

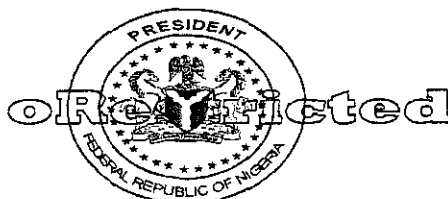


SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18th November, 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 Tuesday, 17th November, 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

November 16, 2009

Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Brother,

**FORWARDING OF A DRAFT BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH
THE NATIONAL LAND REFORM COMMISSION AND
FOR RELATED MATTERS**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Land Reform Commission and for Related Matters.

It is my hope that this Bill will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senators.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. **Announcement**

(A) **Meeting of the Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution:**

The Speaker 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/C/ GEN/09/07

17th November, 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 Legislative Advocacy Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) today, Wednesday, the 18th November, 2009 by 2.00 p.m. at Meeting Room 301 (Senate Building: New Wing).

Signed:

Senator Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy President of the Senate,
Chairman

(B) **Wedding Invitation:**

The Senate President also read a letter from Senator Adego E. Eferakeya (Delta Central) as follows:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
Suite 204, New Senate Building,
Box 14, Senate Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
P.M.B. 141, Garki, Abuja.



HOUSE SENATORIAL OFFICE
Km 1, New Eku Road,
Amusip, P.O. Box 842,
Sapele, Delta State,
Nigeria.

Senator Prof. Sir Chief Adego E. Eferakeya, KSM

B. Pharm, PhD., MD (Pharmacology, Pharmacology & Physiology)
Chairman, Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution

17th November, 2009

The Senate President,
Sen. Dr. David Mark, GCON
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Garki, Abuja

Dear Distinguished President and Colleagues,

I wish to invite distinguished Senators to grace the wedding Ceremony of my daughter on Saturday, 28th November 2009.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

*Venue: St. Mary's Catholic Church,
Amukpe, Sapele, Delta State*

Looking forward to seeing you in Sapele.

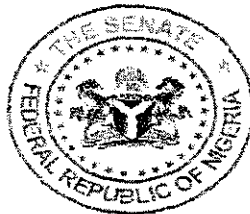
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Signed:

*Sen. Prof. Adegbo Eferakeya, KSM
Delta Central Senatorial District*

(C) **Letter of Appreciation:**

The Senate President further read a letter from Senator (Elder) Anyim Ude (Ebonyi South) as follows:



**Office of
Senator (Elder) Anyim Ude, MON
Ebonyi South Senatorial District**

November 17, 2009

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

Your Excellency,

THANK YOU

I wish to express my profound gratitude to the Senate President, His Excellency, Senator David Mark, GCON, the Deputy Senate President, His Excellency, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, CFR and other Distinguished Colleagues who found time to honour my invitation to attend the ceremony marking the Hand-over/Dedication of a Church Building and my Family Thanksgiving Service held on Saturday, 14th November, 2009 in my village Iyioji-Akaze in Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

2. Your presence added a Senatorial colour to the ceremony. My family and Community have asked me to thank you, Distinguished Colleagues for the honour done to them with your esteemed presence. Once again, thank you, and may God bless you richly.

3. For my Distinguished Colleagues who were unable to attend, I know that you were with us in spirit. We also thank you.

4. Please, accept the assurance of my high regard and concern.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

Senator (Elder) **nyim Ude, MON**
Ebonyi South Senatorial Zone &
Chairman, Senate Committee on Aviation

(D) **Acknowledgement:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of:

- (i) Students of Public Administration Department, Kogi State University, Anyigba, Kogi State;
- (ii) Staff and pupils of God's Anointed Nursery/Primary School, Nyanya, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and students of Jehovah Jireh International College, Jalingo, Taraba State, who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Joint Session of the National Assembly:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit in a Joint Session with the House of Representative to receive an Address by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic on 2010 Appropriation Bill 2010 (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed.

6. Confirmation of nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic for the confirmation of the nominations of Hon. Justice Aloysius Iyorgyer Katsina-Alu, CON as Chief Justice of Nigeria and Hon. Justice I.A. Salami, OFR as President of the Court of Appeal (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within one week.

7. Confirmation of nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic for the confirmation of the nomination of Dr. Sir. Ogbonna Jacob Anuriegbé (Abia State), as a Member of the Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Niger Delta to report within one week.

