



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 21st April, 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 Thursday, 2nd April, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received three letters from the President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:

(A)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

April 8, 2009

*Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Brother,

**APPOINTMENT OF ALHAJI MAHDI BUKAR AS A MEMBER OF
THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION**

The National Population Commission is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. By the provision of Part I(J) of the Third Schedule of the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one person from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. In this connection, there is a vacant position of Commissioner representing Yobe State in the Commission, following the expiration of the tenure of office of Alhaji Mahdi Bukar.

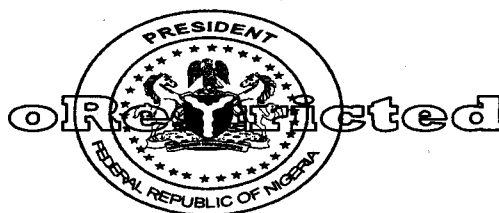
I have, therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred on me by Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria decided to re-appoint Alhaji Mahdi Bukar whose curriculum-vitae is attached hereto as the Commissioner representing Yobe State in the National Population Commission. In line with the constitutional requirement, I consulted with the Council of State at its meeting of Tuesday, 24th March, 2009 on the re-appointment of Alhaji Mahdi Bukar.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 154(1) and (3) of the 1999 Constitution, I hereby present the nomination of Alhaji Mahdi Bukar for consideration and confirmation by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

(B)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

*Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

March 27, 2009

Dear Brother,

**SUBMISSION OF BILLS FOR ACTS TO AMEND THE FEDERAL
POLYTECHNICS ACT 1979, AND THE FEDERAL COLLEGES
OF EDUCATION ACT 1986**

I forward herewith one (1) copy each of the attached documents on the above subject matters for the consideration of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

In the proposal, Government has accepted the following recommendations:

- (i) *The amendment of certain aspects of the Polytechnic Act Cap F17. LFN, 2004 by increasing the retirement age of academic staff in the Polytechnics and adding five new Polytechnics to the list, namely:*
 - (a) *Federal Polytechnic, Bali*
 - (b) *Federal Polytechnic, Ekowe*
 - (c) *Hussaini Adamu Federal Polytechnic, Kazaure*
 - (d) *Waziri Umaru Federal Polytechnic, Birnin Kebbi*
 - (e) *Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi*
- (ii) *That academic staff shall retire from the service of the Polytechnics on attainment of 65 years.*
- (iii) *That all properties (movable and immovable) held by or on behalf of the above-mentioned Polytechnics shall as from the commencement of this Act, vest with such institutions respectively.*

Pursuant to the above therefore and in line with the powers vested with the National Assembly, I present the following Bills:

- (i) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act 1979 and for Other Related Matters;
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act 1986 and for Other Related Matters;

to the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for its kind consideration and enactment.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

(C)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

April 9, 2009

Dear Brother,

**SUBMISSION OF THE 2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE
NIGER-DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. (NDDC)**

Pursuant to Section 18(1) of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act No.6 of 2000, I wish to submit the 2009 estimate of the expenditure and income of the Commission for the consideration and approval of the National Assembly.

The Commission has submitted a budget proposal of ₦96,617,570,109.00 (Ninety-Six Billion, Six Hundred and Seventeen Million, Five Hundred and Seventy Thousand, One Hundred and Nine Naira Only) as against the sum of ₦89,204,000,000.00 (Eighty-nine Billion, Two Hundred and Four Million Naira Only) submitted in 2008. This represents an increase of 8.31 % over last year's budget. The proposed 2009 budget is made up of Personnel Costs of ₦4,398,920,000, Overhead Expenditure of ₦4,066,000,000 and a Capital Expenditure of ₦88,152,650,109.00.

The expected revenue sources for the funding of the proposed budget are as follows:

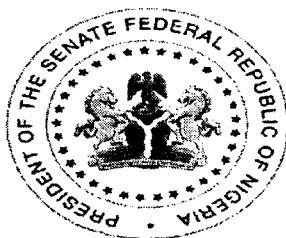
S/No.	Source	Amount (₦)
i	Federal Government Estimate	29,503,373,617
ii	Excess Crude, Arrears	21,814,196,492
iii	Contributions from Oil Companies	45,000,000,000
iv	Internally Generated Income	300,000,000
	Total	96,617,570,109

Whilst requesting your usual kind expeditious consideration and approval, please accept the assurance of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Appreciation by the Senate President:



**The President
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Patience and Bala, the Marks' and the Yusuf family, I wish to sincerely express my profound gratitude and appreciation to all of you, my bosses, distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the uncommon love and solidarity shown by your presence in Otukpo on Saturday 4th of April, 2009, during the traditional marriage ceremony of my precious daughter, Patience Alexandra and Emmanuel Bala Yusuf and also your presence at the Church wedding, held on the 18th April, 2009 and the thanksgiving service in Kaduna on the 19th April, 2009. I lack words to adequately express our appreciation for the show of love and brotherhood you demonstrated. Patience and Bala are grateful and will remain grateful for your advice and gifts. More importantly, they are most grateful for your prayers. I am humbled by your distinguished support without which the huge success would not have been possible.

May the Almighty God continue to guide and protect us and reward you countless times.

Thank you.

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

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange drew the attention of the Senate to the burial ceremony of Late Senator Melford Okilo scheduled for 1st and 2nd May, 2009. He is to furnish the Senate with the detailed programme for the ceremony.

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. Bako Abdullahi as a Member of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes to report within one week.

7. 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. Useni Ganagum (*Taraba State*) as a Member of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to report within one week.

8. 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 Hon. Justice S.A. Akintan as a Member of the Police Service Commission (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to Committee on Police Affairs to report within one week.

9. 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 consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on the Premature Retirement of Mrs. Faith E.E. Umoh and approve the recommendations contained therein (*Senator Omar A. Hambagda*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Report recommitted to the Committee for further legislative action to report within two weeks.

10. Mental Health Act 2003 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2009 (SB. 183)

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 22nd April, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.59 p.m.

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