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**SENATE OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Thursday, 19th November, 2009

The Senate met at 10.35 a.m.

PRAYERS

(The President in the Chair)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The President: Distinguished Senators, we have before us the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18th November, 2009. Pages 281, 282, 283, 284?

Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange (Bayelsa East): Mr. President, on page 284, under (d) *acknowledgement*, the second line, that is, (i) *Student's of Public Administration Department, Kogi State University*. Is it Anyagba or Ayingba? I think it is Ayingba.

The President: Very good, you are right, Senator Barigha-Amange.

Senator Dahiru A. Kuta (Niger East): Mr. President, item No. 5 on the *Joint Session of the National Assembly*, first line *that the Senate do sit in a Joint Session with the House of Representative*. Letter (s) is missing.

The President: Secretariat, take note. Is there any comment on page 285?

Senator Nimi-Barigha-Amange: Page 285 Clause 2, starting with *whereas*, line 4, *the promotion and respect for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms*. I do not think we have *freedoms*; there should be no (s).

The President: Secretariat, please take note. Pages 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293?

Senator Manzo G. Anthony (Taraba North): Mr. President, I move that the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18th November, 2009 be approved as amended.

Senator Patricia Naomi Akwashiki (Nasarawa North): Mr. President, I second that the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18th November, 2009 be approved.

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Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18th November, 2009 as amended, be approved.

MESSAGE FROM MR. PRESIDENT

*Senator David Mark,
President of the Senate,*

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
PRESIDENT**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President: We have a letter from Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke, Chairman Senate Committee on INEC.

*His Excellency,
Senator David B. Mark,
President of the Senate,*

Your Excellency,

Call to Glory of Mrs. Esther Nnena Adeleke

With deep and profound sense of loss and the 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 p.m. on Monday, 9th November, 2009 at the age of 85 years.

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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 17th, 2009: Service of Songs and wake keep at the NYSC Orientation Camp AISU – State Hospital Road, Ede at 6.00 p.m.

Friday, December 18th, 2009: Funeral Service at the NYSC Orientation Camp Ground, Ede. Internment follows immediately. Entertainment of Guests at the NYSC orientation camp ground.

Saturday, December 19th, 2009: 10.00 a.m. – 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,

(Singed)

Sen. Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke

Asiwaju of Edeland

1st Executive Governor, Osun State

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

H1n1 (Swine) Flu Virus

Senator Teslim Kolawole Folarin (Oyo Central): Mr. President, the first Order of the Day is a Motion standing in the name of Senator Osita Izunaso, on the alarming spread of the H1n1 (Swine) Flu Virus Worldwide and its consequent rapid pandemic potential in Nigeria today.

May I invite Senator Osita Izunaso, to move his Motion.

Senator Osita B. Izunaso (Imo West): Mr. President, this Motion was brought to the Senate Leader about six months ago. We interfaced yesterday with the Senate Committee Chairman on Health. I will go ahead

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and present my Motion thereafter, we will decide to invite the Senate Committee Chairman on Health to explain to us what the situation is at the moment. The Motion reads:

The Senate:

Observes the alarming outbreak in early April and subsequent rapid spread of the H1n1 Flu Virus in Mexico, United States of America, Japan and other parts of the world. Its impact on the Health and Safety of Nigerians in Diaspora and the resultant outbreak potentially in Nigeria.

Also observes the apparent inability of the 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 Organization 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.

Also Notes that the World Health Organization 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 (H1NI) 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, et cetera);
- (e) The death of Ecuador's President's Head of Security, Lt. Col. John Merino as a result of the H1NI Viral infection in early September 2009 is also noted.

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- (f) The Northern hemisphere which will soon enter the flu-prone winter season is recording an overall increase in flu cases;
- (g) Three-quarters of all flu cases detected during the week of September 6th to 12th were pandemic flu cases;

Notes also that on April 28th, WHO's spokesperson, *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 and other parts of the world.

Notes the recent declaration, which is also very worrisome by the Nigerian Minister of Health confirming the first Nigerian case of an infection occurring in an American immigrant student in Nigeria.

Also 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.

Finally observes that with respect to an epidemic containment, Nigerian Immigration policies are porous and unreliable.

