



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13th October, 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 Thursday, 8th October, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(A) **Acknowledgment:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings:

- (i) Honourable Members of Lagelu and Akinyele Local Councils of Oyo State.
- (ii) Staff and Students of Salem Academy Lugbe, Abuja.
- (iii) Mr. James Rockall, MD World Liquified Petroleum Gas Association and Mr. Dayo Adeshina, Deputy President, Nigerian LPG Association.

(B) **Letter from Northern Senators Forum:**

The Senate President read a letter from Northern Senators Forum as follows:



To: All Senators
National Assembly
Abuja.

12th October, 2009

LAUNCHING OF SIR AHMADU BELLO MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

I wish bring to your notice that the Norther Governors Forum is launching Foundation in memory of Sir Ahmadu Bello, the late Premier of our Region and the Sardauna of Sokoto. The Foundation is meant to immortalize the great Norther leader as well as ensure the Survival of the legacies he bequeathed to our generation and yet unborn.

Saturday the 17th of October, 2009 has been fixed for launching. It will take place at Murtala Muhammed square, Kaduna at 10.00 a.m. All person of Northern extraction are expected to grace the occasion. The purpose of this letter therefore is to solicit your

participation at the even and also request you to generously donate to this worthy cause. Donation can be made at the venue or through Senator Umaru Dahiru (Chairman NSF) for those of us who will not be to attend due to other commitments.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Signed:

Senator Bala A. Mohammed

(Kauran Bauchi)

Secretary, Northern Senator's Forum

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Joy Emodi (*Anambra North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a fatal multiple motor accidents at Umunya junction along Enugu-Onistha express road, involving nine vehicles among which were buses conveying students from school. Senator Emodi further claimed that up to eighty (80) people lost their lives. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present a Motion on the issue the next Legislative Day.

Question that the matter be debated, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

5. Privileges:

Rising on Order 14 and 15 Senator Yisa Braimoh drew the attention of the Senate to the front page publication of *Vanguard Newspaper* of Monday, 12th October, 2009 captioned "**₦300B Transportation Contracts: Senate Report indicts Anenih, Okonjo-Iweala, Ciroma**". Senator Braimoh noted that the same Newspaper published a similar News item which was the subject of a Motion presented by Senator Amange on Thursday, 8th October, 2009 and which was referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges. Senator Amange stated that the publication is an infraction on his privilege as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and urged the Senate do investigate the source of the publication on the Report that had just been laid in the Senate and which the Senate is yet to discuss.

Matter accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions for further investigations.

6 Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Special Audit Exercise of Commercial Banks:

Briefing by the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Motion made: That:

- (i) the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to enable the Senate receive briefings on the CBN Special Auditor Exercise of 10 Commercial Banks;
- (ii) Rule 17 of the Standing Orders of the Senate be suspended to enable the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) be admitted to the Floor of the Senate; and
- (iii) the briefing be conducted in a Closed Session (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

The Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) accordingly admitted.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(CLOSED SESSION)

Briefing by the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

Senate in Closed Session — 10.55 a.m.

Senate in Open Session — 12.15 p.m.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session was briefed by the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on the CBN's Special Audit Exercise of Ten (10) Commercial Banks.

The Governor clarified the issues involved and also answered questions raised by Distinguished Senators on the subject matter. Further discussion adjourned till Thursday, 15th October, 2009 by 10.00 a. m.

7. Year 2008 Audited Facial Report and Management Report:

Consideration of Report deferred to the next Legislative Day.

8. Committee on Solid Minerals:

Report on the Nigeria Solid Minerals Summit (NISOMS 2008):

Consideration of Report deferred to the next Legislative Day.

9. Motion:

The Demise of His Royal Highness, Alhaji Bilyaminu Othman, the Emir of Dass:

Consideration of Report deferred to the next Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the screening of nominee:

Consideration of Report deferred to the next Legislative Day.

11. National Food Reserve Agency Bill 2008 (SB.179):

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Tests (Establishment, etc) Bill 2009 (SB. 269) :

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 14th October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12 .22 p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.