Alh. Kasimu Idris (Nasarawa State) and Mr. K. Folarin Adebolu (Ekiti State) as Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Senator Mohammed L Ahmed*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly Laid.

9. National Security Enhancement Bill 2008 (SB. 128):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Enhancement of Nigerian National Security and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be read the Second Time (*Senator Anthony G. Manzo*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Foreign Affairs and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within four (4) weeks.

10. National Infrastructures, Energies and Socio-Economics Development Commission Bill 2008 (SB. 85):

A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Infrastructures, Energies and Socio-Economics Development Commission for the Expansion, Modernization of the Existing Infrastructures, to Support Economic. Development and for Other Related Matters, 2008.

Rising on Order 89, Senator Ehigie E. Uzamere sought the leave of the Senate to withdraw the **Bill**.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly withdrawn.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 17th September, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.10p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR

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