



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 23rd July, 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 Wednesday, 22nd July, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(i) *Celebrating Senator (Prof.) Jibril M. Aminu at 70:*

Celebrating
SENATOR (PROFESSOR) JIBRIL AMINU CON FAS @70

July 13, 2009

*His Excellency,
Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
The Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Senate Chambers,
Abuja.*

Dear Sir,

CELEBRATING PROF JIBRIL AMINU @ 70

By the grace of the Almighty, our mentor, Professor (Senator) Jibril Aminu will be 70 years old on August 25, 2009. The attainment of such an age in good health, physical alertness and societal relevance is no doubt worth celebrating. Such an occasion can be an excellent opportunity to, once more, join Prof Aminu in further thanking the Creator for His gift of life and specially felicitate with him on this great milestone.

To this end, a committee of associates is planning a befitting and memorable event to commemorate the milestone. Among the events being proposed are:

- (1) *The unveiling of the Jibril Aminu Foundation. The Foundation has the following specific objectives:*

- *Expansion of educational opportunities, particularly for the gifted, marginalized and the disadvantaged;*
 - *Promotion of Science and Technology;*
 - *Promotion and support for research in the fields of Medicine and the Environment;*
 - *Award of scholarships and bursaries;*
 - *Support endowment of chairs and related activities;*
 - *Support the holding of a National Annual Lecture Series;*
 - *Promote activities that strengthen peace and unity in the Country and in the World*
- (2) *The holding of the First Prof Jibril Aminu Annual National Lecture on August 25, 2009 at the Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja.*
- (3) *A reception and dinner in Yola to enable representatives' of communities in Adamawa Central Senatorial District join in sharing with him the joys of the anniversary on a convenient date after the Abuja event.*

In pursuance of the above objectives, the Committee has, based on its knowledge of your relationship with the celebrant as a reliable and dependable associate identified you for active support to the process. The support is required to provide the seed money for the take off of the Foundation and offset the costs of specific events and activities proposed for the Abuja and Yola ceremonies.

*You may wish to contact the undersigned or Mr. David Ogbodo, on 08036650196 for additional information. Any donation will be received in the name of the Foundation - **The Jibril Aminu Foundation.***

While anticipating your favourable response, accept Sir, the expression of our highest regards.

Thank You.

Yours' Truly,

Signed:
Dr Aliyu Idi Hong
Chairman
08036235252

Signed:
Engr. Funso Kupolokun
Chairman, Finance Sub-Committee
08072323085

- (ii) **Invitation to Thanksgiving Service:**
The Senate President also read an announcement as follows:



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

INVITATION

A Thanksgiving Service is being organised in my honour by the Norcross Methodist Memorial Cathedral Church, Otukpo in Benue State on Sunday the 26th of July, 2009.

Formal invitations are being distributed to distinguished Senators to this effect.

A chartered flight has been arranged to convey distinguished Senators to the venue via Makurdi Airport as follows:

Departure: Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport

Date: Sunday, 26th July, 2009.

Time: 8. 00 a.m. prompt.

Buses will also be available at the Apo Mansion, Official Residence of the President of the Senate to convey Senators to the airport by 7.30 a.m. prompt.

*Signed:
President of the Senate
23/07/09*

(iii) Acknowledgement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Members of The Democrats Club, Kings College, Lagos who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

4. Briefing on the Surging Incidents of Kidnapping and Hostage Taking in Nigeria:

Privileges of the Floor Rule 17(1):

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the invited top Government officials to the floor of the Senate (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Invitees accordingly admitted.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to be briefed by the top Government officials (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

BRIEFING BY SOME TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY

Chairman report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole interacted with some Heads of Government Securities Agencies on the security situation in the country. Further briefings deferred to the next legislative day.

5. Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption:

Sessional Report — June 2008 to June 2009:

Laying of Report deferred to another legislative day.

6. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the screening of nominees:

Consideration of the Report deferred to another legislative day.

7. **Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:**
Report on the screening of nominees:

Consideration of the Report deferred to another legislative day.
8. **Recovery of Premises Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB. 193):**

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.
9. **Committee on Education:**
Report on National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration Bill 2009 (SB. 123):

Consideration of the Report deferred to another legislative day.
10. **Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2009 (SB. 155):**

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.
11. **Adjournment:**
And its being 2. 05 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 28th July, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2. 05 p.m.

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