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**SENATE OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Thursday, 30th July, 2009

The Senate met at 10.35 a.m

(The President in the Chair)

PRAYERS

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The President: Distinguished Senators we have the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 29th July, 2009 before us for approval. Pages 143, 144, 145, 146.

Senator James Manager (Delta South): Mr. President, the last paragraph on Page 146, which reads: *Finance and Accounts* should read *Finance and Administration*.

The President: Secretariat, please note that. Pages 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160.

Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya (Taraba South): Mr. President, I rise to move that the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 29th July, 2009 be approved as amended.

Senator Patricia Naomi Akwashiki (Nasarawa North): Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 29th July, 2009 be approved as amended.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Votes and Proceeding of Wednesday, 29th July, 2009, be approved as amended.

MESSAGE FROM MR. PRESIDENT

The President: There is a message from Mr. President of the Federal Republic which reads:

*Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,*

Dear Brother,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE
GENEVA CONVENTIONS ACT AND ENACT
THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND
ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS ACT, 2007**

I forward herewith for your kind consideration and passage into Law the attached Draft Bill for an Act to repeal the Geneva Conventions Act and to enact the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols Act, 2007.

Pursuant to the above, therefore, and in line with the powers vested in the National Assembly, I hereby present the said Bill for the kind consideration of the distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

It is my hope that the distinguished Senate will consider and pass the Amendment Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

**UMORU MUSA YAR'ADUA
President**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting of the South-East Caucus

The President: This is from distinguished Senator Julius Ali Ucha (Ebonyi Central and it reads:

The meeting of the South-East caucus holds today:

Date: Thursday, 30th, July, 2009,

Venue: Room 3.13 New Senate Building,

Time: 2 p.m. prompt.

**Notification of Death of Hon. Williams
Akume Daju**

This is from distinguished Senator George O. Akume (Benue North-West)

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The Senate President,

Notification of Death of My Brother

With the deep sense of loss, but total submission to the will of God Almighty, I write to inform you and my distinguished Colleagues of the passing unto eternal glory of my immediate junior brother, Hon. Williams Akume Daju.

The sad event occurred in the early hours of this morning, Thursday, 30th July, 2009. Until his death, he was the Chairman of Takar Local Government Area in Benue State.

As distinguished friends and associates, may I take the liberty to invite you all to pray not only for the repose of the soul of my deceased brother but also to offer prayers for my immediate family? Details of his final internment would be communicated to you in due course.

Please, accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

(Signed)
Senator George Akume

Senate Committee Retreat

The President: You will recall that we agreed that our Retreat this year will hold in Enugu. The Retreat Committee is made up of the following:

- (i) Senator Ayogu Eze Chairman
- (ii) Senator Bob Effiong (Senate Services) Member
- (iii) Senator Andrew Babalola (South-West) Member
- (iv) Senator Heineken Lokpobiri (South-South) Member
- (v) Senator Mohammed Ida (North-West) Member
- (vi) Senator David Gogwim (North Central) Member
- (vii) Senator George Manzo (North-East) Member

Several distinguished Senators: No women representation.

Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange (Bayelsa East): Mr. President, I hope the list is not adjusted because we have ten *per cent* women and we need two women.

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The President: It is more than ten *per cent* because there are ten women here. *(Laughter)* We should put Senator Patricia Naomi Akwashiki and Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello. Senator Joy Emodi is from the South-East and that is the more reason she should not be there.

Senator Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya (Kano South): Mr. President, we accept Senator Naomi Akwashiki to be from the women side but there is no representation from the minority. So, it is not well composed.

The President: Yes, you are right. Please, I will amend it now. Actually, I submitted Senator Satty Gogwim from the North Central but you know my mind is always working that Senator Satty Gogwim is still on the minority side. I have not quite adjusted that Senator Satty Gogwim is not there again.