Accordingly resolve to:

- i) Sympathize with the people and government of Ecuador, Mexico, United States of America, Japan and other countries of the world afflicted and share in their pains in this trying health challenges.
- ii) Mandate its Committees on Health and Interior as follows:
 - a. Ascertain the veracity of the existence of a vaccine in some parts of the world.
 - b. Ensure its availability in Nigeria.
 - c. Urgently ascertain the level of preparedness,
 - d. Proactive containment/quarantine measures of relevant Government institutions such as Immigration and the Federal Ministry of Health.

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Senator Adeleke Olorunnimbe Mamowora (Lagos East): Mr. President, while I commend our Colleague, Senator Osita Izunaso for bringing this Motion, I would like to say that Swine Flu is a worldwide health issue. It is a pandemic. Having said that, and looking at the prayers, they are essentially Executive action. I am aware that the Senate Committee on Health is in touch with the Ministry of Health particularly, with the Minister, Professor Oshotimehin.

In that regard, I would like to appeal or suggest to this distinguished Senate, that we should allow the Senate Committee on Health to liaise as the Committee has always been doing with the Ministry of Health to see what could be done; particularly to contain this pandemic within the confines of our own country so that we do not take too much time discussing the issue.

Senator Iyabo Olusola Obasanjo-Bello (Ogun Central): Mr. President, I want to thank Senator Osita Izunaso, for bringing this Motion. This pandemic has been going on for a while, but the height of the pandemic is actually over now. Even at the height of it, Nigeria did not record so many cases. We cannot continue to lay emphasis on it or create awareness when the pandemic has reduced.

Secondly, what we have been trying to tell the Ministry of Health to do is to conduct a comprehensive disease outbreak. If you would recall, Sir, a few years ago, it was SARS that came to Nigeria from Asia; and as at today, Nigeria has still not recorded one case of SARS. After that, there was Bird Flu, and at that point Nigeria had a team dedicated to Bird Flu. That was over; and now, it is Swine flue. Even before SARS, we had a case of Mad Cow. These diseases will continue to come, the strategy cannot be one outbreak at a time. There has to be a comprehensive disease management system which is what the Ministry is working on at the moment. The Ministry is liaising with Centres for Disease Control on Epidemiologic System for the Country.

I think that the control of these diseases and how we are going to manage them when they all arise have to be comprehensive; and the Ministry is working on it. I do not believe that the specific resolutions here are necessary at this time. The Committee had been liaising with them and some works have been going on. It actually defeats the point to bring something on one disease when there need to be a comprehensive disease management strategy.

Senator Gyang Dalyop Dantong (Plateau North): Mr. President, I will join my Chairman in thanking Senator Osita for bringing this Motion. What we need to actually do is not just to drive away this Motion.

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This Motion has come at a point when we have one case, and this one case could be one too many because of our health system. We hardly have a system that controls infectious diseases as quickly as possible. But I know that the Committee on Health is in touch with the Ministry of Health and we should encourage the Committee on Health to make sure that the Ministry stands up and take all measures so that this spread will not go beyond this one case. We should be able to quarantine the one case and be able to know where the one case comes from and where the infection got to on that one case and be able to save other Nigerians from having this infection.

I will end up by saying that the Committee on Health should work hand in hand to ensure that the Ministry undertakes all the measures they have set aside to deal with this problem.

Also, the Immigration Unit should be encouraged to take it very seriously. If you go to other airports in this world, you will see their Immigration using facemask and all other measures. In fact, in some places, they provide antiseptics that you can put your hand in and rub the antiseptic in your hand so that it does not pass on any infection. But here in Nigeria, I hardly see any one wearing facemask or even there are no antiseptics in the airports. So, we should do everything to make sure that the Committee on Health works hand in hand with the Ministry.

Senator Lee Ledogo Maeba (Rivers South-East): Mr. President, this is a very straightforward Motion but there are complications in the submission by Senator Obasanjo-Bello. In her presentation, she said that the pandemic is almost over. I just returned from overseas last week and I saw people warning at the airport that people should wear face-baskets and disposable masks in the public. This is the height of the epidemic. There are conflicting reports from the Committee on Health. Senator Dantong is alluding to the fact that the epidemic is spreading. If you look at the prayer, it is asking the Committee to swing into action and the Committee Chairman is saying the epidemic is over and in fact, that this Motion is not necessary. I listened to her carefully and I am quoting the Chairman. She even went into other things like Bird flu, SARS, etc.

The President: Senator Lee, address the Motion and forget what Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello has said.

