



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13th January, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.20 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings (2) of Thursday, 18th December, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **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

December 19, 2008

Senator David Mark Senate President, Senate Chambers, National Assembly, Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

Dear brother,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ALHAJI ABDULLAHI
ABARSHI MUHAMMED AND YUSUF MOHAMMED ANKA AS MEMBERS
OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION**

The National Population Commission is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. By the provision

of Part 1 (J) of Third Schedule of the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one person from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. In this connection, there are two vacant positions of Commissioners representing Kebbi and Zamfara States in the Commission.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred on me by Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria decided to appoint Alhaji Abdullahi Abarshi Muhammed (Kebbi State), and Alhaji Yusuf Mohammed Anka (Zamfara State) whose CVs, are attached hereto as Commissioners in the National Population Commission. In line with the constitutional requirement, I consulted with the Council of State at its meeting of Tuesday, 25th November 2008 on the appointment of the two candidates.

I hereby present the nominations of Alhaji Abdullahi Abarshi Muhammed and Alhaji Yusuf Mohammed Anka for confirmation by the Senate.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed: **UMARU MUSA
YAR'ADUA**

(B)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

October 20, 2008

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

Dear Brother,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POLICY AND
STRATEGIC STUDIES**

The National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Act provides for the establishment of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies.

The relevant Section of the Institute's enabling Act provides that there shall be an officer of the Institute to be known as the Director-General who shall be appointed by the President. The tenure of the former Director-General of the Institute has expired. I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 5 subsection 2 of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Act CAP 51, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 decided to appoint Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani, whose Curriculum Vitae is attached herewith, as the Director-General of NIPSS.

In accordance with Section 5(2) of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Act, I hereby present Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani for the kind consideration of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Yours Sincerely,

*Signed: UMARU MUSA
YAR'ADUA*

(Q)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA**

January 6, 2009

*Distinguished Senator David Mark,
President of the Senate, Senate
Chambers, Three Arms Zone,
National Assembly Complex, Abuja.*

Dear brother,

2009 DRAFT FCT STATUTORY BUDGET PROPOSALS

Pursuant to Section 299 of the 1999 Constitution which vests legislative powers over the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja on the National Assembly, I hereby present the 2009 Draft FCT Statutory Budget Proposals to the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

While hoping that the Budget Proposals will receive the usual expeditious consideration and passage by the Distinguished Senators, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurance of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

*Signed: UMARU MUSA
YAR'ADUA*

4. Announcement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Michael M. Makaolu — Director, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Embassy of the United State of America; and
- (ii) Ronald N. Nolan — Legal Attache, Embassy of the United State of America.

5. Remarks by the Senate President:

The Senate President welcome Senators back from their very short recess stating that even though it was a working recess and hoped that Senators had enough time to relax and spent some quality time with the family particularly the wife and the children.

National Awards to Some Distinguished Senators

The Senate President stated that while the Senate was on the short recess, the nation did great honour to some Senators. The Senate Leader, Senator Teslim Folarin was awarded a National Honour of Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR). Also that distinguished Senator Ahmed Makarfi was awarded National Honour of Commander of the Order of Niger (CON) while distinguished Senator Umar Abubakar Argungu was awarded National Honour of Officer of the Order of Niger (OON). The Senate President informed Senators that he represented the Senate at the occasion and thanked Senators who attended the award ceremony and wished the awardees lots of luck and more honours in future. He thereafter congratulated the awardees on behalf of the Senate.

Global Financial Meltdown: Expectations from the Nation

The Senate President informed the Senate that the expectations from the nation is very high particularly in the face of the global financial meltdown, the fluctuations in the oil prices, the rapid declining value of the Naira, the effect of the global warming and the change of baton in the United States of America all being issues that will affect the country. He further stated that the nation expects that the Senate take the issues into consideration and do the level best to ensure that the dividends of democracy are delivered to the ordinary Nigerians on the streets. He therefore urged the Senate to take oversight functions very seriously and ensure strict implementation of the budget.

Armed Forces Remembrance Day

The Senate President informed Senators that the week-long Armed Forces Remembrance Week would climax on Thursday, 15th January, 2009 and urged Senators to attend the Wreath Laying Ceremony which is in remembrance of the nation's fallen heroes.

The Senate President congratulated Senators for the ability to keep to time and expressed the optimism that the Senate will definitely continue with that throughout the year.

6. Award of an Honorary Doctorate Degree on the Senate President, Distinguished Senator David Mark (GCON):

The Deputy Senate President, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, informed the Senate that the Senate President was honoured with an honorary doctorate degree by the National Open University of Nigeria in recognition of his immense contribution and commitment to education not only in Benue State but the country at large.

