



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18th 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 Tuesday, 17th February, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgement:

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

- (i) Members of Legislative Council, Igueben Local Government Area, Edo State;
 - (ii) Members of Legislative Council, Esan South-East Local Government Area, Edo State;
 - (iii) Students of the Nigerian Law Academy, Delta State University, Oleh Campus, Delta State; and
 - (iv) Staff and Students of Fortune High School, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.
4. **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 the following persons as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency:

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	ZONE
1	Engr. Abdulkadir Abdullahi Kure	Chairman	
2	Engr. Abdul-Azeez Alhaji Umaru	Member	North West
3	Mallam Yakubu W. Bello	Member	North East
4	Musa Hussein Esq.	Member	North Central
5	Mr. Arikawe Akinlose Sylvester	Member	South West

6	Chief Fidelis Ike Ndeokwelu	Member	South East
7	Barr. Bolatsi Omatseye Dudu	Member	South South

(Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Works to report within two weeks.

5. Conference Report on the 2009 Appropriation Bill (SB. 231):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and approve the Conference Report on the 2009 Appropriation Bill (*Senator Iyiola Omisore*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Report accordingly adopted.

6. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the screening of nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Hon. Justice John Afolabi Fabiyi (*North Central*) and Hon. Justice Olufunlola Oyelola Adekeye (*South West*) as Hon. Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria (*Senator Umaru Dahiru*).

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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of Hon. Justice John Afolabi Fabiyi (*North Central*) and Hon. Justice Olufunlola Oyelola Adekeye (*South West*) as Hon. Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Recommendations:

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

1. Hon. Justice John Afolabi Fabiyi (*North Central*) — *Agreed to.*
2. Hon. Justice Olufunlola Oyelola Adekeye (*South West*) — *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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of

Hon. Justice John Afolabi Fabiyi (North Central) and Hon. Justice Olufunlola Oyelola Adekeye (South West) as Hon. Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and approved the recommendation.

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

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Justice John Afolabi Fabiyi (North Central) as Hon. Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice John Afolabi Fabiyi (North Central) as Hon. Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Justice Olufunlola Oyelola Adekeye (South West) as Hon. Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice Olufunlola Oyelola Adekeye (South West) as Hon. Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

7. Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:

Report on the screening of nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani as Director-General of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) (*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 (*Senate Leader*).

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 Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani as Director-General of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS).

Recommendation:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani — *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 Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani as Director-General of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) and approved the recommendation.

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

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani as Director-General of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Professor Ahmed Dembo Danfulani as Director-General of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) accordingly confirmed.

8. Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:

Report on the State of the Nation Address Bill 2009 (SB. 57):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the State of the Nation Address Bill 2009 (*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 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ENSHRINE AN ANNUAL STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THERETO.

Clause 1: (1) Without prejudice to the presentation of annual budget speech by the President, the President shall present annually a State of the Nation Address to the Joint Sitting of the National Assembly.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word “speech” in line 1 (Senator Ike Ekweremadu).

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

(2) The President shall not delegate his responsibilities under this Act to any subordinate or aide but he shall be accompanied by the Vice President, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, two serving Ministers and such other officials as he may deem necessary to the said Joint Sitting under this Act.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "but he shall be accompanied by the Vice President, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, two serving Ministers and such other officials as he may deem necessary to the said joint sitting under this Act" (*Senator Omar A. Hambagda*).

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

Question that Clause 1(1) and (2) as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Further consideration of Bill deferred to the next legislative day.

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 State of the Nation Address Bill 2009 and approved as follows:

Clause 1(1) and (2) — As Amended

Further consideration of Bill deferred to the next legislative day.

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

9. Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (Establishment etc.) Bill 2009 (SB.142):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 19th February, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.50 p.m.

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