



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 26th February, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.35 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 25th February, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:
 - (i) Members of Public Administration Students Association of Nigeria, Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri, Imo State; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of Livingspring International College, Gwarimpa, Abuja.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Kabiru I. Gaya drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of the Shehu of Borno, His Majesty Alhaji Shehu El-Kanemi on Friday, 20th February, 2009. He sought the leave of the Senate to present a substantive motion on the issue the next legislative day.

Question that the matter be debated, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over to the next legislative day {Rule 42(2)}.

5. **Re-Committal of the Public Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2009:**
Motion made: That the Senate do recall that by a Resolution of the Senate, the Public Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2009 was read the Third Time on Thursday, 15th January, 2009;

Observes that there is the need for the Senate to further examine the Bill;

Notes that by Order 87(c) of the Standing Orders of the Senate, it would be out of order for a Conference Committee to insert in its report any matter not committed to it by either the Senate or the House of Representatives;

Desirous of incorporating further amendments in the Bill; and

Relying on Orders 53(6) and 86(2) of the Standing Orders of the Senate.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Rescind the Resolution of 15th January, 2009 that the Bill be read the Third Time; and
- (ii) Re-commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for further legislative action (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Prayer(i):

Question: That the Senate do rescind the Resolution of 15th January, 2009 that “the Public Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill be read the Third Time” — *Agreed to*.

Prayer(ii):

Question: That the Senate do re-commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for further legislative action.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in prayer (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do re-commit the Bill to the Committee for further legislative action” (*Senator Teslim Folarin*).

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

Question on the prayer as amended, put and agree to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do rescind the Resolution of 15th January, 2009 that the Public Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill be read the Third Time;
- (ii) That the Senate do re-commit the Bill to the Committee for further legislative action (*S. Res/032/09*).

6. Confirmation of nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Nimiteinbofa Dambo (*Bayelsa State*) as a Member of the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request referred to Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to report within 7 (Seven) days.

7. Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill 2009 (SB. 142):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) and for matters connected therewith be read the Second Time (*Senator Tawar U. Wada*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Employment, Labour and Productivity, Health and Industries to report within 4 weeks.

8. National Fisheries Commission Bill 2009 (SB.70):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Fisheries Commission be read the Second Time (*Senator Umar A. T. Argungu*).

Debate:

Bill by leave of the Senate withdrawn for further legislative action (Order 89).

9. Committee on Commerce:

Report on the Financial Reporting Council Bill (SB. 100):

Consideration of Report deferred to the next legislative day.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 3rd March, 2009 at 10.00 a. m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.30 p.m.

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