



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 25th February, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.15 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 24th February, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of staff and students of Samkings Science College, Karu, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.
4. **Presentation of a Bill:**
Institute of Cost and Management Accountants Bill 2009 (HB. 72) — *Read the First Time.*
5. **Annual Report of the Auditor-General of the Federation on Government Parastatals:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Auditor-General of the Federation on Accounts of the following Federal Government Parastatals:
 - (i) Independent National Electoral Commission (Electoral Funds) Audited Accounts for 16 Months Ended 31st July, 2003;
 - (ii) Federal College of Agriculture, Akure Audited Account for the Years Ended 31st December, 2000 - 2001;
 - (iii) Federal Polytechnic, Oko Audited Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 2003
 - (iv) NAC - Automotive Development Fund Audited Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 2004;
 - (v) National Directorate of Employment Audited Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 2006;
 - (vi) Lagos International Trade Fair Complex Management Board Audited Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 2006; and

- (vii) Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Uwana Audited Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 2006 (*Senator Teslim K. Folarin*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports accordingly Laid.

Reports accordingly referred to the Committee on Public Accounts {Section 85(5) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999}.

6. Gruesome Murder of 7 Members of the Ocean Boys FC Supporters Club:

Motion made: That the Senate do note the gruesome murder of seven (7) members of the Supporters Club of Ocean Boys Football Club of Brass on Saturday, 21st February, 2009;

Observes that the Supporters Club was allegedly trailed by gunmen on their way to Ughelli Township Stadium where their club was due to honour a match;

Notes that the incidence occurred following an attack on the vehicle in which the supporters were travelling between Patani and Ughelli on the Port-Harcourt - Warri Road in Delta State; and

Worried that the incidence of armed attack by unidentified men in the country has become a recurrent decimal.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Observe a minute in silence in honour of the departed 7 members of the Supporters Club; and
- (ii) Send a letter of condolence to the Government and people of Bayelsa State.

Debate:

Prayer(i):

Observe a minute in silence in honour of the departed 7 members of the Supporters Club.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Club", insert the words "and two players of Zamfara United Football Club" (*Senator Hassan M. Gusau*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Prayer (ii):

Send a letter of condolence to the Government and people of Bayelsa State.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Bayelsa", insert the words "and Zamfara" (*Senator Hassan M. Gusau*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do observe a minute in silence in honour of the departed 7 members of the Supporters Club of Ocean Boys Football Club and two players of Zamfara United Football Club; and

- (ii) That the Senate do send a letter of condolence to the Governments and people of Bayelsa and Zamfara States (*S.Res/032/09*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the departed 7 members of the Supporters Club of Ocean Boys Football Club and two players of Zamfara United Football Club.

7. **Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill 2008 (SB.142):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill 2008 be read the Second Time (*Senator Tawar U. Wada*).

Debate:

Further consideration of Bill deferred to the next legislative day.

8. **Occupational Safety and Health Bill 2009 (SB.191):**
Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to repeal the Factories Act and make comprehensive provisions for Occupational Safety and Health in workplaces and for matters connected therewith 2009 be read the Second Time (*Senator Teslim K. Folarin*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Employment, Labour and Productivity, Health and Industry.

9. **National Council for Occupational Safety and Health Bill 2009 (SB.130):**

Bill accordingly referred to the Committees on Employment, Labour and Productivity, Health and Industry (Rule 90).

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 26th February, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p.m.

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