



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 19th November, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.30 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, 18th November, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Motion made:** That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to discuss issues relating to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

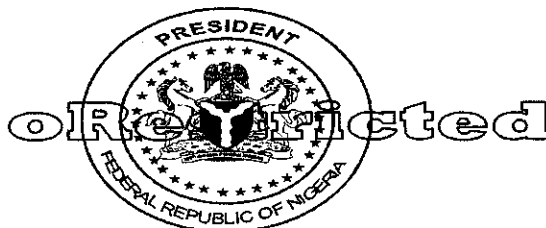
Question put and agreed to.

Senate in Closed Session - 10:40 am

Senate in Open Session - 11:25 am

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session discussed issues relating to the workings of the Senate.

4. **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

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

November 16, 2009

Dear Brother,

**FORWARDING OF A DRAFT BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE
ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION OF NIGERIA 2009**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, a draft Bill for an Act to Establish the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria, 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

4. Announcement:

Call to Glory of Mrs. Esther Nnena Adeleke:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke (Osun West) as follows:



Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke

Chairman, Senate Committee on
Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
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*His Excellency
Sen. David B. Mark
President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Your Excellency,

Call to Glory of Mrs. ESTHER NNENA ADELEKE

With deep and profound sense of loss and a heart full of gratitude to God, I announce the passing to glory of my dear mother, Mrs. Esther Nnena Adeleke whose sun set at about 4.00 pm on Monday, 9th November, 2009 at the age of 85years.

By this announcement, I wish to, with respect and humility invite Your Excellency and my distinguished colleagues to honour my family with your distinguished presence at the burial ceremonies which takes place at Ede, Osun State as follows:

Thursday, December 17, 2009:

Service of songs and wake keep at the NYSC Orientation Camp Ground AISU- State Hospital Road, Ede at 6pm.

Friday, December 18, 2009:

*Funeral Service at the NYSC Orientation Camp Ground, Ede. Interment follows immediately.
Entertainment of Guests at the NYSC orientation camp ground.*

Saturday, December 19, 2009:

10:00 am - Prayers by the League of Imams and Alfas at her Residence, Olurombi Compound, Ede, to be followed by Entertainment of Guests at the NYSC Orientation Camp, Aisu- Hospital Road, Ede.

I respectfully ask for your kind prayers throughout the funeral challenges and beyond.

I thank Your Excellency and my distinguished colleagues for your kind and sympathetic attention.

God bless you.

Yours Sincerely,

Sen. Isiaka A. Adeleke

Asiwaju of Edeland

1st Executive Governor, Osun State.

5. Motion:

Alarming Spread of the H1n1 (Swine) Flu Virus Worldwide and its Consequent Rapid Pandemic Potential in Nigeria Today:

Motion made: The Senate observes the alarming outbreak in early April and subsequent rapid spread of the H1n1 flu virus in Mexico, United States, Japan and other parts of the world, its impact on the Health and Safety of Nigerians in Diaspora and the resultant outbreak potentiality in Nigeria;

Observes the apparent inability of afflicted countries to contain the spread of the Virus within their borders;

Notes that the global health body, WHO, has officially declared the global flu outbreak an epidemic, with pandemic emphasis in developing countries and Africa;

Notes that the World Health Organisation confirmed in its statement published on its website on Friday, the 25th of September 2009 that laboratory-confirmed cases of Two Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand, Two Hundred and Six (254,206) people worldwide are now infected and spreading the virus worldwide in an alarming rate;

Notes that the World Health Organisation confirmed in its statement published on its website on Friday, the 25th of September 2009 that:

- (a)*** Some 3,917 people have died from swine flu infections since the A(H1n1) virus was uncovered in April, with 431 deaths worldwide occurring between the 18th and 25th of September 2009 alone (more than 20% of the total deaths), in a period of just one week, which included 36 children;
- (b)*** The Americas region continued to post the highest number of fatal cases, at 2,948;
- (c)*** The Asia-Pacific region reported 702 deaths, while Europe recorded at least 154 fatalities;
- (d)*** In the Middle East, 72 people have succumbed to the virus while in Africa, 41 deaths have been recorded (with 31 confirmed cases in Botswana and 2 confirmed deaths in South Africa, etc);
- (e)*** The death of Ecuador's President's Head of Security, Lt. Col. John Merino as a result of the H1N1Viral infection in early September 2009;
- (f)*** The northern hemisphere, which will soon enter the flu-prone winter season, is recording an overall increase in flu cases; and
- (g)*** Three-quarters of all flu cases detected during the week of September 6 to 12 were pandemic flu cases.

Notes that on April 28, WHO's spokeswoman, Dr. Keiji Fukuda pointed out that it is now too late to contain the swine flu. Saying that "Containment is not a feasible operation. Countries should now focus on mitigating the effect of the virus;

Notes the alleged existence of a new vaccine in South Africa;

Notes the recent declaration by the Nigerian Minister of Health confirming the first Nigerian case of an infection occurring in an American immigrant student in Nigeria;

Notes the renewed efforts being made by the Federal Ministry of Health to enlighten the citizenry on the mode of transmission and infection of the virus;

Observes that in 1986 when the HIV virus was first detected in Nigeria, little or nothing was done to contain and curtail its spread then, consequently resulting in the present day widespread incidents of infection in Nigeria and a repeat of history must be forestalled with respect to this new flu epidemic;

Observes that with respect to an epidemic containment, Nigerian Immigration policies are porous and unreliable;

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate its Committees on Health to:

- (a) ensure its availability in Nigeria; and
- (b) urgently ascertain the level of preparedness (*Senator Osita Izunaso — Imo West*).

Debate:

Prayer:

Question: That the Senate do mandate its Committee on Health to:

- (a) ensure its availability in Nigeria — *Agreed to*.
- (b) urgently ascertain the level of preparedness — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:

That the Senate do mandate its Committee on Health to:

- (a) ensure the availability of vaccine in Nigeria; and
- (b) urgently ascertain the level of preparedness (*S. Res/059/3/09*).

6. Committee on Finance:

Report on the screening of a nominee:

Consideration of the Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 24th 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.