



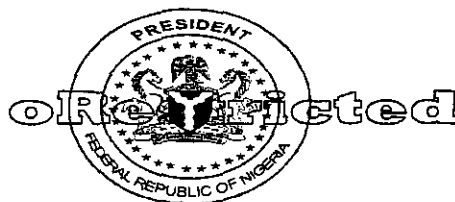
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6th October, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.45 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, 30th September, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

September 29, 2009

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

Dear Brother,

**SUBMISSION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE
FRAMEWORK (MTEF) TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

I am pleased to forward to you two (2) copies of the 2010/2012 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) which the Federal Ministry of Finance has prepared in line with the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2007.

The Fiscal Responsibility Act indicates that the Budget is required to be based on the MTEF, which is to be approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) and the National Assembly,

before taking effect. The MTEF was duly approved by the FEC on 22nd July, 2009. However, the Act requires that the MTEF should also be laid before the National Assembly, which after due consideration, is to pass resolutions in both Houses to give effect to the MTEF before its formal publication in the Gazette. In order to advance this process, I hereby forward copies of the MTEF to your office for necessary consideration.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

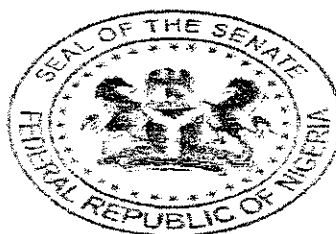
Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. **Announcements:**

(A) **Letter of Appreciation:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ayo Arise as follows:



Senator Ayo Arise

Ekiti North Senatorial District, Federal Republic of Nigeria

29 September, 2009

His Excellency,
Senator David Mark
President, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

Dear Sir,

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE ENTIRE DISTINGUISHED
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.**

Mr. President, Principal Officers and my Distinguished Colleagues I write to express my deep gratitude to you for your demonstration of faith and friendship to me during my recent senatorial election rerun. As you are no doubt aware, I was resoundingly re-elected by my people and I have returned to the Senate to serve Ekiti North Senatorial District and the Nation. This was due to the Grace of God and the unflinching support of Mr. President and my entire colleagues in this chamber.

I wish to thank you especially for your concern collectively and individually in terms of moral, psychological and financial support during the re-run. I deeply appreciate your solidarity support.

Please accept the renewed assurance of my highest esteem and very best wishes.

May God bless and richly reward you all.

Sincerely yours,

Signed:

Senator Ayo Arise

(B) *Senate Retreat 2009 Planning Committee:*

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ayogu Eze as follows:



THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND MEDIA
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
THREE-ARMS ZONE
P.M.B. 141, GARKI,
ABUJA, NIGERIA

6th October, 2009

The Senate President,

ANNOUNCEMENT

SENATE RETREAT 2009 PLANNING COMMITTEE: MEETING

All distinguished Members of the Senate Retreat 2009 Planning Committee are hereby invited to a meeting of the Committee scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 6th October, 2009

Time: 2.30 p.m.

Venue: Senate Meeting Room 304, New National Assembly Complex.

Signed:

Senator Ayogu Eze
Chairman

(C) *Committee Screening:*

The Senate President also read a letter from Senator Nkechi Nwaogu as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON BANKING, INSURANCE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
THREE-ARMS ZONE
P.M.B. 141, GARKI,
ABUJA, NIGERIA

The Senate President,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions will on Monday, 12th October, 2009 in Committee Room 107 New Senate Building at 10.00 a.m. commence the screening of the nominees of Mr President, Commander-in-Chief for the following positions:

(1) **Alhaji Umaru Ibrahim** — **Executive Director, NDIC**

- (2) *Dr. Adedoyin Salami* — *Member, Monetary Policy Committee of CBN*
- (3) *John Osilaja* — *Member, Monetary Policy Committee of CBN*
- (4) *Prof. Chibuike Ugochukwu Uche* — *Member, Monetary Policy Committee of CBN*
- (5) *Dr. Shehu Yahaya* — *Member, Monetary Policy Committee of CBN*
- (6) *Abdul-Ganiyu Garba* — *Member, Monetary Policy Committee of CBN*
- (7) *Dr. Kingsley C. Moghalu* — *Member, Deputy Governor, CBN*

All Distinguished Senators wishing to make contributions during the screening exercise are most cordially invited.