The Deputy Senate President thereafter, on behalf of all Senators congratulated the Senate President and wished him many more years of continued service to the nation.

7. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Petroleum Industry Bill 2009 (SB. 236) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Millennium Development Agency Bill 2009 (SB. 232) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) Tobacco Control Act (Repeal and re-enactment) Bill 2009 (SB. 221)— *Read the First Time.*

8. Presentation of the Schedule of Legislative Business in the Senate:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and note the Schedule of Legislative Business in the Senate between January 13- 30 June, 2009 (*Senator Aloysius A. Etok*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Schedule of Legislative Business accordingly noted.

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 the following persons as Chairman/Director General/CEO and Members of the National Pension Commission (PENCOM):

(i)	Chief Oluwole Alani Adeosun OON	—	Chairman
(ii)	Mohammad Kabiru Ahmad	—	Director General/CEO
(iii)	Pius Nnaemaka Akubueze	—	Member
(iv)	Ms. Eyamba Theresa Henshaw	—	Member
(v)	Musa Abdullahi Ibrahim	—	Member
(vi)	Manzuma Tsoeda Mamman	—	Member (<i>Senator Mohammed I. Ahmed</i>).

Question put and agreed to:

Report Laid.

10. Committee on Foreign Affairs:***Report on the Screening of Nominees:***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of the following five (5) Non-Career and six (6) Career Ambassadorial Nominees, for appointment as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

NON-CAREER NOMINEES

S/No.	Name	State	Gender
1.	Amb. Aminu Bashir Wali	Kano	Male
2.	Amb. Adamu Daura	Katsina	Male
3.	Hon. Isaac Onuh	Kogi	Male
4.	Chief Lawrence Nwurukwu	Ebonyi	Male
5.	Mrs. Nkoyo Toyo	Cross River	Female

CAREER NOMINEES

S/No.	Name	State	Gender
1.	Mr. H. Abdullahi	Niger	Male
2.	Mr. L. Bature	Katsina	Male
3.	Mr. L. O. Akindele	Oyo	Male
4.	Mr. Samuel Folorunsho Aiyedona	Lagos	Male
5.	Mr. R. O. Eze	Enugu	Male
6.	Amb. Ghali Umar, mni	Kano	Male

(Senator Jibril M. Aminu).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of Ambassadorial Nominees.

Recommendations:

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

Non-Career Nominees

- (1) Amb. Aminu Bashir Wali (Kano State) — *Agreed to.*
- (2) Amb. Adamu Daura (Katsina State) — *Agreed to.*
- (3) Hon. Isaac Onuh (Kogi State) — *Agreed to.*
- (4) Chief Lawrence Nwurukwu (Ebonyi State) — *Agreed to.*
- (5) Mrs. Nkoyo Toyo (Cross River) — *Agreed to.*

Career Nominees

- (1) Mr. H. Abdullahi (Niger State) — *Agreed to.*
- (2) Mr. L. Bature (Katsina State) — *Agreed to.*
- (3) Mr. L. O. Akindele (Oyo State) — *Agreed to.*
- (4) Mr. Samuel Folorunsho Aiyedona (Lagos State) — *Agreed to.*

(5) **Mr. R. O. Eze** (Enugu State) — *Agreed to.*

(6) **Amb. Ghali Umar, mni** (Kano State) — *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 Foreign Affairs on the screening of Ambassadorial nominees and approved the recommendations.

Question: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Appointments:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of **Amb. Aminu Bashir Wali** (*Kano State*) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Amb. Aminu Bashir Wali (Kano State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of **Amb. Adamu Daura** (*Katsina State*) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Amb. Adamu Daura (Katsina State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of **Hon. Isaac Onuh** (*Kogi State*) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Isaac Onuh (Kogi State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of **Chief Lawrence Nwurukwu** (*Ebonyi State*) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief Lawrence Nwurukwu (Ebonyi State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of **Mrs. Nkoyo Toyo** (*Cross River*) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mrs. Nkoyo Toyo (Cross River) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of **Mr. H. Abdullahi** (*Niger State*) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. H. Abdullahi (Niger State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. L. Bature (Katsina State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — Resolved in the Affirmative-Nomination of Mr. L. Bature (Katsina State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. L. O. Akindele (Oyo State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. L. O. Akindele (Oyo State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Samuel Folorunsho Aiyedona (Lagos State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. Samuel Folorunsho Aiyedona (Lagos State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. R. O. Eze (Enugu State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. R. O. Eze (Enugu State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Amb. Ghali Umar, mni (Kano State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Amb. Ghali Umar, mni (Kano State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

11. Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON), 2008 (SB. 142):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 14th January, 2009 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.*