8. Executive Communication:

2010/2012 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic for the approval of the 2010/2012 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) in line with the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2007 (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Finance to report within two weeks.

9. Committee on Judiciary and Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report of the National Human Rights Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 (SB. 73):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the National Human Rights Commission Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (Senator Victor Ndoma — Cross River 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 JUDICIARY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LEGAL MATTERS ON THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009:

Clause 1: The National Human Rights Commission Act 1995 (in this Act referred to as "the principal Act") is hereby amended as set out in this Act.

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 1 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: The Preamble to the principal Act is amended by substituting therefore the following new Preamble, that is:

"Whereas considering that the United Nations Charter and the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 are based on the principles of the dignity and equality of all human beings and seek, among other basic objectives, the promotion and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion:

And whereas to facilitate Nigeria's implementation of its various treaty obligations, including, but not limited to, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the International Convention for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights:

And whereas the Federal Government of Nigeria is desirous of creating an enabling environment for extra-judicial recognition, promotion and enforcement of all rights recognised and enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, the International and Regional Instruments and under any other existing legislation:

And whereas in furtherance of the above objectives and its determination to provide a forum for public enlightenment and dialogue on and to limit controversy and confrontation over allegations of human rights violations by individuals, corporate bodies, public officers and agencies and to re-affirm the sacred and inviolable nature of human and other fundamental rights:"

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 2 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Governing Council of the Commission:
Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by substituting therefore the following new section:

- (1) There shall be for the Commission a Governing Council (in this Act referred to as "the Council") which shall be responsible for the discharge of the functions of the Commission.
- (2) The Council shall consist of:
- (a) Chairperson who shall be a retired Justice of the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, or a retired judge of the Federal High Court or of the High Court of a State or a legal practitioner with 20 years post qualification experience, and requisite experience in human rights.
- (b) representative each of the following Federal Ministries, that is:
-) Justice who shall not be below the rank of a Director;
 - i) Foreign Affairs who shall not be below the rank of a Director;
 - ii) Internal Affairs who shall not be below the rank of a Deputy Controller of Prisons.
- provided that Ex-officio members shall not have voting powers in the Council
- (c) representative of the Nigeria Police Force who shall not be below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner of Police;
- Committee's Recommendations:*
have out the provision in Sub-Clause 2(2)(c) (Senator Victor Ndoma-uba) — Agreed to.
- (d) three representatives of registered human rights organisations in Nigeria;
- (e) two legal practitioners who shall not have less than ten years post qualification experience to be appointed on the recommendation of National Executive Committee of the Nigeria Bar Association;
- (f) three representatives of the print and electronic media, one to represent the public and two to represent the private media;
- (g) one representative of the organised labour;
- (h) two other persons who shall be women with sufficient experience in human rights issues; and
- (i) Executive Secretary of the Commission;
- (3) The Chairperson and members of the Council shall each be:
- (a) persons of proven integrity; and
- (b) appointed by the President subject to the confirmation by the Senate.
- (4) Every member of the Council shall, before entering upon his duties, make and subscribe an oath that he will faithfully and impartially and to the best of his ability discharge the duties devolving upon him under the Act, that he will not divulge the proceedings or the votes or opinions of the members of the Council on any matter relevant to the functions of the Commission.
- (5) Such oaths shall be in accordance with the Oaths Act; and in this Act, "Oath" includes affirmation and declaration.
- (6) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect in relation to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters contained therein.

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 3 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Tenure of office, etc

- (1) Section 3 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by substituting therefore the following new subsection, that is:
- (2) A member of the Council may at any time, resign his office in writing addressed to the President and which resignation shall become effective on acceptance by the President.
- (3) Members of the Council shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the President, on the recommendation of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 4 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Cessation of Membership

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by:

- (a) deleting subsection (2) thereof; and
- (b) renumbering the existing subsection (3) as subsection (2).
- (1) A Member of the Council shall be removed from office by the President Commander - In - Chief of the Armed Forces subject to confirmation by simple majority of the Senate, if -
 - (a) he becomes of unsound mind; or
 - (b) he becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with his creditors; or
 - (c) he is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty; or
 - (d) he is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to his duties
- (2) A member of the Council may be removed from office by the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the public that the member should remain in office.