Signed:

Senator Nkechi Nwaogu
Chairman

(D) *Acknowledgement:*

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Management Staff of Ebonyi State House of Assembly who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

5. **Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs of Nigeria (Establishment, etc) Bill 2009 (SB. 302)—**
Read the First Time.

6. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**

Report on the Screening of Nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do Receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Justice Daniel Dantsoho, as the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court of Nigeria (*Senator Umaru Dahiru — Sokoto South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Motion:**

Collapse of Interstate Roads Connecting Akwa Ibom State to other parts of the Country:

Motion made: That the Senate note that the federal ministry of works was established with the statutory functions of building and maintenance of roads and bridges in all states of the federation and in the federal capital territory;

Observes that pursuant to the above mandate, the national assembly, every year, on the recommendation of the executive, appropriates sufficient funds, as required, for the ministry, its departments and agencies to fulfill its functions;

Notes that the funds so appropriated are the tax payers who in turn expect to enjoy the minimal luxury of walking and driving on good roads constructed or maintained with such funds;

Observes with serious concern that as representatives of the people, our constituents have inundated our constituency offices with petitions and strong appeals questioning and drawing attention to the reality of unbuilt and neglected roads in our constituencies;

Notes that worse hit roads mentioned in these petitions and appeals beginning from Akwa Ibom to other parts of the country are Calabar-Itu-Ogoja-Katsina Ala road; the East-West road; Ikot Ekpene-Umuahia-Enugu road; Aba-Ikot Ekpene road; Aba-Ekparakwa-Etinan road; Ini-Ikpe-Ikot Nkon-Arochukwu road with a spur to Itu-Mbonuso; among others;

Observes that these roads have completely collapsed, they have become impassable, various avoidable accidents on the roads have claimed precious lives while the businesses of our electorates and tax payers have all been grounded;

Notes that between 1999 and today, repeated efforts have been made by various state governments to repair these roads and rebuild the bridges at the expense of the states involved without any refund by the federal government;

Observes the fact that some of these states, particularly Akwa Abom, are oil producing states which attract movement of heavy equipment and human traffic. As we speak, such movements have long been impeded by the scenario described above;

Notes that farmers, traders, students and other people engaged in various forms of businesses are also affected; these people believe that they have been condemned to suffering but they are Nigerians who have rights that should be protected and not exploited for political gains.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Senate to summon the Minister of works to explain what happened to the yearly appropriation funds for the building of these roads;
- (ii) Invite the leadership of the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to this hallowed Chamber to explain why maintenance of federal roads committed to it as a primary function has not been satisfactorily carried out;
- (iii) Urge the Executive to include in the 2010 Appropriation Bill, allocations for the construction of these roads and that such inclusion will receive the due attention of the National Assembly;
- (iv) Urge the Executive to compel the Federal roads Maintenance Agency to immediately carry out remedial maintenance of federal roads in Akwa Abom state and other parts of the country;
- (v) Urge the Federal Government to refund to Akwa Abom state and each of the concerned states, money spent by them to build, repair and maintain these Federal roads (*Senator Effiong D. Bob — Akwa Ibom North-East*).

Debate:

Motion made: That further debate be suspended pending consideration of the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the State of the Nigerian Roads (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Further debate of the Motion accordingly suspended in view of a pending Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Collapse of Road Infrastructure in Nigeria.

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

Consideration of the Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

9. Compulsory Treatment and Care for the Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (SB. 247):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Bill on the Compulsory Treatment and Care for the Victims of Gunshots and for Other Matters connected therewith be read the Second Time (*Senator Izunaso B. Osita — Imo West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health and Primary Health Care to report within four weeks.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 7th October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.32 p.m.

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