



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th February, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.20a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 11th February, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had received a letter from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

February 11, 2009

Senator David Mark
Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Dear brother,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL
ROADS MAINTENANCE AGENCY**

Section 2 of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Act, 2007 provides that the Governing Board of the Agency shall consist of:

- (a) *Chairman, who shall be drawn from the Private Sector;*
- (b) *representative of the:*
 - (i) *Director in charge of Federal Highways Development;*
 - (ii) *Federal Ministry of Finance;*
 - (iii) *National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO);*
 - (iv) *Petroleum Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPRA);*
 - (v) *Nigerian Association of Public Highways and Transportation Officials (NAPHTO);*
 - (vi) *Federal Road Safety Corps;*
 - (vii) *One member each from the six geo-political zones; and*
- (c) *Managing Director of the Agency.*

Section 3 of the Agency's enabling Act also provides that the Board shall be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 3 of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Act, 2007 decided to appoint the underlisted as Chairman and Members in the Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency.

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	ZONE
1	Engr. Abdulkadir Abdullahi Kure	Chairman	
2	Engr. Abdul-Azeez Alhaji Umaru	Member	North West
3	Mallam Yakubu W. Bello	Member	North East
4	Musa Hussein Esq.	Member	North Central
5	Mr. Arikawe Akinlose Sylvester	Member	South West
6	Chief Fidelis Ike Ndeokwelu	Member	South East
7	Barr. Bolatsi Omatseye Dudu	Member	South South

Accordingly, in line with Section 3 of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Act, 2007 which states that the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby forward the names of the nominees whose Curriculum Vitae are attached herewith for confirmation by the Senate.

Please accept, Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

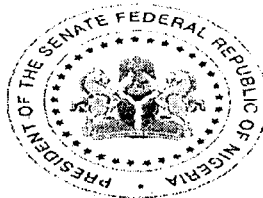
Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcements:

- (i) The Deputy Senate President read a letter from the Senate President as follows:



The President
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

February 15, 2009

*Senator Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
The Deputy Senate President,
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

My Dear Ekweremadu,

I will not attend sitting today Tuesday, 17th February, 2009. This is to enable me go for my eye examination and medication.

I will appreciate it if you will kindly convey the same information to our distinguished colleagues and bosses.

May God guide and bless all your proceedings.

Thank you.

*Signed:
Senator (Dr) David A. B. Mark, GCON
President of the Senate*

- (ii) The Deputy Senate President also read a letter from Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba SAN as follows:

THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



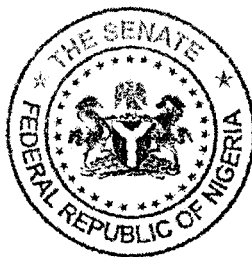
SENATOR VICTOR NDOMA-EGBA S.A.N.
DEPUTY SENATE LEADER
ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Jos crisis today at 3:00 p.m.

The Venue is the Office of the Chairman and Deputy Senate Leader.

Signed:

- (iii) The Deputy Senate President further read a letter from Senator Bode Olajumoke as follows:



SENATOR BODE OLAJUMOKE Ph. D, B. L.
ONDO NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

16th January 2009

*Senator David Mark GCON,
Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Mr President,

ANNOUNCEMENT

**RE: RECEPTION IN MY HONOUR "SENATOR BODE OLAJUMOKE LAW FACULTY
COMPLEX" ADEKUNLE AJASIN UNIVERSITY. AKUNGBA AKOKO ONDO STATE.**

This is to remind All Distinguished Senators invited to the reception in my honour by the Law faculty of Adekunle Ajasin University -- Akungba Akoko that the ceremony still holds.

Venue: Kano Hall, Transcorp Hilton, Abuja

Time: 5pm

Date: 17th February 2009

I will feel highly honoured by your, presence. Please endeavour to be punctual.

Signed:

SENATOR BODE OLAJUMOKE

- (iv) *Acknowledgement:*

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Gudmerc Kiddies Institute, Kuduru, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

5. Dismal Performance of the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP):

Motion made: That the Senate do acknowledge that, about 70% Nigerians live below the poverty line;

Further Acknowledge that the zeal to fight poverty in this country has been in the agenda of past and present administrations;

Observes that the real commitment to eradicate the scourge of poverty by the present administration was manifested by its seven point agenda;

Notes that the National Poverty Eradication Programme was established by the administration of President Olusegun Obasanjo vide Federal Executive's conclusions dated 17th January, 2001;

Further observes that, Eight Years after the establishment of the Agency, it could not effectively impact on the lives of the less privileged Nigerians despite the huge resources committed through appropriation and MDG funds;

Regrets that, all that was heard of the Agency and the activities was just on the pages of our National dailies and that each of its numerous mouth watering schemes ends with the grandeur of its official launching Ceremony; and

Aware of the serious debacle surrounding the non-completion of the KEKE NAPEP Contracts for the supply of 5000 units of KEKE awarded since 2007 for the sum "of ₦2.4 billion.

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate its Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to conduct public Hearing into the activities of NAPEP (*Senator Zaynab A. Kure*).

Debate:

Prayer:

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to conduct Public Hearing on the activities of NAPEP.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "conduct" in line 2, *leave out* the words "Public Hearing" and *insert* the words "a comprehensive investigation" instead thereof (*Senator George T. Sekibo*).

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

Question on the prayer as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do mandate the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to conduct a comprehensive investigation on the activities of NAPEP (*S. Res/030/09*).

6. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Consideration deferred to another legislative day.

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Consideration deferred to another legislative day.

8. Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs:

Consideration deferred to another legislative day.

9. Committee on Federal Character and Inter- Governmental Affairs Bill 2009 (SB. 57):

Consideration deferred to another legislative day.

10. Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria Bill 2008 (SB.142):

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 18th February, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.40p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu , CFR
Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.