



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 21st 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 Thursday, 16th July, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(A) The Senate President read a letter from Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (Cross River Central) as follows:



SENATOR VICTOR NDOMA-EGBA SAN
DEPUTY SENATE LEADER

July 21st, 2009.

The Senate President,

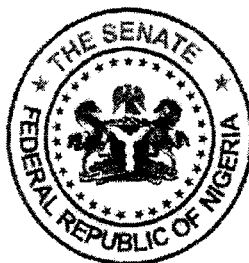
ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the Senate Ad-hoc Committee on the Immortalization of Senators on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 in the Deputy Senate Leader's Office Room 4.27 at 2.00 p.m.

Members should endeavour to be punctual.

Signed:
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba, SAN
Deputy Senate Leader and Chairman
Senate Ad-hoc Committee on
Immortalization of Senators

- (B) The Senate President also read a letter from Senator Ayogu Eze (Enugu North) as follows:



Senator Ayogu Eze
Chairman, Committee on Information & Media
National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, P. M. B. 141, Garki, Abuja. Tel: 09-6276165

21/07/2009

The Senate President,

ANNOUNCEMENT

All Distinguished Senators committed to the creation of new States in our dear country are hereby invited to a meeting of a forum of Legislators in support of State creation as a cardinal aspect of the amendment of the 1999 Constitution as follows:

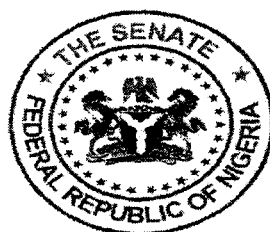
Date: Tuesday, 21 July, 2009

Time: 2. 30 p.m.

Venue: Senate Hearing Room 01.

Signed:
Senator Ayogu Eze
(For the Coordinators)

- (C) The Senate President further read a letter from Senator Umaru Dahiru (*Sokoto South*) as follows:



Senator Umaru Dahiru
Chairman, Senate Committee on Judiciary,
Human Rights and Legal Matters

21/7/2009

The Senate President,

TO ALL THE SENATORS FROM THE NORTH-WEST

The 2nd Zonal Consultative meeting on inclusive National Budgeting in Nigeria is holding in Senate Committee Room 116 (New Senate Building) by 3.00 p.m., today, 21st July, 2009.

Signed:
Senator Umaru Dahiru
Chairman of the Organizing Committee

4. **Committee on the National Health Bill 2009 (SB. 50):**

Report of the Conference Committee on the National Health Bill 2009 (SB. 50):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the National Health Bill 2009 (*Senator Gyang D. Dantong —Plateau North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

5. **Motion:**

Sales of Federal Government Houses and Lands in the States:

Motion made: That Senate notes that the Presidential Implementation Committee (PIC) was set up to implement the Federal Government White Paper on the Report of the Committee it set up to inquire into alienation of its landed properties in the various States of the Federation;

Observes that pursuant to the aforesaid mandate, PIC undertook assessment and valuation of Federal Government houses and properties in the various States of the Federation and fixed reserved prices with a view to receiving bids for same;

Notes also that by the guidelines for the said implementation exercise, legal sitting tenants were entitled to the Right of First Refusal;

Notes further that the proceeds accruing from the sale of Federal Government properties were meant to be remitted and paid into the Treasury of the Federal Government, including accrued interest on Bank deposits.

Observes with serious concern that the Senate has been inundated with petitions and appeals from many Nigerians, especially legal sitting tenants who were either deprived of their Rights of First Refusal or were evicted from their houses inspite of restraining orders of courts of competent jurisdiction;

Observes further that the implementation process appears to have been characterised by racketeering and underhand deals in breach of due process, and the guidelines appears to be marred by spending of proceeds, accruing interests, and service charges without requisite appropriation by the National Assembly;

Notes that contrary to the guidelines, houses were actually sold below their reserved prices;

Notes further that the a huge sums of money representing the (5%) service charge accompanying every sales transaction appear to have been frittered away or diverted;

Observes that houses taken from legal sitting tenants most of whom have served this nation for over thirty years and have lived in these houses for about the same period, were granted to individuals and corporate bodies without due process and in violation of the guidelines;

