



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15th July, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.25 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, 14th July, 2009 and approved same.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Announcement:**  
***Briefing on the Surging Incidents of Kidnapping and Hostage Taking in Nigeria:***  
Sequel to Senate Resolution (S. Res/049/09) on “**The Surging Incidents of Kidnapping and Hostage taking in Nigeria**” directing that some key Government officials be invited to brief the Senate, the Senate President informed the Senate that the officials will brief the Senate in a Closed Session on Thursday, 23rd July, 2009 at 10.30 a.m. He urged Senators to be present in view of the importance of the briefing.
4. **Privilege:**  
Rising on Rules 14, 15, 16 and 76(b), Senator George T. Sekibo(*Rivers East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a letter written to the Chairman, Committee on Rules and Business through the Office of the Senate President requesting the Senate to stand down a Bill on Registration of GSM users, he sponsored sometimes last year in view of a similar contemplated Bill being expected from the Executive. He stated that the request has impugned on his privilege as a Senator and urged the Senate to ignore the request.

***Ruling from the Chair:***

That the matter be deferred pending further clarification by the Chairman, Rules and Business Committee, Senator Aloysius A. Etok (*Akwa-Ibom North West*).

5. **Committee on Education:**  
***Report on the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration Bill 2009 (SB. 123):***  
***Motion made:*** That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Education on the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) Bill 2009 (*Senator Joy Emodi — Anambra North*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**6. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**

*Report on the Chartered Institute of Cost and Management Accountants (CICMA) Bill 2009 (HB. 72):*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Chartered Institute of Cost and Management Accountants (CICMA) Bill 2009 (Senator Mohammed I. Ahmed — Kwara North).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**7. Confirmation of Nomination:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the confirmation of the nomination of Abdullahi Halidu Shinkafi (Zamfara State) as a Member in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) (Senate Leader).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to report within one week.*

**8. Confirmation of Nomination:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Jonah Onuku Ogbole (Benue, Plateau and Nasarawa States) as a Member in the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) (Senate Leader).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service to report within one week.*

**9. Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:**

*Report on the screening of nominees:*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics:

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| (i)                                  | Ambassador Greg Mbadiwe  | — | Chairman |
| (ii)                                 | Alhaji Ali Badala Gumel  | — | Member   |
| (iii)                                | Alhaji Sule Majidadi     | — | Member   |
| (iv)                                 | Alhaji Raimi Ayo Raji    | — | Member   |
| (v)                                  | Chief Franklin Edonkumoh | — | Member   |
| (vi)                                 | Captain Joe Agada (Rtd.) | — | Member   |
| (Senator Zaynab Kure — Niger South). |                          |   |          |

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report presented.*

*Debate:*

*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)**

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation on the screening of the Mr. President's nominees for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics:

**Recommendation:**

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

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|-------|--------------------------|---|----------|---------------------|
| (i)   | Ambassador Greg Mbadiwe  | — | Chairman | — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii)  | Alhaji Ali Badala Gumel  | — | Member   | — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (iii) | Alhaji Sule Majidadi     | — | Member   | — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (iv)  | Alhaji Raimi Ayo Raji    | — | Member   | — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (v)   | Chief Franklin Edonkumoh | — | Member   | — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (vi)  | Captain Joe Agada (Rtd.) | — | Member   | — <i>Agreed to.</i> |

**(SENATE IN THE PLENARY)**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation on the screening of Mr. President's nominees for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics and approved the recommendation therein.

*Question:* That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

**Confirmation:**

*Question:*

Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ambassador Greg Mbadiwe as the Chairman of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics? — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Ambassador Greg Mbadiwe as the Chairman of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Ali Badala Gumel as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics? — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Alhaji Ali Badala Gumel as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Sule Majidadi as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics? — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Alhaji Sule Majidadi as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Raimi Ayo Raji as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics? —*Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Alhaji Raimi Ayo Raji as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief Franklin Edonkumoh as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics? —*Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Chief Franklin Edonkumoh as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Captain Joe Agada (Rtd) as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics? —*Resolved in Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Captain Joe Agada (Rtd) as a Member of the Governing Board of the National Bureau of Statistics accordingly confirmed.*

**10. Committee on Environment and Ecology:**

***Report on the National Climate Change Bill 2009 (SB. 24):***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology on the National Climate Change Bill 2009 (*Senator Grace F. Bent — Adamawa South*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report presented.*

*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)**

**CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.**

**PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION**

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Commission.**

- (1) There is established a body to be known as National Climate Change Commission (in this Act referred to as "the Commission")
- (2) The Commission -
  - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
  - (b) can sue and be sued in its corporate name;

- (c) may acquire, hold or dispose of property, moveable or immoveable; and
  - (d) do all such things as are necessary for or incidental to the carrying out of its functions under this Act.
- (3) The Head Office of the Commission shall be in Abuja with a Zonal office located in each of the 6 geo-political zones (*Senator Grace F. Bent*) —*Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 1 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 2: Establishment and Membership of the Governing Board of the Commission:**  
*Committee's Recommendation:*

*Leave out* the provision in Clause 2 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"(1) There is established for the management of the Commission a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board") which shall consist of -

- (a) The Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as the Chairman; and
- (b) eight other members at least two of whom shall be women comprising -
  - (i) two persons from the public sector;
  - (ii) three persons from the relevant organised private sector; and
  - (iii) three persons from the relevant Non-Governmental Organisations; and
- (c) The Executive Secretary of the Commission who shall be a non-voting member.

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* the provision in Sub-Clauses 2(1)(b) and (c) *insert* the following instead thereof:

- (a) The Ministers charged with responsibility for the following matters that, is -
  - (i) Power and Steel;
  - (ii) Energy;
  - (iii) Science and Technology;
  - (iv) Environment, Housing and Urban Development;
  - (v) Water Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development;
  - (vi) Justice;
  - (vii) Two representatives of the Universities (*Senator Jibril M. Aminu*).

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

**Another Amendment Proposed:**

*Insert* a new provision as follows:

- “(viii) one representative each of the six geo-political zones with vast cognate experience in the field of Climate change issues or related fields” (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu*).

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

**Further Amendment Proposed:**

*Insert* a new provision as follows:

- “(ix) Director-General Nigeria Meteorological Agency” (*Senator Omar A. Hambagda*).

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

- (2) Members other than the Chairman shall be persons with vast cognate experience in the field of Climate Change issues or related fields and shall be appointed by the President on the confirmation by the Senate.

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* the words “on the” in line 3, and *insert* the words “subject to” instead thereof (*Senator Sola Akinyede*).

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

- (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters therein contained” (*Senator Grace F. Bent*).

*Question that Clause 2 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 3: Tenure of Office:**

A member of the Board other than an ex-officio member shall hold office -

- (a) for a term of four years and may be re-appointed for a further term of four years and no more; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the letter of appointment (*Senator Grace F. Bent*) —Agreed to.

*Question that Clause 3 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 4: Cessation of Membership of the Board:**

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of this Act, a person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if (*Senator Grace F. Bent*) —Agreed to.

*Question that Sub-Clause 4(1) as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

*Further consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

Chairman to report progress.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology on the National Climate Change Bill 2009 and approved as follows:

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|--------------|---|----------------|
| Clause 1     | — | As Recommended |
| Clause 2     | — | As Amended     |
| Clause 3     | — | As Recommended |
| Clause 4 (1) | — | As Recommended |

*Further consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

*Question:* That the Senate do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

**11. Independent National Electoral Commission Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB. 273):**

*Consideration of the Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.*

**12. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 16th July, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.  
(Senate Leader).

*Adjourned accordingly at 12.40 p.m.*

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