



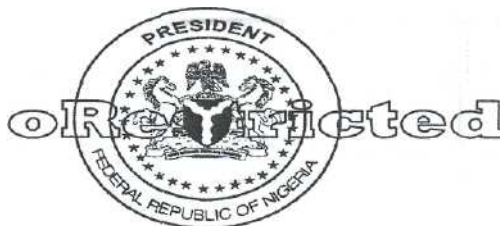
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 7th October, 2008

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 Thursday, 18th September, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Oath of Allegiance and Membership - Senator-Elect:**
Senator-Elect, Bello Hayatu Gwarzo (*PDP, Kano North Senatorial District*) took and subscribed to the Oath as required by law.
4. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received three letters from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which he read as follows: (A)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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September 15, 2008

*Senator David Mark, President
of the Senate, Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear Brother,

CONFIRMATION OF AMBASSADORIAL NOMINEES

In accordance with Section 171 (c) subsection 4 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I have the honour to forward the attached list of six (6) career Foreign Service Officers and five (5) non-career nominees for consideration for Senate confirmation for Ambassadorial appointment.

Copies of their Curriculum Vitae (Cvs) are attached herewith.

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind prompt attention of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed: **UMARU MUSA**
YAR'ADUA

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

October 2, 2008

The Senate President, Senate Chambers, National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

Dear Brother,

A BILL TO AMEND THE NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACT, 1992 AND PASSAGE
INTO LAW BY THE SENATE

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and passage into Law by the Senate the above named Bill.

While I hope that the Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the distinguished Members of the Senate, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed: **UMARU MUSA**
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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

October 2, 2008 The
Senate President, Senate Chambers, National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

Dear Brother,

**A BILL TO REPEAL THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON
IMMUNIZATION ACT 1997 AND PASSAGE
INTO LAW BY THE SENATE**

I hereby introduce for formal Repeal by the Senate, the above named Bill.

While I hope that the Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the distinguished Members of the Senate, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



Signed: **UMARU**
MUSA YAR'ADUA

5. Announcement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of members of the Legislative Arm, Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Area, Edo State who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

6. Privileges:

Rising on Order 14, Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange drew the attention of the Senate to the condition of the Senate Chamber. He stated that the high temperature inside the Senate Chamber in recent past was making the legislative chamber uncondusive for legislative business.

Ruling:

The Senate President directed the Senate Services Committee to look into the issue.

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Oder 42 & 52, Senator Uche Chukwumerije drew the attention of the Senate to the condition of eighteen (18) Nigerians who are on death row in Indonesia. He sought the leave of the Senate to move a substantive Motion on the matter the next legislative day.

Question put and agreed to.

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

8. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Labour Standards Bill 2008 (SB. 188) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Existing Vacancies (Publication) Bill 2008 (SB. 106) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigerian Act (Amendment) Bill 2008 (SB. 105) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Arbitration and Conciliation Act (Amendment) Bill 2008 (SB. 196) — *Read the First Time.*

9. Presentation of Committee Sessional Reports:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Sessional Reports of the following Committees in accordance with Rule 102(d) of the Senate Standing Order 2007 as amended for the period June 2007 - June 2008 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

The underlisted Committee Chairmen Laid their Sessional Reports:

- (i) Committee on Culture and Tourism; and
- (ii) Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions.

10. Desertification Control Commission 2008 (SB.09):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Establish a Desertification Control Commission and to Vest it with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Desertification; and for related matters, 2008 (SB. 09) be read the Second Time (*Senator Ahmed I. Lawan*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Establishment and Environment to report within two (2) weeks.

11. Gas Flaring prohibition Bill 2008 (SB. 126):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Prohibit Flaring of Natural Gas in Nigeria and for matters connected therewith be read the Second Time (*Senator Osita B. Izunaso*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Gas to report within two (2) weeks.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 8th October, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30p.m.

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