Worried that lands belonging to the Federal Government in various States of the Federation appeared to have been carved out in plots and are alienated without due process and accountability;

Acknowledges that Senate Resolution is significant for the conduct of investigation by its Committee in accordance with Sessions 88 and 89 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Accordingly Resolves to:

(i) Direct its Committee on Housing and Urban Development to investigate the following:

(a) The activities of the Presidential Implementation Committee on Alienation of Federal Government Properties;

- (b) The sale and alienation of Federal Government properties in the States of the Federation, as well as the financial proceeds of same together with accrued interests and service charge;
- (ii) All matters relating to lands belonging to the Federal Government, including their administration, allocation and revocation in the States of the Federation.

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do direct its Committee on Housing and Urban Development to investigate the following:

- (a) The activities of the Presidential Implementation Committee on Alienation of Federal Government Properties —*Agreed to.*
- (b) The sale and alienation of Federal Government properties in the States of the Federation, as well as the financial proceeds of same together with accrued interests and service charge;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word “Federation” insert the words “and FCT” (*Senator Kabiru I. Gaya*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Prayer (ii):

Question: All matters relating to lands belonging to the Federal Government, including their administration, allocation and revocation in the States of the Federation

Prayer (ii) accordingly withdrawn (Rule 89).

Resolved:

That the Senate direct its Committee on Housing and Urban Development to investigate the following:

- (a) The activities of the Presidential Implementation Committee on Alienation of Federal Government Properties; and
- (b) The sale and alienation of Federal Government properties in the States of the Federation and FCT, as well as the financial proceeds of same together with accrued interests and service charge (*S. Res/050/09*).

6. Committee on Niger Delta:

Report of the Committee on Niger -Delta on the 2009 Budget Proposal for the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta on the 2009 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*Senator James Manager — Delta South*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NIGER DELTA ON THE 2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC)

SCHEDULE

PART A — RECURRENT NON-DEBT EXPENDITURE

Appropriation 2009

1. CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE	
(1) Chairman	
Personnel Costs	
Overhead Costs	37,695,760.00
Sub-Total	37,695,760.00
(2) Managing Director's Office	
Personnel Costs	57,253,168.00
Overhead Costs	104,236,234.00
Sub-Total	161,489,402.00
(3) Executive Director Finance and Administrator's Office	
Personnel Costs	34,584,276.00
Overhead Costs	74,950,800.00
Sub-Total	109,535,076.00
(4) Executive Director Project's Office	
Personnel Costs	34,619,377.00
Overhead Costs	82,069,072.00
Sub-Total	116,688,449.00
2. Corporate Affairs Department	
Personnel Costs	78,833,353.00
Overhead Costs	271,089,080.00
Sub-Total	349,922,433.00
3. Internal Audit Department	
Personnel Costs	39,021,815.00
Overhead Costs	47,400,612.00
Sub-Total	86,422,427.00
4. Security Department	
Personnel Costs	146,100,295.00
Overhead Costs	145,158,605.00
Sub-Total	291,258,900.00
5. Due Process	
Personnel Costs	31,664,055.00
Overhead Costs	49,129,325.00
Sub-Total	80,793,380.00
6. Special Projects	
Personnel Costs	68,738,541.00
Overhead Costs	84,084,280.00
Sub-Total	152,822,821.00

