



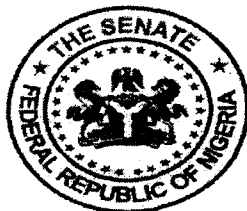
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 12th March, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.10 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, 11th March, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Iyiola Omisore as follows:



Senator Iyiola Omisore

To All Senators
Through:
The Senate President

1st March, 2009

Your Excellency Sir,

NOTIFICATION
A CALL TO ETERNAL GLORY OF MY MOTHER-IN-LAW

With deep sense of gratitude and absolute submission to the will of Almighty God, I humbly write to inform you of the transition to eternal glory of my mother-in-law: Chief (Mrs) Omowumi Fasubaa.

Mama was a devout Christian and Virtuous woman.

Please be my guest to give her a befitting burial Scheduled as follows:

Thursday: 26th March, 2009 Requiem Mass (Christian Wake Keep)
at her Residence Odo-Ado Quarters,
Ado Ekiti, at 5:00 pm.

Friday: 27th March, 2009 Funeral Service at St. Patrick Catholic Cathedral,
Ado-Ekiti at 11: 00 a.m.

Reception follows at Adetiloye Hall, Iyin Road, Ado-Ekiti.

I shall be looking forward to receiving you at Ado-Ekiti.

Yours sincerely

Signed:

Senator Iyiola Omisore

4. Motion:

Death of His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr) Abali Muhammadu Idrissa, (CON, CFR.):

Motion made: That the Senate notes the death of HRH, Alhaji (Dr.) Abali Mohammadu Idrissa, CON, CFR, the 12th Emir of Fika, on Tuesday, 10th March, 2009, in Potiskum, Yobe State, at the age of 77;

Notes also that the late Emir was born in 1932 in Potiskum, Yobe State and was appointed the Emir of Fika in August, 1976. He reigned for 33years;

Notes further that the late Emir received his early education at Potiskum Elementary School between 1941-1944. He also attended the then Clerical Training College, Zaria between 1952-1953 and Accounting course in the United Kingdom between 1957-1958; Institute of Administration Zaria, between 1961 - 1962 and Taxation Course in the United Kingdom in 1971;

Observes that the late Emir was a seasoned administrator and held a number of positions in the then Fika Native Authority between 1950 and 1961; starting as a Prisons Scribe in 1952, Treasury Accountant in 1954 as well as Councilor of Finance from 1955 - 1961;

Observes that in 1962, the late Emir transferred his services to the Government of former Northern Region and was appointed Assistant District Officer in 1963. He later became Inspector of taxes in the newly created Revenue Division of the Ministry of Finance and in 1968 he was appointed the first Commissioner of Internal Revenue to the defunct North Eastern State and in October 1975, he was appointed Commissioner of Health by General Muhammadu Buhari, who was then the Military Governor:

Notes that the late Emir was the Chancellor of the University of Calabar between 1991 and 2001, and Chancellor, University of Uyo between 2001 until his demise.

Notes also that the late Emir was Chairman of the Yobe State Council of Emirs and Mais, and led an exemplary life and was a leader who ensured unity and stability amongst the diverse people of Yobe State; and

Observes that in recognition of his immense contribution to the national development, the Federal Government of Nigeria conferred on him the National Honours of Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) and Commander of the Federal Republic (CFR).

Accordingly resolve to:

- (i) Observe a minute silence in honor of the late Emir of Fika, Alhaji (Dr.) Abali Mohammadu Idrissa; and

- (ii) Send a delegation to commiserate with his family, the people and Government of Yobe State (*Senator Ahmad I. Lawan*).

Debate:

Prayer(i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the late Emir of Fika, Alhaji (Dr.) Abali Mohammadu Idrissa — *Agreed to.*

Prayer(ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to commiserate with his family, the people and Government of Yobe State — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the late Emir of Fika, Alhaji (Dr.) Abali Mohammadu Idrissa; and
- (ii) That the Senate do send a delegation to commiserate with his family, the people and Government of Yobe State (*S.Res/036/09*).

One minute silence accordingly observed.

5. Senate Condolence Delegation to Plateau State:

The Senate President announced the Senate delegation to Plateau State to commiserate with the family, people and Government of Plateau State on the death of the Gbong Gwon Jos, Da (Dr.) Victor Dung Pam as follows:

(i)	Senator Nuhu Aliyu	—	Leader of Delegation
(ii)	Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Chimaroke Nnamani	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Nimi Barigha - Amange	—	Member
(v)	Senator Joel D. Ikenya	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Sahabi A. Ya'u	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Gyang D. Dantong	—	Member

6. Senate Condolence Delegation to Borno and Yobe States:

The Senate President also announced the Senate delegation to Borno and Yobe States to commiserate with the families, people and Governments of Borno and Yobe States on the death of Shehu of Borno, Alhaji (Dr.) Mustapha Ibn Umar Kyari Elkanemi and the Emir of Fika Alhaji (Dr.) Abali Muhammadu Idrissa as follows:

(i)	Senator Kabiru Gaya	—	Leader of Delegation
(ii)	Senator Munirudeen A. Muse	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Aloysius Etok	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Anthony O. Agbo	—	Member

(v)	Senator Zaynab Kure	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Ahmad I. Lawan	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim	—	Member

7. Committee on Commerce:

Report on the Financial Reporting Council Bill 2009 (SB. 100):

Motion made: That the Senate do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Commerce on the Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Accounting Standards Board Act, No. 22 of 2003 and enact the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act 2009 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Committee Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

RESUMPTION OF THE CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NIGERIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD ACT, NO. 22 OF 2003 AND ENACT THE FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Debate:

Bill committed to an Ad-hoc Committee for further legislative action.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Commerce on the Financial Reporting Council Bill 2009, suspended further consideration of the Bill and committed the Bill to an Ad-hoc Committee for further legislative action.

Membership of the Ad-hoc Committee on Financial Reporting Council Bill 2009:

The Senate President named the following Senators as members of the Ad-hoc Committee on Financial Reporting Council Bill 2009:

(i)	Senator Ahmed M. Markarfi	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Omar Hambagda	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Joel D. Ikenya	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Felix K. Bajomo	—	Member
(v)	Senator Joseph I. Akaagerger	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Mohammed A. Mohammed	—	Member

(vii) Senator Ahmed I. Lawan — Member

(viii)	Senator Umaru Dahiru	—	Member
(ix)	Senator Sola Akinyede	—	Member
(x)	Senator Ibrahim M. Ida	—	Member

The Senate President directed the Ad-hoc Committee to report within 14 days.

8. Arbitration and Conciliation Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB.196);

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

9. Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB.206);

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

10. Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill 2009 (SB. 06):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 17th March, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.15 p.m.

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