So, from your side, we would take distinguished Senator Mohammed Adamu Bello. The list will now be as follows:

- (i) Senator Ayogu Eze Chairman
- (ii) Senator Bob Effiong (Senate Services) Member
- (iii) Senator Andrew Babalola (South-West) Member
- (iv) Senator Heineken Lokpobiri (South-South) Member
- (v) Senator Mohammed Ida (North-West) Member
- (vi) Senator David Gogwim (North Central) Member
- (vii) Senator George Manzo (North-East) Member
- (viii) Senator Patricia Naomi Akwashiki Member
- (ix) Senator Mohammed Adamu Bello Member

That is the Planning Committee. We want proper planning. There should be no mistake. Take into cognisance all those who are Sharia compliance when you are making all your arrangements.

Visit of Staff and Students of Life Gate Academy, Utako, Abuja

I wish to acknowledge the presence of Staff and Students of Life Gate Academy, Utako, Abuja who are in the Gallery to observe Senate proceedings. *(The Visitors stood for recognition)* Please, sit down.

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**Visit of Staff and Students of Tourism Club,
National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism,
North-West Campus, Bagauda Lake, Kano**

I also wish to acknowledge the presence of Staff and Students of Tourism Club, National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism, North-West Campus, Bagauda Lake, Kano. *(The Visitors stood for recognition)* Please sit down.

We wish all the visitors a very fruitful observation of our proceedings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Senator Mahmud Kanti Bello (Katsina North): Point of Order, Mr. President!

The President: Yes, Point of Order, the Chief Whip of the National Assembly.

Senator Kanti Bello: Mr. President, I am coming under privileges and with your kind permission I read Orders 14 and 15:

Order 14(a) - Privileges are the rights enjoyed by Senate collectively and by members of the Senate individually, conferred by the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act Cap 208 Laws of the Federation 1990, and other statutes, or by practice, precedent, usage and custom.

(b) Whenever a matter of privilege arises, it shall be taken up immediately.

Order 15 - 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 the Committee of the Whole Senate, the Chairman shall leave the Chair to report progress.

The letter that shows that my privilege has been infringed upon, arose from the meeting held by the distinguished Senators and my Colleagues from the South-South. I saw it in the *Vanguard Newspaper* and I wish to refer the Senate to Order 18 of our Standing Orders which says that:

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Any Senator complaining to the Senate of a statement in a newspaper, book or other publication as breach of privilege shall produce a copy of the newspaper, book or other publication containing the statement in question, and shall be prepared to give the name of the printer or publisher.

I have come with a copy of the *Vanguard Newspaper* and this is it in my hand.

The privilege I am complaining about is the headline of the said newspaper captioned: **Lukman must go say South-South Zone Senators**. As I read through, I was surprised at what the South-South Senators had said. If I may refer you to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Sections 16(1)(a) and (b), (2)(a) and (b) (3)(a) and (b) and 16(4)(a) and (b) and my reason is simple. In the publication, they said that the Bill that was presented here, which was read the Second Time should be withdrawn. Therefore, I wish to draw the attention of the Senate to Section 16(1) of the Constitution which says that -

The State shall, within the context of the ideals and objectives for which provisions are made in this Constitution -

(a) harness the resources of the nation and promote national prosperity and an efficient, a dynamic and self-reliant economy;

(b) control the national economy in such manner as to secure the maximum welfare, freedom and happiness of every citizen on the basis of social justice and equality of status and opportunity;

It is my honest view that this Petroleum Bill that the South-South Senators wants withdrawn is within the Constitution. If we go further to 16(2), it says thus;

The state shall direct its policy towards ensuring -

(a) the promotion of a planned and balanced economic development;

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- (b) *that the material sources of the nation are harnessed and distributed as best as possible to serve the common good; and*
- (c) *that the economic system is not operated in such a manner as to permit the concentration of wealth or the means of production and exchange in the hands of few individuals or of a group;*

The simple fact is that this Petroleum Bill that the South-South Senators want withdrawn after passing through Second Reading and through Public Hearing, during which period they had every opportunity to put in their views which they did not do but they are now coming through a sectional group to insist on the withdrawal of the Bill, is a breach of my privilege, the Constitution and Nigerian nation and of every patriotic Nigerian citizen.

