



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 5th March, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.20 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, 4th March, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. Announcements:
(A) The Senate President read a letter from Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange as follows:



Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange

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The President of the Senate 4th March, 2009
National Assembly Complex
Abuja.

My Dear Boss,

**RE: INVITATION TO THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF SENATOR AMANGE
FOUNDATION'S MOBILE CUNIC BOATS AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
MATERIALS ON 8TH MARCH 2009 AT NEMBE IN BAYELSA STATE.**

*I am delighted to invite you, my distinguished colleagues, to the formal launching of some projects in my constituency, to be followed by a special thanksgiving service at the **St. Luke's Cathedral, Nembe Bayelsa State.***

The programme is slated to hold on Sunday, 8th March, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Helicopter will convey Senators to Nembefrom Port Harcourt International Airport by 10.30 a.m and will return Senators to Port Harcourt by 4. OOp.m. same day.

Thanking you for your usual support.

Signed:

SENATOR NIMIBARIGHA-AMANGE

Bayelsa East

(B) The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Philadelphia International School, Airport Road, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Anthony G. Manzo drew the attention of the Senate to increasing cases of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis in the country and in other neighboring countries like Niger Republic. He sought leave of the Senate to present a substantive motion on the matter.

Senate noted the issue raised.

5. Personal Explanation.

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi, Chairman Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) drew the attention of the Senate to the Committee's inability to complete work on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) 2009 Statutory Appropriation Bill due to some problems in the Revenue profile. He sought leave of the Senate for an extension of time to enable the Committee conclude the assignment and report as mandated.

6. Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:

Report on the Arrest and Torture to death of Friday Uvianene:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on the arrest and torture to death of Friday Uvianene (*Senator Omar A. Hambagda*).

"Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:

"Report on the Premature Retirement of Mrs. Faith E.E. Umoh:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on the premature retirement of Mrs. Faith E.E. Umoh (*Senator JDmarA. Hambagda*).

^Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Health:

Report on the National Hospital Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB. 37):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Health on the National Hospital Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (*Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

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9. Committee on Sports and Social Development:

Report on the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009 (SB. 40):

Consideration of Report deferred to another legislative day.

10 Committee on Commerce:

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

Consideration of Report deferred to another legislative day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 10th March, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 11.15 a.m

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