7.	Directorate of Legal Services	
	Personnel Costs	75,298,936.00
	Overhead Costs	209,722,025.00
	Sub-Total	285,020,961.00
8.	Directorate of Projects Monitoring and Supervision	
	Personnel Costs	157,244,129.00
	Overhead Costs	50,215,470.00
	Sub-Total	207,469,599.00
9.	Directorate of Finance & Supply	
	Personnel Costs	126,663,464.00
	Overhead Costs	141,024,200.00
	Sub-Total	267,687,664.00
10.	Directorate of Administration & Human Resources	
	Personnel Costs	457,512,902.00
	Overhead Costs	320,309,345.00
	Sub-Total	777,822,247.00
11.	Directorate of Planning, Research, Statistics and MIS	
	Personnel Costs	117,707,273.00
	Overhead Costs	68,732,776.00
	Sub-Total	186,440,049.00
12.	Directorate of Agriculture and Fisheries	
	Personnel Costs	111,921,421.00
	Overhead Costs	46,173,315.00
	Sub-Total	158,094,736.00
13.	Directorate of Environmental Protection and Control	
	Personnel Costs	74,519,237.00
	Overhead Costs	43,004,565.00
	Sub-Total	117,523,803.00
14.	Directorate of Education, Health and Social Services	
	Personnel Costs	79,481,011.00
	Overhead Costs	44,687,025.00
	Sub-Total	128,757,239.00
15.	Directorate of Community and Rural Development	
	Personnel Costs	95,297,153.00
	Overhead Costs	130,618,325.00
	Sub-Total	225,915,478.00
16.	Directorate of Utilities Infrastructure Development and Waterways	
	Personnel Costs	130,563,256.00
	Overhead Costs	40,728,395.00
	Sub-Total	171,291,651.00
17.	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Development	
	Personnel Costs	93,829,518.00
	Overhead Costs	75,452,700.00
	Sub-Total	169,282,218.00

18.	Directorate of Youth, Women, Sports and Culture	
	Personnel Costs	69,103,205.00
	Overhead Costs	64,305,200.00
	Sub-Total	133,408,405.00
19.	Headquarters	
	Personnel Costs	57,605,264.00
	Overhead Costs	1,635,499,664.00
	Sub-Total	1,693,104,928.00
20.	Abuja Liaison Office	
	Personnel Costs	72,001,164.00
	Overhead Costs	35,683,595.00
	Sub-Total	107,684,769.00
21.	Abia State Office	
	Personnel Costs	115,642,407.00
	Overhead Costs	24,743,753.00
	Sub-Total	140,386,160.00
22.	Akwa Ibom State Office	
	Personnel Costs	107,304,506.00
	Overhead Costs	31,493,739.00
	Sub-Total	138,798,245.00
23.	Bayelsa State Office	
	Personnel Costs	106,414,865.00
	Overhead Costs	29,112,338.00
	Sub-Total	135,527,203.00
24.	Cross River State Office	
	Personnel Costs	107,173,105.00
	Overhead Costs	23,178,375.00
	Sub-Total	130,351,480.00
25.	Delta State Office	
	Personnel Costs	162,492,964.00
	Overhead Costs	31,420,176.00
	Sub-Total	193,913,140.00
26.	Edo State Office	
	Personnel Costs	101,287,187.00
	Overhead Costs	24,659,253.00
	Sub-Total	125,946,440.00
27.	Imo State Office	
	Personnel Costs	77,221,102.00
	Overhead Costs	26,304,045.00
	Sub-Total	103,525,147.00
28.	Ondo State Office	
	Personnel Costs	117,844,130.00
	Overhead Costs	29,993,375.00
	Sub-Total	147,847,505.00

29.	Rivers State Office	
	Personnel Costs	104,750,000.00
	Overhead Costs	29,751,460.00
	Sub-Total	134,401,460.00
30.	125% Contributory Pension	401,211,748.00
31.	Pension-Past Service Liabilities	0
32.	Staff Group Staff Assurance Scheme	90,000,000.00
33.	Workmen Compensation	53,562,000.00
34.	Death Benefit	60,000,000.00
35.	Bereavement/Condolence Purse/Transportation	—
36.	Transportation (Marriage)	—
37.	Human Resources Services / Employee Relations	35,000,000.00
38.	Retires Pension Scheme	200,000,000.00
39.	National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)	90,000,000.00
40.	Recruitment Services	37,500,000.00
	Sub-Total	967,273,748.00
	Sub-Total Personnel	4,176,967,729.00
	Sub-Total Recurrent	4,017,203,549.00
	Personnel + Recurrent	8,194,171,278.00

Question:

That the Expenditure of Eight Billion, One Hundred and Ninety-Four Million, One Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Eight Naira (~~₦~~ 8,194,171,278.00) for the purposes set out under Personnel and Recurrent cost stand part of the Schedule to the 2009 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission— *Agreed to.*