Again, if may refer you to the Constitution, Section 147 says that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, has every right to nominate a Minister. That Minister has been nominated and screened by this Senate. For the South-South Senators to say the Minister should be removed arbitrarily and even questioning the issue of putting projects in one area or the other, is a breach of my privilege.

With these few remarks, I recommend that this Senate should resolve that:

- (i) The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is not sectional in nature, has no sectional feeling and we are patriotic Nigerian citizens.
- (ii) We insist that there is no way Dr. Rilwanu Lukman should be removed simply because the Southern Senators said so. Also, that the issue of withdrawing the Bill is not acceptable to this distinguished Senate.

I so move.

Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw (Cross River South): Mr. President, I would like to refer my distinguished Colleague, the Chief Whip, to Section 39(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and if you permit me I will like to read it.

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The President: Please read it.

Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw: Section 39(1) says: *Every person shall be entitled to freedom of expression, including freedom to hold opinion and to receive and impart ideas and information without interference.* I would like to please point out to my Colleague that we cannot see how his privilege has been breached. The Constitution allows every citizen not just Senators, but every Nigerian citizen the freedom of expression, the freedom to hold and impart ideas. Therefore, I think that he has, unfortunately, come under a wrong foot and to save our time, I suggest that he be ruled out of order.

Senator Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya (Kano South): Mr. President, it is the duty of Senators to make amendments to any Bill presented by Mr. President. We have the opportunity of making these amendments and members of the South-South are Chairmen of these Committees and the Report is still going back to the Committee. Therefore, they can introduce any amendment they want to make.

We are all talking on the interest of the unity of this nation. If members of the South-South Forum, distinguished Senators whom we highly respect and they are our Friends can make a Press Release in that notion. What if Senators from the North-West do the same thing, it means that we are dividing the Senate.

It is in the interest of the unity of this noble Chamber that if we have some amendments to be done in the Constitution, let us do it here and not asking the President to take away his Bill and return it with the amendments in the interest of Niger Delta. Everybody here represents a Constituency and if you have an input to make in the interest of your Constituency you are free to make it but we should not charge Nigerians at this moment.

I am appealing to my Colleagues that this issue is not only bordering on the Point of Order under which he brought out this, but it borders on the security of this nation and it should be properly addressed before it goes out of hand.

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The President: I know there are so many hands up but he came under Point of Order and ideally, I should rule on the Point of Order. The reason I allowed comments is because he raised an issue which touches all of us as distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria not Senators of South-South, South-East, South West, North-West, North East, or North Central. My ruling on this would not just be on the point that Senator Kanti Bello has raised but I would want us to have a very short Closed Session on the matter. So, I will suspend my ruling on Senator Kanti Bello' Point of Order. So, my decision is that we go for a very short Closed Session on the matter now.

Sitting suspended: 11:20 a.m.

Sitting resumed: 11:50 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Prevention of Hoarding and Profiteering Bill, 2009

Senator Telism Kolawole Folarin (Oyo Central): Mr. President, the first business of the day is the presentation of a Bill standing in the name of Senator Otaru Ohize on the Prevention of Hoarding and Profiteering Bill, 2009.

You may invite the Clerk of the Senate to read the Short Title of the Bill.

Prevention of Hoarding and Profiteering Bill, 2009 – presented by Senator Otaru Ohize (Kogi Central) – *read the First Time*.

Abduction, Wrongful Restraint and Confinement for Ransom Bill, 2009

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the second business of the day is the presentation of a Bill standing in the name of Senator Kabiru Gaya on the Abduction, Wrongful Restraint and Confinement for Ransom Bill, 2009.

You may invite the Clerk of the Senate to read the Short Title of the Bill.

Abduction, Wrongful Restraint and Confinement for Ransom Bill, 2009 – presented by Senator Kabiru Gaya (Kano South) – *read the First Time*.

