



## SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28th 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 Tuesday, 27th October, 2009 and approved same.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Announcements:**  
(A) **Meeting of the Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution:**  
The Senate President read a letter from the Deputy Senate President and Chairman Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, as follows:



**THE SENATE**  
**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**  
**Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution**  
National Assembly Complex,  
P. M. B. 141, Garki, Abuja - Nigeria

NASS/S/CRC/GEN/09/06

26th October, 2009.

*His Excellency,  
The President of the Senate,  
National Assembly,  
Abuja.*

*Your Excellency,*

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

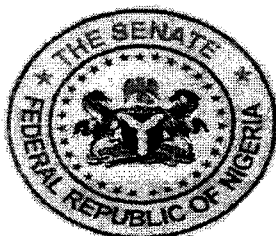
*The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution, will meet Wednesday, the 28th of October, 2009, by 2.00 p.m., at Meeting Room 301 (Senate Building, New Wing).*

*Signed:*

*Senator Ike Ekeremadu, CFR  
Deputy President of the Senate,  
Chairman*

**(B) Marriage Ceremony:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Patrick E. Osakwe (*Delta North*) as follows:



**Senator Patrick E. Osakwe**  
**THE SENATE**

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

28th October, 2009

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY**

*It is with great pleasure and gratitude to God Almighty that I announce the marriage ceremony between my son, Dr. Edwin Aniamaka Osakwe and Miss Hilda Chinoye Ugbeh, which is scheduled to take place as follows:*

**Date:** Saturday, 7th November, 2009

**Venue:** St. Paul's Catholic Church, Airport Road,  
Benin City, Edo State.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. prompt.

*Receptions follows immediately after the mass at the Groom's residence.*

*Once again, all distinguished Senators are invited to the ceremony and I look forward to their highly esteemed presence there.*

*While looking forward to the pleasure of welcoming you, please have the renewed assurances of my highest regards.*

*Signed:*

*Senator Patrick Enebeli Osakwe  
(Delta North)*

**(C) Acknowledgement:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Junior Secondary School, Orozo, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

**4. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ibrahim M. Ida (*Katsina Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the aborted trip of the delegation of the Senate President and Members of the Committee on Defence and Army to Sudan on solidarity visit with the Nigerian Troops on Peace-Keeping in that country. He informed the Senate that after making all prior arrangements and got confirmation from the Sudanese authority, the delegation left Nigeria on the 26th of October, 2009. The delegation was already on the Sudanese airspace, when it was informed that the plane could not land at Khartoum Airport in view of repairs being undertaking by the Airport Authority. He further stated that all efforts to link up with the Sudanese authority proved abortive. He informed the Senate that the issue was being handled at the Diplomatic level.

**5. Sessional Report:**

The Senate received the Sessional Reports of the under-listed Committees in accordance with Rule 102(d) of the Senate Standing Order 2007 for the period June 2008 - June 2009:

- (i) Committee on Education;
- (ii) Committee on Environment and Ecology;
- (iii) Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT);
- (iv) Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs;
- (v) Committee on Finance;
- (vi) Committee on Foreign Affairs;
- (vii) Committee on Gas;
- (viii) Committee on Health;
- (ix) Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
- (x) Committee on Industries;
- (xi) Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC);
- (xii) Committee on Interior Affairs;
- (xiii) Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Affairs;
- (xiv) Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity;
- (xv) Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes;
- (xvi) Committee on Air Force; and
- (xvii) Committee on Downstream Petroleum;

**6. Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:*****Report on the screening of a nominee:***

***Motion made:*** That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions on the screening of Alhaji Umaru Ibrahim as Executive Director of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) (*Senator Nkechi Nwaogu —Abia Central*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**7. Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:**

***Report on the screening of a nominee:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions on the screening of Dr. Kingsley C. Moghalu as Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) (*Senator Nkechi Nwaogu —Abia Central*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**8. Confirmation of nomination:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Samuel T. Ukura as the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to report within one week.*

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

*Motion That:* That the Senate do note that the Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2009 was read for the Second Time on Wednesday, 30th September, 2009 and was committed to the Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution;

*Observes* that the Bill is purely on electoral offences and has no constitutional provisions;

*Observes* also that it is necessary to recommit the Bill to the Committee on INEC whose jurisdiction the Bill falls in accordance with the Senate Standing Order 98(33)(iii).

***Accordingly resolves to:***

- (i) Rescind its earlier Resolution to commit the Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2009, to the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution; and
- (ii) Recommit the Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2009 to the Committee on INEC (*Senator Isiaka A. Adeleke —Osun West*).

*Debate:*

*Prayer (i):*

*Question:* That the Senate do rescind its earlier Resolution to commit the Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2009 to the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution — *put and negatived.*

*Prayer (ii):*

*Question:* That the Senate do recommit the Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2009 to the Committee on INEC — *put and negatived.*

*Motion accordingly rejected.*

**10. National Food Reserve Agency Bill 2009 (SB. 179):**

*Motion made:* That the Bill for an Act to Establish the National Food Reserve Agency and for other matters connected therewith 2009 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to report within four weeks.*

**11. Punishment of the Offences of Abduction, Wrongful Restraint and Wrongful Confinement Bill 2009 (SB. 305):**

*Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**12. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 29th October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1.35 p.m.*

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