



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 10th February, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.20a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 4th February, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
(i) **Appreciation:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ganiyu Olarewaju Solomon as follows:



Senator Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon
Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria
Lagos West

9th February, 2009

Through:
His Excellency
Senator David A. B. Mark GCON
The President of the Senate
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

To: All Senators

APPRECIATION

I write on behalf of myself and family to express our profound gratitude and appreciation to the President of the Senate, Senator David A. B Mark GCON and all Senators who took time off their tight schedule to attend the 8th day fidau for my mother Alhaja Idiat Abike Solomon on Saturday, 7th February, 2009.

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Your physical presence at the prayers and your show of support and solidarity is highly appreciated.

Thank you for your kind gesture and may God bless and reward you all richly.

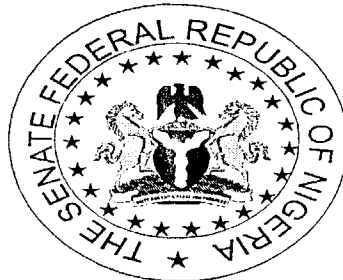
Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

Senator Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon

(ii) Change of Date:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim as follows:



Senator (Dr) Bukar Abba Ibrahim FNIS
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4th February 2009.

*His Excellency,
Senator David A. B. Mark,
The President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

Your Excellency, My Brother

CHANGE OF DATE

I write to inform you and the entire Senate of the change of date, for the Official Launching of the Yobe East Senatorial District Educational Appeal fund, from 14th February 2009 to 28th February 2009.

The Change of Date is as a result of the Death of His Excellency, Governor (Sen.) Mamman Ali of Yobe State.

I, regret any inconveniences this change may cause you.

I wish to also inform you that, due to increase in scope of the programme, the Amount being sought has also been increased to N250million up from N150million earlier communicated.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Signed:

Senator (Dr) Bukar Abba Ibrahim FNIS

- (ii) Direct its Committee on Finance to carry out a comprehensive investigation on the status of this Bill: and report to the Senate within four weeks (*Senator George T. Sekibo*).

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Ministry of Finance to stop further expenditure from this fund without strict compliance to the provisions of Section 80 (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria — *Negatived*.

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate do direct its Committee on Finance to carry out a comprehensive investigation on the status of this funds and report to the Senate within four weeks

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "this" in line 2, insert the words "and other" (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do direct its Committee on Finance to carry out a comprehensive investigation on the status of this and other funds and report to the Senate within four weeks (*S. Res/028/09*).

7. Committee on Aviation:

Report on the Investigation into the Disbursement and Utilisation of the N19.5 Billion:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Aviation, on the Investigation into the Disbursement and Utilisation of the N19.5 Billion Intervention Fund Released by the Federal Government in 2006 for the Rehabilitation and Development of Infrastructure in the Aviation industry (*Senator Anyim Ude*).

Report presented.

Further consideration deferred to another legislative day.

8. Tobacco Control Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB.221):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Tobacco Control Act Cap 1990 T.6 Laws of the Federation and to enact the National Tobacco Control Bill 2009 to provide for the regulation or Control of production, manufacture, sale, advertising, promotion and sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco product in Nigeria and for other Related Matters 2009 to be Read the Second Time (*Senator Adeleke O. Mamora*).

By leave of Senate, Bill stood down to another legislative day.

9. Closed session:

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

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — 12.15 p.m

Open session — 1.10 p.m

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues relating to the workings of the Senate.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 11th February, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.15p.m.

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