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Public Service Institute Bill, 2009

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the third business of the day is the presentation of an Executive Bill standing in my name on the Public Service Institute Bill, 2009.

You may invite the Clerk of the Senate to read the Short Title of the Bill.

Public Service Institute Bill 2009 – presented by Senator Teslim Kolawole Folarin – *read the First Time*.

National Biodiversity Bill, 2009

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the fourth business of the day is the presentation of a Bill standing in the name of Senator Grace Folashade Bent on the National Biodiversity Bill, 2009.

You may invite the Clerk of the Senate to read the Short Title of the Bill.

National Biodiversity Bill, 2009 – presented by Senator Grace Folashade Bent (Adamawa South) – *read the First Time*.

Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2009

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the fifth business of the day is the presentation of a Bill standing in the name of Senator Jibril Aminu on the Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2009.

You may invite the Clerk of the Senate to read the Short Title of the Bill.

Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2009 – presented by Senator Jibril Aminu (Adamawa Central) – *read the First Time*.

Energy Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the sixth business of the day is the presentation of a Bill standing in the name of Senator Dahiru Kuta on the Energy Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

You may invite the Clerk of the Senate to read the Short Title of the Bill.

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Energy Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009 – presented by Senator Dahiru Kuta (Niger East) – *read the First Time*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, next item is the presentation of Sessional Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service from June 2008 to June 2009.

I move that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on its June 2008 to June 2009 Session.

Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan (Borno North): Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on its June 2008 to June 2009 Session.

Question put and agreed to.

(Report accordingly laid on the Table)

Report of the Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa/NEPAD

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the next business of the day is the presentation of the Sessional Report of the Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa/NEPAD from June 2008 to June 2009.

I move that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa/NEPAD on its June, 2008 to June 2009 Session.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa/NEPAD on its June, 2008 to June 2009 Session.

Question put and agreed to.

(Report accordingly laid on the Table)

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Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the next business of the day is the presentation of the Sessional Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on its June 2008 to June 2009.

I move that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on its June 2008 to June 2009.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on its June 2008 to June 2009.

Question put and agreed to.

(Report accordingly laid on the Table)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Intimidation Bill, 2009

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the next business of the day is the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Intimidation Bill, 2009.

Therefore, I move that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Intimidation Bill, 2009.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion moved by the Senate Leader that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Intimidation Bill, 2009.

Question put and agreed to.

(Report accordingly laid on the Table)

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Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Legal Aid Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the next business of the day is the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Legal Aid Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

I, therefore, move that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Legal Aid Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Legal Aid Act (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

Question put and agreed to.

(Report accordingly laid on the Table)

Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on the Screening of Ambassador Abdullahi H. Shinkafi as a Member of the Federal Character Commission

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the other business of the day is the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on the screening of Ambassador Abdullahi H. Shinkafi (Zamfara State) as a Member of the Federal Character Commission in accordance with Section 154 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I, therefore, move that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on the screening of Ambassador Abdullahi H. Shinkafi (Zamfara State) as a Member of the Federal Character Commission.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on the Screening of Ambassador Abdullahi H. Shinkafi (Zamfara State) as a Member of the Federal Character Commission.

Question put and agreed to.

(Report accordingly laid on the Table)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, I want to move that we step down the first and second items on the Order Paper of today.

I so move.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that we step down the first and second items on the Order Paper of today.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Senate do step down the first and second items on the Order Paper.

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2009

A Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total sum of N102,270,744,683 (One Hundred and Two Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, of which, N98,870,744,683 (Ninety Eight Billion, Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, is for Additional Revenue (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of N3,400,000,000 (Three Billion, Four Hundred Million Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Additional Capital Expenditure for the Year ending on the 31st day of December, 2009 (SB.314)

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, the third Order of the day is the Second Reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2009. You would recall that it is an Executive Bill, that was read the First Time in this Chamber, on Wednesday, 29th July, 2009.

With your very kind permission I want to seek your indulgence to start the lead debate.