Committee's Recommendations:

Leave out the provision in Sub-Clause 5(2) (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*)
— *Agreed to.*

- (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor, so however that the successor shall represent the same interest and shall be appointed by the President.

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 5 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Questions to.

that Clause 5 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

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Clause 6:

Function Section in paragraph

is of the Commission:

of the principal Act is amended:

paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (g) and (h) by substituting therefore the following new paragraphs, that is:

- (a) deal with all matters relating to the promotion and protection of human rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and other international and regional instruments on human rights to which Nigeria is a party;
- (b) monitor and investigate all alleged cases of human rights violation in Nigeria and make appropriate recommendation to the President for the prosecution and such other actions as it may deem expedient in each circumstance;
- (c) assist victims of human rights violation and seek appropriate redress and remedies on their behalf;
- (d) undertake studies on all matters pertaining to human rights and assist the Federal, State and Local Governments where it considers it appropriate to do so in the formulation of appropriate policies on the guarantee of human rights;
- (e) publish and submit, from time to time, to the President, the National Assembly, the Judiciary, State and local Governments, reports on the state of human rights promotion and protection in Nigeria;
- (f) organise local and international seminars, workshops and conferences on human rights issues for public enlightenment;
- (g) liaise and cooperate, in such manner as it considers appropriate, with local and International organisations on human rights with the purpose of advancing the promotion and protection of human rights;
- (h) participate in such manner as it considers appropriate in all international activities relating to the promotion and protection of human rights;
- (i) maintain a library, collect data and disseminate information and materials on human rights generally;
- (j) receive and investigate complaints concerning violations of human rights and make appropriate determination as may be deemed necessary in each circumstance;
- (k) examine any existing legislation, administrative provisions and proposed bills or bye laws for the purpose of ascertaining whether such enactments proposed bills or bye laws are consistent with human rights norms;

- (l) prepare and publish, in such manner as the Commission considers appropriate, guidelines for the avoidance of acts or practices with respect to the functions and powers of the Commission under this Act;
- (m) promote an understanding of public discussions of human rights issues in Nigeria;
- (n) undertake research and educational programmes and such other programmes for the promoting and protecting of human rights and co-ordinate any such programme on behalf of the Federal, State or Local Governments on its own initiative when so requested by the Federal, State or local Governments and report concerning the enactment of legislation on matters relating to human rights;
- (o) on its own initiative or when requested by the Federal, State or Local Governments, report on actions that should be taken by the Federal, State or Local Governments to comply with the provisions of any relevant international human rights instruments;
- (p) refer any matter of human rights violation requiring prosecution to the Attorney-General of the Federation or of a State, as the case may be;
- (q) where it considers it appropriate to do so, act as a conciliator between parties to a complaint;
- (r) where it considers it appropriate, with the leave of the court hearing the proceedings and subject to any conditions imposed by the court, intervene in any proceedings that involve human rights issues;"
- (s) carry out all such other functions as are necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions under this Act:

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 6 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7:

Powers of the Commission

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by substituting therefore the following new section, that is:

- (1) The Commission shall have power to:
 - (a) conduct its investigations and inquiries in such manner as it considers appropriate;
 - (b) institute any civil action on any matter it deems fit in relation to the exercise of its functions under this Act;
 - (c) Appoint any person, whether or not such person is in the public service, to act as an interpreter in any matter brought before it and to translate any such books, papers or writings produced to it;
 - (d) visit prisons, police cells and other places of detention in order to ascertain the conditions thereof and make recommendations to the appropriate authorities;
 - (e) make determination as to the damages or compensation payable in relation to any violation of human rights where it deems this necessary in the circumstances of the case.

-) co-operate with and consult with such other agencies and organisations, governmental and non-governmental, as it may deem appropriate; and
 -) do such other things as are incidental, necessary, conducive or expedient for the performance of its functions under this Act.
- (2) Whenever it appears to the chairman upon information, and after such enquiry as he shall think necessary, that there is reasonable cause to suspect that in any place there is an evidence of the commission of any offence under this Act, he may by written order direct an officer of the Commission to obtain a court order to-
 -) enter upon any land or premises or by any agent or agents duly authorized in writing for any purpose which, in the opinion of the Council is material to the functions of the Commission, and in particular, for the purpose of obtaining evidence or information or of inspecting or taking copies of any documents required by or which may be of an assistance to the Commission and for safeguarding any such document or property which in the opinion of the Council ought to be safeguarded for any purpose of its investigations or proceedings;
 -) summon and interrogate any person, body or authority to appear before it for the purpose of a public inquiry aimed at the resolution of a complaint of human rights violation;
 -) issue a warrant to compel the attendance of any person who, after having been summoned to attend fails, refuses or neglects to do so and does not excuse, such failure, refusal or neglect to the satisfaction of the Commission;
 -) compel any person, body or authority who, in its opinion, has any information relating to any matter under its investigation to furnish it with any information or produce any document or other evidence which is in his or her custody and which relates to any matter being investigated;

