



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 20th January, 2009

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 Thursday, **15th** January, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. Closed Session:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — **10.35 a.m.**

Open Session — **12.10 p.m.**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues relating to the workings of the Senate, the drive and its determination to move the nation forward.

4. Committee on Environment and Ecology:

Report on the National Climate Change Bill 2009 (SB. 24):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology, on the National Climate Change Bill 2009 (*Senator Grace F. Bent*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

5. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nominations of Hon. Justice John Afolabi Fabiyi (North Central) and Hon. Justice Olufunlola Oyelola Adekeye (South West) as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to:

Request referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within two (2) weeks.

6. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-chief, for the Confirmation of the nominations of Mr Olumuyiwa Akinboro and Alhaji Mohammad Bala Shagari as Members of the Federal Capital Territory Judicial Service Committee (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to:

Request referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within two (2) weeks.

7. Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs:

Report on the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on the screening of Elder Bob Francis Ozaka (Bayelsa State) and Hon. Lawal Ibrahim Funtua (Katsina State) as Members in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) (*Senator Smart Adeyemi*).

Question put and agreed to:

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the report.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the screening of the Presidential nominees for appointment as Commissioners in the Federal Character Commission (FCC):

Recommendations:

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

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| (1) | Elder Bob Francis Ozaka (Bayelsa State) | — | Commissioner — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Lawal Ibrahim Funtua (Katsina State) | — | Commissioner — <i>Agreed to.</i> |

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 Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the screening of the Presidential nominees for appointment as Commissioners in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) and approved the recommendations:

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

Confirmation of Nominations:*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Elder Bob Francis Ozaka (Bayelsa State) as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)"? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Elder Bob Francis Ozaka (Bayelsa State) as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission(FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Lawal Ibrahim Funtua (Katsina State) as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)"? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Lawal Ibrahim Funtua (Katsina State) as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission(FCC) accordingly confirmed.

8. Nigeria Mining Cadastral Office Bill 2009 (SB. 207):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative day.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 21st January, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05 p. m

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