

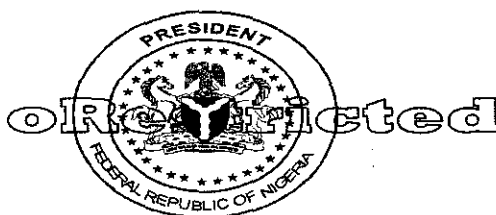


SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10 December, 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 Tuesday, 1st December, 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 the Mr President which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

November 18th, 2009

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

Dear Brother,

CONFIRMATION OF NOMINEE

You may wish to recall that in your letter NASS/CS/R/04/65 of 30th July 2009 conveying the confirmation of nominees for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission, the nomination of Hon. Jude I. Ise-Idehen earlier submitted as a part-time member representing Edo State in the Niger Delta Development Commission was not confirmed.

I am, therefore, presenting Mr. Donald Igiede Omorodion, whose Curriculum Vitae is attached herewith, as a replacement for Hon. Jude I. Ise-Idehen.

In line with the provision of Section 2(2)(a) of the NDDC Act, 2000, I hereby present the nominee for confirmation by the Senate in consultation with the House of Representatives.

While hoping that the exercise will receive the usual expeditious consideration and passage by the Distinguished Senators, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

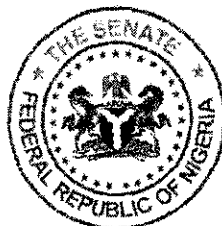
Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcements:

(A) Postponement of an Event:

The Senate President also read a letter from Senator Zaynab A. Kure as follows:



Senator Zaynab A. Kure
Niger South Senatorial District
Chairperson Senate Committee on National Planning,
Economic Affairs & Poverty Alleviation

9th December, 2009

*The Senate President,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

My Dear Distinguished Colleagues,

ANNOUNCEMENT

Compliments of the season, I write to formerly intimate you about the indefinite postponement of my event under the broad theme... Our service to you, due to exigencies beyond my immediate control I am hereby obliged with regrets. The event was planned for the 12th of December, 2009 as you were earlier intimated, it was meant to be my constituency-reach out programme. It included the following components:

- *The Unveiling of renovated Badeggi Rural Hospital in Badeggi, Niger State.*
- *Commissioning of Self help Constituency Projects.*
- *The Graduation of 350 Project YES beneficiaries.*
- *Award of Micro-credit to co-operatives and small businesses.*

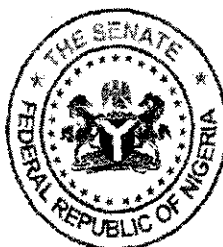
This letter hereby nullifies all notifications and invitation cards earlier sent out. My humble self and the Organizing Committee shall communicate to you the new date.

Once more on behalf of the Organizing Committee, I apologize for any untoward inconveniences the indefinite postponement might have caused you. We also remain immensely gratified of your support to us at all times.

Signed:
Zaynab A. Kure

(B) **Appreciation:**

The Senate President also read a letter from Senator Gyang D. Dantong as follows:



Senator Dr. Gyang D. Dantong JP MBBS, MPH

Plateau North Senatorial District
Vice Chairman, Senate Committee Health

1st December, 2009

The Senate President,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

APPRECIATION LETTER

I write to thank most sincerely, the Senate President Senator Dr. David A.B Mark (GCON) and my colleagues, Distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for their show of love and concern to the Dantong's family; both in our moments of joy when we sent-off our sister, Miss Julie Dantong to her matrimonial home, and moments of grief and great trial when my Son, Kim Gyang Dantong passed on to glory.

Your phone calls, text messages, personal visits and importantly, the visit by Senate Committee on Health's delegation under the leadership of the Chairman Senator Iyabo Bello - Obasanjo has truly encouraged us so much and given us the courage to accept the will God in the early departure of our dear son.

Thank you very much for the friendships and love. We have indeed been comforted by these.

May the Almighty God bless you all and your entire Constituents.

Please accept the assurances of the family's high regards.

Signed:

Senator Dr. Gyang D. Dantong

(C) **Zonal Public hearing on 1999 Constitution Review:**

The Senate President further read a letter from Senator Abubakar D. Sondangi as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT

All Distinguished Senators from the North-Central States are hereby reminded to attend our zonal public hearing on 1999 Constitution Review in Makurdi on 13th December, 2009.

All necessary arrangement to make the hearing successful has been completed.

Thanks.

Signed:

Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi
Chairman, North-Central zone Committee on 1999 Constitutional Review

Federal Bush Fire Control Agency (Est, etc) Bill, 2009 (SB. 334) — *Read the First Time.*

Nigerian Merchant Navy, Safety and Security Corps (Est, etc) Bill, 2009 (SB. 341) — *Read the First Time.*

Non Governmental Organisations Regulation and Co-ordination Bill, 2009 (SB. 367) — *Read the First Time.*

Armed Forces (Disciplinary Proceedings) (Special Provisions) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2009 (SB.337) — *Read the First Time.*

Computer Misuse Bill, 2009 (SB. 346) — *Read the First Time.*

6 Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriation and Finance:

Virement:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Joint Committee on Appropriation and Finance, on the request by Mr. President, C-in-C, for Virement Proposals in respect of the 2009 Appropriation Act, prepared by the under-listed Ministries and Approve the Recommendations Therein;

S/NO	MINISTRIES	AMOUNT VIRED	
		CAPITAL	RECURRENT
1	Niger Delta Affairs	933,000,000	1,124,627,000
2	Power	1,763,051,678	
3	Science and Technology	9,000,000	
4	Interior	33,000,000	56,086,178
5	Defense	8,011,610,082	
6	Federal Capital Administration	6,150,000,000	
7	Aviation	1,946,189,738	
8	Agriculture and Water Resources	11 ,012,000,000	
	TOTAL	29,857,851,498	1,180,713,178
	TOTAL AMOUNT VIRED		31,038,564,676

(Senator Ahmed M. Maccido —Sokoto North).

Report presented.

Debate.

Question put and agreed to.

Virement accordingly approved.

Conferees to virement of 2009 Appropriation Act:

The Senate President named the following Senators as conferees to virement in respect of 2009 Appropriation Act:

- (i) Senator Ahmed M. Maccido — Chairman
- (ii) Senator Zaynab A. Kure — Member
- (iii) Senator Sulaiman M. Nazif — Member

- (iv) Senator Ramoni O. Mustapha — Member
- (v) Senator Heineken Lokpobiri — Member
- (vi) Senator Chimaroke Nnamani — Member

7 Report of the Committee on Capital Market:

Report on the Screening of Nominees;

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Capital Market on the screening of Ms. Arunma Oteh and Mr. Ahmed Makele as Director-General and Executive Commissioner Respectively, for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (*Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon —Lagos West*).

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 Capital Market on the screening of Ms. Arunma Oteh and Mr. Ahmed Makele as Director-General and Executive Commissioner Respectively, for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Recommendation:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Ms. Arunma Oteh as Director-General of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). — *Agreed to.*

Mr. Ahmed Makele as Executive Commissioner of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). — *Nomination Withdrawn.*

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 Capital Market on the screening of Ms. Arunma Oteh as Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) 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 Ms. Arunma Oteh as Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ms. Arunma Oteh as Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accordingly confirmed.

8 Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:

Report on the Screening of Nominees:

Consideration of the Report deferred to another legislative day.

**9 Committee on Niger Delta:
Report on the Screening of Nominees:**

Consideration of the Report deferred to another legislative day.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 16th December, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.05 p.m

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