



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 23rd October, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.25 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, 22nd October, 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

October 20, 2008

*The Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

2008 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the 2008 Supplementary Appropriation Bill.

It is my hope that the Bill will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Distinguished members of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Senate President, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcement:

Appreciation note:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Uche Chukwumerije as follows:



Senator Uche Chukwumerije
THE SENATE

NASS/VC/SCP/GL/2/262

23rd October, 2008

*His Excellency the Senate President
Chief David Mark GCON
The Senate
National Assembly Complex
Abuja.*

Your Excellency,

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

It is with heart full of appreciation that I humbly thank you and through you to my wonderful colleagues for the honour of their massive support in yesterday's reception ceremony for my son, Chika Chukwumerije.

Although I know that one of the highlights of your leadership style is the transformation of a splintered and suspicious-ridden floor of the Senate into one family of mutual understanding, such a high demonstration of camaraderie and kindred solidarity by Senators yesterday went beyond my wildest expectation. May Allah and Good Lord bless you all.

With highest regards,

I remain,

Yours comradely,

Signed:

Senator Uche Chukwumerije

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission Act (Amendment) Bill 2008 (SB. 206) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Mental Health Bill 2008 (SB. 183) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Gully Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2008 (SB. 20) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office Bill 2008 (SB. 216) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Works:

Report on the Screening of Nominees

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Works, on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Members of the Board of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC).

S/No	Name	Designation	Geo-political Zone
1.	Chief Ernest Shonekan	Chairman	South-West
2.	Hakeem Sanusi	Member	South-West
3.	Mansur Ahmed	Member	North-West
4.	Bernard Verr	Member	North Central
5.	Clement Owunna	Member	South-East
6.	Comfort Sira Wiwa	Member	South-South
7.	Joe Kyari-Gadzama	Member	North-East
8.	Aisha Sheikh	Member	North-West

(Senator Julius A. Ucha).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid

7. Motion:

Increased Funding For the Operations of Federal Road Safety Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do note with serious concern the unacceptable spate of road accidents across the country;

Concerned that many Nigerians have lost their lives through road accidents;

Observes that whenever accidents occurred, there was usually no prompt attention and care for victims of accidents, which often resulted in avoidable deaths of the victims;

Regrets that the Federal Road Safety Commission established to provide prompt attention and care for victims of accidents is handicapped due to inadequate budgetary allocation for its operations; and

Convinced that the Federal Road Safety Commission can effectively perform its functions if properly funded and equipped with adequate medical equipment, ambulances with first aid material and experienced medical personnel who should be located in the Maintenance Centers now being built all over the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) **Commend** the performance of Officers and Men of the Federal Road Safety Commission all over the country despite inadequate equipment;
- (ii) **Urge** the relevant Committees of the Senate to appropriate adequate funds in the 2009 Budget for the procurement of ambulances, first aid equipment and the employment of experienced medical personnel for the Federal Road Safety Commission;
- (iii) **Solicit** the support of state Governors to provide additional ambulances and other equipment for the Federal Road Safety Commission in their state Commands just as they are doing for the Nigeria Police Force at present; and
- (iv) **Urge** the Federal Government to provide all Maintenance Centers of the Federal Road Safety Commission with modern medical equipment, properly trained personnel and modern communication gadgets (*Senator Patricia N. Akwashiki*).

Debate:**Prayer (i):**

Question: That the Senate do commend the performance of Officers and Men of the Federal Road Safety Commission all over the country despite inadequate equipment — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the relevant Committees of the Senate to appropriate adequate funds in the 2009 Budget for the procurement of ambulances, first aid equipment and the employment of experienced medical personnel for the Federal Road Safety Commission

Amendment proposed:

Urge that the Federal Government to release funds as appropriated in the 2008 budget to the Federal Road Safety Commission and provide adequate funds in the 2009 Budget (*Senator James E. Manager*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Prayer (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the support of State Governors to provide additional ambulances and other equipments for the Federal Road Safety Commission in their State Commands just as they are doing for the Nigeria Police Force at present

Amendment Proposed:

Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to avail itself of other sources of funding and support to enhance its operations (*Senator Wilson A. Ake*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Prayer (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to provide all Maintenance Centers of the Federal Road Safety Commission with modern medical equipment, properly trained personnel and modern communication gadgets— *Negated.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do commend the performance of Officers and Men of the Federal Road Safety Commission all over the country despite inadequate equipment;

- (ii) That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to release funds as appropriated in the 2008 Budget to the Federal Road Safety Commission and provide adequate funds in the 2009 Budget; and
- (iii) That the Senate do urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to avail itself of other source of funding and support to enhance its operations (S. **Res/015/2/08**).

**8. Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:
Report on the Screening of Nominee:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the screening of Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala (*Adamawa State*), as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and approve the recommendation therein (*Senator Zaynab A. Kure*).

Recommendation:

"That the Senate do confirm Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala (*Adamawa State*), as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC)".

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Committee's Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the screening of Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala (*Adamawa State*), as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC)":

Nominee recommended:

- (i) Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala — Adamawa State Member

Debate:

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala (*Adamawa State*) as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC)"?
— *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the screening of Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala (*Adamawa State*), as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and approved as follows:

- (i) Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala — Adamawa State Member — *Approved.*

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

Confirmation of nominee:*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala (*Adamawa State*), as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC)"? —
Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala (Adamawa State), as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) accordingly confirmed.

9. Conference Committee on 2008 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill:
Report of the Conference Committee on the 2008 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill (SB. 133):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Conference Committee on the 2008 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill (*Senator Iyiola Omisore*).

Report presented and Laid.

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

10. Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy:
Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission Bill 2008 (SB. 03):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 28th October, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.30 p.m

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