PART B — CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

	Appropriation 2009
1. Motor vehicle - Four wheel drive jeep	—
2. Pool saloon cars	—
3. Motor Vehicle - Saloon car	—
4. Project Vehicle	—
5. Motor Vehicle 504	—
6. Motor Vehicle - Buses (Coaster)	30,000,000.00
7. Motor Vehicle - Minibus	—

8.	Boats - Passport Boat	—
9.	Boat - Flying Boat	—
10.	Equipment - Personal Computer	15,250,000.00
11.	Equipment Laptop Computer	12,600,000.00
12.	Equipment - Printer & UPS	7,000,000.00
13.	Equipment - Photocopier/GIS Accessories	76,651,160.00
14.	Equipment - Scanner	2,719,000.00
15.	Equipment - Fax Machine	785,000.00
16.	Equipment - Shredding Machine	1,800,000.00
17.	Equipment - Fire Proof Cabinets	1,200,000.00
18.	Equipment - Shelves and Cabinets	12,600,000.00
19.	Equipment - Split Unit Air-Condition	3,800,000.00
20.	Equipment - Window Unit Air	780,000.00
21.	Equipment - Digital Cameras with GPS	1,950,000.00
22.	Equipment - Borehole	1,250,000.00
23.	Equipment - Video Cameras	540,000.00
24.	Equipment - Automatic Water Analyser	560,000.00
25.	Equipment - Echo Sounder	1,120,000.00
26.	Equipment - Head held GPS	300,000.00
27.	Equipment - Television and Video Player	1,360,000.00
28.	Furniture - Executive Desk and Chair	5,600,000.00
29.	Furniture - Jnr Executive Desk and Chair	5,550,000.00
30.	Furniture - Offices Desk and Chair	9,480,000.00
31.	Furniture - Secretaries Desk and Chair	2,000,000.00
32.	Furniture - Visitors Chairs, etc	3,480,000.00
33.	Household Furniture	541,250.00
34.	Other - Rain-Boots, Raincoats	1,020,000.00
35.	Other - Life Jackets	1,305,000.00
36.	Other - Safety Helmets and Boots	2,100,000.00

37.	Computer Software and Infrastructure	32,350,000.00
38.	Building Construction (including 3 States offices Building), Head Office extension and Health Unit Upgrade	50,000,000.00
39.	Others - Including New Head Office Fence and furnishing, fuel dump	990,787,500.00
	Total	1,276,473,912.00

Question:

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Six Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twelve Naira (₦1,276,473,912.00) for the purposes set out under Capital cost stand part of the Schedule to the 2009 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission — *Agreed to.*

PART C — PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

	Appropriation 2009
1. Head Office/Regional Offices	48,350,875,071.00
2. Abia State	3,263,943,771.00
3. Akwa Ibom State	13,121,170,878.00
4. Bayelsa State	9,538,489,830.00
5. Cross River State	3,832,661,201.00
6. Delta State	9,369,329,557.00
7. Edo State	3,030,100,495.00
8. Imo State	3,518,940,325.00
9. Ondo State	5,553,983,343.00
10. Rivers State	19,441,986,101.00
Total	119,021,480,572.00

Question:

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Twenty-One Million, Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Two Naira (₦119,021,480,572.00) for the purposes set out under Projects Development cost stand part of the Schedule to the 2009 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission — *Agreed to.*

Sub Total Recurrent Expenditure	8,194,171,278.00
Sub Total Internal Capital	1,276,473,912.00
Sub Total Projects Development Expenditure	119,021,480,570.00
GRAND TOTAL	128,492,010,000.00

Question:

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Million, Ten Thousand Naira (₦128,492,010,000.00) for the purposes set out under Personnel and Recurrent Cost, Capital Cost and Projects Development cost stand part of the Schedule to the 2009 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission — *Agreed to.*

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 Niger Delta on the 2009 Budget of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and approved the Report.

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

**7. Report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology:
National Climate Change Bill 2009 (SB. 24):**

(Adjourned Debate - Wednesday, 15th July, 2009).

Consideration of the Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Adjournment:

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

Adjourned accordingly at 12. 55 p.m.

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