



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th December, 2009

1. The Senate met at 2.30 p.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 10th December, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(A) **Wedding Invitation:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator A.D Sodangi as follows:



SENATOR A.D SODANGI

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Senator (Dr.) David A. B. Mark, GCON
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly
Abuja.

My Very Dear SP,

Reminder of wedding Notification

With reference to my earlier letter Notification of Wedding Fatiha of my first Child/daughter - Fadila Abubakar Sodangi to you, I have the pleasure of requesting you as my Senate President and Chairman of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to serve as the SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR and all my Distinguished Colleagues to serve as fathers/mothers of the day for the forthcoming Wedding Fatiha which will In-sha Allah hold on Saturday. 19th December 2009.

There will be a Dinner tomorrow - 17th December, 2009, at International Conference Centre, Abuja at 7.30 p.m.

The Wedding Fatiha will take place at MARHABAL-HALAL MOSQUE-KEFFI ROAD, (near the Federal Polytechnic Gate) Nasarawa Town, Nasarawa State, by 11.00 am prompt.

While looking forward to see your presence at the occasion, please accept the assurance of my best regards.

Signed:

Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi

Chairman

Senate Committee on FCT

(B) *Appreciation:*

The Senate President also read a letter from Senator Paulker Emmanuel as follows:



Senator Paulker Emmanuel

(Bayelsa Central Senatorial District)
Chairman, Senate Committee on Downstream Petroleum

14 December, 2009

His Excellency

The President of the Senate

The Senate

Federal Republic of Nigeria

National Assembly Complex, Abuja

APPRECIATION

I wish to express on behalf of my entire family, our very sincere appreciation to your Excellency, the President of the Senate and my distinguished colleagues for the honour done us by your attendance and support during the wedding of our son Sinime Paulker Emmanuel on Saturday, 12 December, 2009 in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

I thank your Excellency and my distinguished colleagues.

Yours Sincerely

Signed:

Senator Paulker Emmanuel

(C) *Wedding Invitaion:*

The Senate President further read a letter from Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange as follows:



Senator Nimi Barigha - Amange

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15th December, 2009

*The Senate
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Through:

*The Senate President
National Assembly Complex Abuja.*

My Dear Bosses and Colleagues

RE: MARRIAGE CEREMONIES OF MY DAUGHTER, MISS OVO BARIGHA

With reference to my earlier invitation to distinguished Senators in respect of the marriage ceremonies of my daughter, may I formally notify the Senate that the traditional marriage ceremony will take place as scheduled at Senator (Chief) Nimi Barigha-Amange Residence, GRA Ekeki Yenagoa, 12.00 noon, 17th December, 2009 and the Church Wedding as scheduled at Chapel of Redemption, River State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, 10.00 am, 19th of December, 2009. Reception follows immediately at Diete-Spiff Civil Centre, Port Harcourt.

Distinguished Senators who may wish to grace the traditional marriage in Yenagoa on the 17th December 2009, will be air-lifted by Chopper from Port Harcourt to Yenagoa and back to Port Harcourt same day.

I would be highly honoured by your distinguished presence at this auspicious occasion.

Yours very sincerely

*Signed:
Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange
Bayelsa East Senatorial District*

4. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41 Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe presented a petition from Mrs Udeoji Tochukwu Francisca for wrongful dismissal from National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

Petition laid.

Petition accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petition.

5. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies Act (Amendment) Bill 2009 (SB. 358) —*Read the First Time.*

(ii) Federal University of Petroleum Resources (Est. etc) Bill 2009 (SB. 338) —*Read the First Time.*

(iii) Private Prosecutions Bill 2009 (SB. 345) —*Read the First Time.*

(iv) Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology Bill 2009 (SB. 344)—*Read the First Time.*

6. Report of the Conference Committee on Virement Proposal:

Motion made; That the Senate do consider and approve the Report of the Conference Committee on the Virement Proposals in respect of the 2009 Appropriation Act, prepared by the under-listed Minister (Senator Ahmed M. Maccido —Sokoto North).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Presented.

Debate.

Further consideration of Report deferred to the next legislative day.

7. Confirmation of nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief, for the Confirmation of the nominations of;

- (1) Hon. Justice Aloysius Iyorgyer Katsina-Alu, CON as Chief Justice of Nigeria
- (2) Hon. Justice I.A Salami, OFR as President of the Court of Appeal (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17 to enable the Senate invite the nominees, Honourable Ministers and Honourable Justices of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the floor of the Senate.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Screening of Presidential Nominees for appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria and President of Court of Appeal.

Recommendation:

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

Hon. Justice Aloysius Iyorgyer Katsina-Alu, CON as Chief Justice of Nigeria — *Agreed to.*

Hon. Justice I.A Salami, OFR as President of the Court of Appeal — *Agreed to.*

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the sitting of the Senate (Order 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in an open Session sat in Committee of the Whole, considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, 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 and approved their nominations.

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 Hon. Justice Aloysius Iyorgyer Katsina-Alu, CON as Chief Justice of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice Aloysius Iyorgyer Katsina-Alu, CON as Chief Justice of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Justice I.A Salami, OFR as President of the Court of Appeal?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice I.A Salami, OFR as President of the Court of Appeal accordingly confirmed.

8. Committee on Niger Delta:
Report on the Screening of nominees:

Consideration of the Report deferred to the next Legislative day.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made: And being 6:45 p.m the Senate President adjourned the Senate to Thursday, 17th December, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

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