



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15th 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 Wednesday, 14th October, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received two letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:
(A)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

October 9, 2009

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

Dear Brother,

A BILL FOR NIGERIA COMPUTER SECURITY AND PROTECTION AGENCY 2009

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and passage into law, the attached Bill for Nigeria Computer Security and Protection Agency 2009.

It is my hope that the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and pass the Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

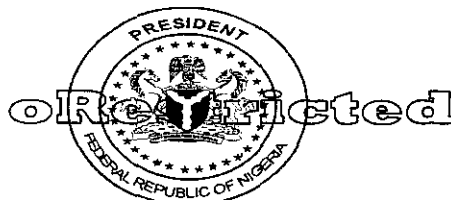
Please accept, Mr Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

(B)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

October 12, 2009

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

Dear Brother,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MEASURES
TO COMBAT TERRORISM**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the attached Bill to provide for measures to Combat Terrorism.

It is my hope that the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and pass the Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcements:

(A) Conference Committee on Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill 2009:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Senate Conferees on the Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill 2009:

(i)	Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Nkechi Nwaogu	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Felix K. Bajomo	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Heineken Lokpobiri	—	Member
(v)	Senator Zaynab A. Kure	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Ahmad I. Lawan	—	Member

(B) Letter of Appreciation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Osita B. Izunaso as follows:



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

*His Excellency,
Senator David A. B. Mark,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly
Abuja*

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I wish on behalf of the Members of the Senate Committee on Gas Resources express our profound gratitude to the President of the Senate, Senator David B. Mark GCON, for finding time to attend and declare open the 1st Nigerian Summit on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG-Cooking Gas) organised by the Committee on Gas Resources that just ended.

We also extend our gratitude to the Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Ike Ekweremadu CFR, (Ikeoha) for attending and also chairing the 1st Session of the Summit.

Our gratitude goes to all the Distinguished Senators that attended the summit in spite of their crowded schedules. May God bless you all.

Thank you! Merci! Merci! Merci!

*Signed:
Senator Osita B. Izunaso
Chairman*

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the warning by the Director-General (DG), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on the impending drought disaster that is likely to affect some States in the country. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present a substantive 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)].

6. Motion:

Rescission of Senate Resolution on the Electoral Offences Commission Bill 2009:

Consideration of the Motion deferred to the next Legislative Day.

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

Report on the screening of a nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Honourable Justice Daniel Dantsoho Abutu as the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba — Cross River Central*).

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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Honourable Justice Daniel Dantsoho Abutu as the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court.

Recommendation:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Honourable Justice Daniel Dantsoho Abutu — *Agreed to.*

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Honourable Justice Daniel Dantsoho Abutu as the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court and approved the recommendation.

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

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Honourable Justice Daniel Dantsoho Abutu as the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Honourable Justice Daniel Dantsoho Abutu as the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court accordingly confirmed.

8. **Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Special Audit Exercise of Commercial Banks:**
Briefing by the Governor of the 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 Audit Exercise of ten (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, 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 the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) accordingly admitted.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(CLOSED SESSION)

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

Senate in Closed Session — **10.55 a.m.**

Senate in Open Session — **12. 45 p.m.**

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session was briefed by the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on the CBN's Special Audit Exercise of ten (10) Commercial Banks.

The Governor and the Chairman clarified the issues involved and also answered questions raised by Distinguished Senators on the subject matter.

9. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Education Tax Act CAP E4 LFN 2004 and the Education Tax Fund (Amendment) Act 2003:

Consideration of the Bill, deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of the Bill, deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency Bill 2009 (SB.177):

Consideration of the Bill, deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 20th October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12. 50 p.m.

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