compel the attendance of witnesses to produce evidence before it;
- (3) exercising its functions and powers under this Act, the Commission shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other authority or person.
- (4) shall be an offence for any person, body or authority to:
 - refuse to provide evidence, including documentary evidence to the Commission in response to a written request to do so;
 - obstruct or do anything to prevent any member of the Council or an employee of the Commission from the lawful exercise of any of the functions conferred on the Commission by this Act;
 - punish, intimidate, harass or discriminate against any person for co-operating with the Commission in the exercise of its functions under this Act.
 - refuse to comply with lawful directives, determination, decision or finding of the commission.
- (5) Any person who commits an offence under subsection (3) of this section shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of six months or a fine of ₦100,000.00 or to both such imprisonment and fine."

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 7 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 7 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8: Executive Secretary of the Commission

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing subsection (1) the following new subsection, that is:

- (1) There shall be for the Commission an Executive Secretary -
 - (a) who shall be a legal Practitioner with not less than 20 years post qualification experience, and requisite experience in human rights issues.
 - (b) who shall be a person of proven integrity and be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Commission;
 - (c) who shall be appointed by the President subject to confirmation by the Senate;
 - (d) whose remuneration, salary and allowances shall be a direct charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation;
 - (e) who shall be before entering upon his duties make and ascribe to an oath as provided in subsection (4) of section 2 of this Act

Committee's Recommendations:

Leave out the provision in Sub-Clauses 8(1)(d) and (e) (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 8 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9: Condition of service:

Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by substituting therefore the following new section, that is:

The Council shall determine the conditions of service, including salaries, pensions and gratuities as are appropriate for its employees.

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 9 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: Fund of the Commission:

- (1) Section 12 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by inserting a new sub-section (2) and re-number existing sub-section as sub-section (3) accordingly.

- (2) The funds of the Commission shall be a charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.

- (3) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section -

- 2) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the Federation for the Commission;
- 3) any fees charged for services rendered by the Commission; and
- 4) all other sums accruing to the Commission by way of gifts, testamentary depositions, endowments and contributions from philanthropic persons and organizations or otherwise however.

Committee's Recommendations:

that the provision in Clause 10 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

*Quest
agree*

that Clause 10 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and

Clause 11:

Borrowing Power, etc:

Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by substituting therefore the following new section, that is:

- 1) The Commission may borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source such specific amount as may be required by the Commission for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Act.
- 2) The Commission, may subject to this Act and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds.
- 3) The Commission may, from time to time, invest any surplus funds of the Commission in securities prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act. or such other securities.
- 4) Subject to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the Commission may acquire or lease any land required for its purpose under this Act.

Committee's Recommendations:

that the provision in Clause 11 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

*Quest
agree*

that Clause 11 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and

Clause 12:

Establishment of Human Rights Fund:

1) Immediately after the existing section 14 of the principal Act, insert the following new section 15 as follows:

- 1) There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Human Rights Fund (in this Act referred to as "the Fund") which shall be applied by the Commission towards -
 - (a) the conduct of research on human rights issues;
 - (b) the facilitation of human rights activities of the Commission in collaboration with other human rights non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other stakeholders.
- 2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section -
 - (a) such sums as may be provided by the Federal, State or local Government for purposes of the Fund;

- (b) such contributions from national and multi-national, public and private companies and institutions carrying on business in Nigeria.
- (3) Such contributions made under sub-section C to the fund shall be tax deduct able.

Committee's Recommendations:

That the provision in Clause 12 as recommended be retained (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on National Human Rights Commission Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1 - 6 — As Recommended

Clauses 7 - 12 — As Recommended

The Bill recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters for further legislative action.

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

9. Registration of Mobile Phone Subscribers Bill 2009 (SB. 227):

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 19th November, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.25 p.m.

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