Senator Lee Ledogo Maeba: Why I am going into this preamble is that the Prayer is making a total referral to the Committee. If the Committee still believes that nothing is happening anymore, which means it is already a relaxed point. What I am saying is that this epidemic is serious, it is just like they said, one case in Lagos can be one case too many. You do not

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know how many Nigerians in Diaspora have been affected and they may come home. This is a saviour Motion but my fear is that the matter should be referred to an Ad-hoc Committee because the Chairman of the Committee has proven that there is no matter before her; and as far as she is concerned, this epidemic is over. So, hearing what she has said I believe that as serious as this matter may be, we should either refer the matter to an Ad-hoc Committee that will effectively face this challenge with the Ministry because everybody everywhere in the world is scared of this Swine flu. People are wearing mask all over the world, like Senator Dantong said. It is true and there are signs everywhere in the world. It is only here in Nigeria that we do not see the signs. The impression is that nothing is happening, as the Chairman of the Committee believes that nothing is happening.

My submission Sir, is that we should refer this issue to Ad-hoc Committee since we already have some very compromise position with the Chairman of Committee on Health.

Senator Iyabo Olusola Obasanjo-Bello: Point of Order Sir!

The President: Point of Order Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello.

Senator Iyabo Olusola Obasanjo-Bello: Order 15 Sir - Privilege

The President: All right, read.

Senator Iyabo Olusola Obasanjo-Bello: Order 15 states that:

Any Senator may rise at any time to speak upon a matter of privilege suddenly arising and he shall be prepared to move without Notice, a Motion declaring that a contempt or breach of privilege has been committed, or referring the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges but if the matter is raised in Committee of the Whole of the Senate, the Chairman shall leave the Chair to report progress.

Sir, the point that I am making is that I am a trained epidemiologist and I know what the term pandemic and epidemic means. What I said directly was that this is not the height of the pandemic. A pandemic is a world-wide epidemic that is going across; so, the number is world-wide. As a professional, my privilege was breached when Senator Lee Maeba quoted me out of context and said what I did not say. I did not say that this disease is now stopped and that there is no problem. What I said was that this is not the height of global epidemic and I would repeat that.

The President: Senator Obasanjo-Bello, Senator Lee did not question your professional competence. I do

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not believe Lee is capable of doing that. The Standing Order under which you come is not truly the appropriate Order but I have noted your observation. I think it is just an observation.

Senator Tawar Umbi Wada (Gombe South): Mr. President, without going into the arguments of whether it is endemic or pandemic, I am totally in support of the import on this Motion because of its effect on human lives.

But I want to add a little bit. While we know that the carriers could be human as well as animals, we must not only emphasize on the fact that the Ministry of Health should take care. There are other Departments that are relevant on this issue. For example, when the Motion itself mentioned the Department of Quarantine which is purely under the Ministry of Agriculture.

Fundamentally, you will find that there is a Bill before this Senate creating that services and trying to strengthen it. One of the things that we need to do is to, probably facilitate the passage of that Bill to enable that Organisation to also curtail the influx of this disease into the country.

Secondly, I learnt that the Veterinary Institute in Vom, Jos is currently undertaking a study on Swine Flu virus. We were there on an oversight function or we were shown where they are investigating the cause of the Swine Flu and other things. In fact, they are developing a vaccine for that.

I want to urge this Senate that in taking its Resolutions, it should capture the entire Department and encourage them, particularly, the Department of Quarantine Services and the Veterinary Institute in Vom, Jos, because the very source of the virus is not from human beings except that human beings get contact with the virus and eventually spread it.

Senator Adegbo Erhiawarie Eferakaya (Delta Central): Mr. President, I want to go in line with Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello.

We should not cause unnecessary panic. In any viral flu, it rises to a peak and comes down. If we are on the decline aspect of it, we only need to make the people aware but without causing panic. People are given the impression as if everybody is wearing a face mask. I travelled with Dr. Gyang Dantong, and in Taiwan those who were wearing face mask are those who have what we call fever. It is not everybody. That means that, if you have fever while you are sneezing it becomes necessary for you to wear face mask because we do not know what you are sneezing out. I think this is the kind of thing we should make our people

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understand since we do not know who will contact it and it is not really widely spreading now. If somebody has fever to the extent of having what we normally called catarrh in the common language, he should wear a face mask. I think the media should carry that so that we will not get into a stage where you have a decline and then you have a rise again.

