



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 29th October, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.25 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, 28th October, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President announced that the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) Senators would be meeting immediately after Plenary Session.
4. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols Bill 2009 (SB.315) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB.328) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) National Institute of Hospitality and Tourism (Establishment, Etc.) Bill 2009 (SB.323) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iv) Unclaimed Dividends Trust Fund (Establishment, Etc.) Bill 2009 (SB.343) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (v) Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB.326) — *Read the First Time.*
5. **Sessional Reports:**
The Senate do receive the Sessional Reports of the under-listed Committees in accordance with Rule 102(d) of the Senate Standing Order 2007 (As Amended) for the period June 2008 - June 2009:
 - (i) Committee on Land Transport;
 - (ii) Committee on Local and Foreign Debts;
 - (iii) Committee on Marine Transport;
 - (iv) Committee on Information and Media;

- (v) Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation;
- (vi) Committee on Aviation;
- (vii) Committee on Navy;
- (viii) Committee on Niger-Delta;
- (ix) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream);
- (x) Committee on Police Affairs;
- (xi) Committee on Power, Steel and Metallurgy;
- (xii) Committee on Science and Technology;
- (xiii) Committee on Solid Minerals Development;
- (xiv) Committee on Sports;
- (xv) Committee on States and Local Governments;
- (xvi) Committee on Women and Youth Development; and
- (xvii) Committee on Works.

6. Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the Federation:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Annual Report of the Auditor-General for Federation, on Accounts of the Government of the Federation of Nigeria for the Year Ended 31st December, 2008 in Accordance with Section 85(2) and (5) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Motion:

Successful Disarmament of Armed Groups in the Niger-Delta by President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua:

Motion made: That the Senate do note, that there were various armed groups in the Niger Delta since the year 2000, i.e, about 9 years now;

Further notes that Government at various times tried to disarm the said armed groups by armed confrontation to no avail;

Mindful of the fact that the Niger-Delta is the economic life-wire of Nigeria;

Cognizant of the fact that the Niger-Delta is the hub of economic activities of many nations including the advanced countries, that the crises in the Niger-Delta affects not only Nigeria but is global;

Observes that the neglect or apathy of human and infrastructural development of the Niger-Delta is not a misdeed of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua but various governments of the past 49 years;

Aware that the success of the Federal Government's laudable 7-point Agenda depends on peace and security in the Niger-Delta;

Conscious of the fact that armed confrontation has never solved crises, even at the international level;

Acknowledges that it takes a man of peace to create amity between groups, communities or Nations;

Accedes that President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua is a man of peace; and

Agrees that President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua has successfully completed the first phase of the peace process in the Niger- Delta.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to consciously and passionately pursue the completion of the next level of the peace process in the Niger-Delta; and
- (ii) Send a letter of congratulation to President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua for a feat that qualifies him for a Nobel Prize for Peace (*Nimi Brigha-Anange —Bayelsa East*).

(DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR — 11: 45 A.M.)

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to consciously and passionately pursue the completion of the next level of the peace process in the Niger-Delta — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a letter of congratulation to President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua for a feat that qualifies him for a Nobel Prize for Peace.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "for a feat that qualifies him for a Nobel Prize for Peace" (*Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Question as amended put and agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to consciously and passionately pursue the completion of the next level of the peace process in the Niger-Delta; and
- (ii) That the Senate do send a letter of congratulation to President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua (*S. Res/056/03/09*).

8. 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 presented.

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 Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions on the screening of Dr. Kingsley C. Moghalu as Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

Recommendation:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Dr. Kingsley C. Moghalu — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered 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) 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 Dr. Kingsley C. Moghalu as Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Kingsley C. Moghalu, as Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) accordingly confirmed.

9. 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 presented.

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 Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions on the screening of Alhaji Umaru Ibrahim as Executive Director of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC).

Recommendation:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Alhaji Umaru Ibrahim — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered 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) 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 Alhaji Umaru Ibrahim as Executive Director of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Umaru Ibrahim as Executive Director of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) accordingly confirmed.

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

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Credit Bureau Services Bill 2009 (SB.245):

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 3rd November, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.30 p.m.

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