As a matter of fact, the Ministry of Health is doing everything. When we were talking of economic depression we were very careful not to make people panic and start withdrawing their money from the banks. It is the same thing in the case of Swine Flu. We should not cause unnecessary panic. It is true that there is Swine Flu but in Nigeria it is not a big deal but people should be made aware.

Senator Anthony Manzo (Taraba North): Mr. President, I want to support my friend and Colleague, Senator Osita Izunaso, for bringing this issue.

The point that has been made by Senator Adeleke Mamowora and other Colleagues is that, this is something within the purview of the Health Committee and I know that within the past year or so especially with the coming into office by the present Minister, we have set in a machinery in the Ministry of Health to be proactive in identifying these risk conditions. If you recall, during the outbreak of Lassa Fever, there was a paid advert on the Newspapers warning and educating people about the symptoms, how to tackle it and the necessary steps to take for protection. In my opinion, this is the first time we are seeing issues like this. There are telephone numbers on which we can reach Desk Officers for specific diseases. This is being done already in the Ministry of Health and I can assure you that the Senate Committee on Health has been working very hard on this issue. The idea of the Committee is to lessen the work of this Plenary. This is what informs us bringing this issue.

I support the Motion on the fact that it creates awareness about what is going on. But, let me say quickly that there is only one case of Swine Flu reported thus far and I believe very strongly that we are over the worst part of the whole thing but it is important to keep things on check to make sure that the Ministry is doing something about it. Although we know that they are doing something about it. We pray to God that there would be no cases of Swine Flu in Nigeria.

Talking about wearing of masks, I want to advocate that, we may put on mask for some other reasons; especially now that the harmattan season is approaching; but certainly not for Swine Flu for now.

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With these remarks, I want to support this Motion and add that this should be handled by the Senate Committee on Health.

Senator Patricia Naomi Akwashiki (Nasarawa North): Mr. President, I want to support this Motion totally and also agree with the observation of Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello that if we have only one case in Nigeria we should do a lot to prevent the disease rather than to cause panic. We do not want to create panic in people. We also want people to be aware that when you travel you can come in contact with somebody with Swine Flu.

The Ministry should be encouraged to explore the vaccination that is available. It is not available to everybody. Even in the United States of America, it is not everybody that can be vaccinated because the number of vaccine they have is little. They only concentrate on children between zero to ten years and pregnant women.

A lot of information would be available for our Medical Practitioners to put in place those things that are available all over the world and for travelers to take precaution.

Senator Mohammed Kabiru Jibril (Kaduna Central): Mr. President, I want to agree with the mover of this Motion that swine flu exist in the world; and it started somewhere in South America and has caused some little problems in the North American Continent. I do not think we should raise a lot of concern to put our people in absolute fear because about a quarter of a million people in the world have been infected with the disease and three thousand people died. This does not translate into an epidemic as such.

I also agree that there has been report from the Office of World Health Organisation about the existence and some spread of the disease in the other country of the world and Nigeria must have recorded one which is not unlikely because our people travel worldwide. The fact is that there are also other opinions around the world in respect to the reason for the spread of the disease and the politics behind the campaign to pronounce it as an epidemic. Perhaps, if the mover of the Motion would go back to the journals that reported some of these, you would also find a different report which suggested that there are some conspiracies around the world to support some pharmaceutical companies who are trying to gain more advantage and make more money by spreading some of the diseases and selling more of their vaccines. This has also been reported to the World Health Organisation and it has appeared in the Journal and it is causing a lot of discussion right now around the globe.

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Therefore, we should not join in that and in bringing the information to our people because the matter has not been clearly settled between the World Health Organisation, the pharmaceutical companies and other governments of the world who have received confirmed information about this supposed spread of the epidemics by certain interested parties in the pharmaceutical industry around the world. It is reported in the same journal referred to by the mover of the Motion which I read also and I think we must be very careful.

Like Distinguished Senators Adeleke Mamowora and Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello stated, this is a matter we need to handle with caution and allow the Ministry of Health and the other Institutions of Research, like Senator Wada has referred to, to continue their work and perhaps prepare the nation for the necessary prevention that it takes. At the moment, I do not think that this hallowed Chamber should accept the fact that there is an epidemic and cause concern in the minds of our people.

Accordingly, some of the prayers, I believe should be recast to reflect the thinking of this with the attendant conflicting views on the issue.

The President: Prayer (i) says:

That the Senate accordingly sympathise with the people and government of Ecuador, Mexico, United States of America, Japan and other countries of the world afflicted and share in their pains in their trying Health challenges;

Senator Andrew Abidemi Babalola (Oyo North): Mr. President, we should delete prayer (i) because as we have heard, this is a worldwide epidemic. Unless we would be sending the same message to ourselves and I do not think it make any sense.

The President: Prayer (i) is withdrawn.

Prayer (ii) which would be prayer (i) now says: *Mandate its Committees on Health, Interior and Foreign Affairs to:*

(a) ascertain the veracity of the existence of a vaccine in some parts of the world.

Senator Adeleke Olorunnimbe Mamowora (Lagos East): Information Mr. President.

The President: Yes, Senator Adeleke Mamowora.

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Senator Adeleke Olorunnimbe Mamowora: On an issue like this, it is usually the World Health Organisation (WHO) who makes a pronouncement as to the existence or otherwise of such a vaccine. It is not for us to determine the veracity; it is for WHO. Therefore, it is not necessary, Sir.

Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello (Ogun Central): Mr. President, there is a vaccine, therefore, there is no reason for us to ascertain the veracity of the vaccine. It is an international endeavour to do that. The distribution and how that is sent around the world, according to Senator Mamowora, is under the purview of WHO. The Committee cannot go and investigate the veracity of something that does not exist.

The President: All right, what of ensure the availability of the vaccines in Nigeria? Can we do that?

Some Distinguished Senators: Yes, we can do that

The President: So, we mandate our Committee on Health, Interior and Foreign Affairs. *(Interruptions)* Senator Osita, what is the correction there?

Senator Osita Izunaso (Imo West): Mr. President, it is Committees on Health, Interior and Foreign Affairs because if you read down the prayer, you would see why Committees on Interior and Foreign Affairs are important.

The President: All right, the level of preparedness has got nothing to do with Committees on Interior and Health.

The prayer says *ensure the availability of the vaccine and ascertain the level of preparedness*, those are all health things.

Senator Andrew Babalola: Mr. President, I have a correction to make.

The President: What is the correction?

Senator Andrew Babalola: Mr. President, the word is confusing. It should be ensure the availability of H1n1 flu vaccine in Nigeria in preparedness for outbreak.

The President: I think, you have only added some more confusion.

What of *proactive containment/quarantine measures of relevant government institutions such as Immigration and the Federal Ministry of Health*? Is that necessary?

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Some distinguished Senators: Yes.

The President: All right, the three prayers there are:

- (i) *ensure its availability in Nigeria;*
- (ii) *ascertain the level of preparedness, and*
- (iii) *proactive containment/quarantine measure of relevant government institutions such as Immigration and the Federal Ministry of Health.*

Those are the three Prayers.

Some distinguished Senators: Yes.

The President: All right, corrections Senator Ahmed.

Senator Ahmed Lawan (Yobe North): Prayer (d) should read:

Proactive containment/quarantine measures by relevant government institutions such as Immigration and Federal Ministry of Health.

The President: I will now read prayer (i). It says: *Mandate its Committees on Health to ensure availability of the vaccine in Nigeria.*

Amendment put and agreed to.

The President: Prayer (ii) is still on the Committee on Health, to *ascertain the level of preparedness.*

Question put and agreed to.

The President: Is Prayer (iii) still on the Committee on Health?

Senator Olorunnimbe Mamowora: Mr. President, I would like to move that Prayer (iii) should read thus: *proactive containment/quarantine measures by relevant government institutions.*

Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello: Mr. President, I move that Prayer (iii) should be deleted.

The President: Is there any serious objection to that?

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Several Distinguished Senators: No.

The President: All right, Prayer (iii) is deleted. So, they are now two prayers; Prayers (i) and (ii). Do we have any additional Prayer?

Several Distinguished Senators: No.

Accordingly resolved to:

(i) *Mandate its Committees on Health to ensure availability of the vaccine in Nigeria.*

(ii) *Ascertain the level of preparedness.*

Suspension of other Items on the Order Paper

Senator Teslim Kolawole Folarin: Mr. President, I now move that we step down all other items on the Order Paper to another legislative day.

Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan (Borno South): Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the remaining items on the Order Paper be stepped down to another legislative day.

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Question put and agreed to.

(By leave of the Senate, other items on the Order Paper stood down to another legislative day).

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, I move that this Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 24th November, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 24th November, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 24th November, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

The Senate adjourned accordingly at 12.30 p.m.