The President: We could do one of two things. We can concur straight away or take the lead debate and then go to the Committee of the Supply and then read it a Third Time. What do we do?

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Several distinguished Senators: We can concur straight away.

Order for Second Reading.

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, going by the mood of the Senate, I want to move that we go straight into the Committee of Supply for concurrence.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do go into Committee of Supply in order to concur with the Appropriation Bill as passed by the House of Representatives.

Question put and agreed to.

The 2009 Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2009 - CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Senator Iyiola Omisore (Osun East): Mr. Chairman, the Senate will recall that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in a letter dated 27th July, 2009 submitted a request for additional expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 2009.

In the request, the President sought the authorization by the National Assembly in the sum of N99,426,514,684 (Ninety Nine Billion, Four hundred and Twenty Six Million, Five Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Eight Four Naira) only, made up of N96,026,514,684 (Ninety Six Billion, Twenty Six Million, Five Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Four Naira) only, as Recurrent (Non-Debt) expenditure and N3,400,000,000 (Three Billion, Four Hundred Million Naira) only, for Capital Expenditure.

The House of Representatives considered the request on 29th July, 2009 and approved a total sum of N102,270,744,683 (One Hundred and Two Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy Million, Seven hundred and Forty Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, of which N97,370,744,683 (Ninety Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Million, Seven Hundred and Forty Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, is for additional Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of

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N4,900,000,000 (Four Billion, Nine Hundred Million Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for additional Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31st day of December, 2009.

In view of the above, the Senate Committee on Appropriations is recommending that the Senate do concur with the House of Representatives as follows:

That the Executive be authorised to draw from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation a total sum of N102,270,744,683 (One Hundred and Two Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy Million, Seven Hundred and Forty Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, of which N97,370,744,683 (Ninety Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Million, Seven Hundred and Forty Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, is for additional Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of N4,900,000,000 (Four Billion, Nine Hundred Million Naira) only, for Capital Expenditure.

The Report of the Committee and the Bill are attached to the concurrence.

Senator James Ebiowou Manager (Delta South): Mr. Chairman, I rise to second the Motion as ably moved by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Senator Iyiola Omisore.

The Chairman: Are there comments?

Senator Abubakar Sodangi (Nasarawa West): Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the passage of this Supplementary Budget. It is timely and if you consider the intention of this very important exercise, it is to help in actualising the dream of Mr. President in the core areas of providing 6,000 meagre watts of power and also to provide for infrastructural development like roads, works and transport. We are all interested in infrastructural development, so that the system will work.

I urge my Colleagues that we should pass this Supplementary Budget especially as our Colleagues in the House of Representatives had already done the same thing. We only need to concur with them so that we can move forward.

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The Chairman: I will go straight away to put the Question on the Second Reading of this Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Chair do now report progress.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Chair do now report progress.

Question put and agreed to.

(The President resumed the Chair)

The President: The Senate in the Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2009 and concurred with the House of Representatives by authorizing the Executive to draw from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation a total sum of N102,270,744,683 (One Hundred and Two Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy Million, Seven Hundred and Forty Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, of which N97,370,744,683 (Ninety Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Million, Seven Hundred and Forty Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Three Naira) only, is for Additional Recurrent Non-debt Expenditure while the balance of N4,900,000,000 (Four Billion, Nine Hundred Million Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Additional Capital Expenditure for the Year ending on the 31st Day of December, 2009.

Is this a true reflection of what transpired in the Committee of Supply?

Several Senators: Yes.

Third Reading of a Bill

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, I now move that the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2009 be read the Third Time.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2009 be read the Third Time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

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The President: Distinguished Colleagues, this is historic and as usual we rose up to the expectations and were able to pass this Bill on time. We hope that the Executive will act with the same speed and dispatch with which we acted on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2009.

Deferment of Items on the Order Paper

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, I want to move that the Senate steps down all other items on the Order Paper to another legislative day.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the remaining items on the Order Paper be stood down to another legislative day.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That all other items on the Order Paper be stood down to another legislative day.

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, in order to enable this Senate pass the next Votes and Proceedings, I want to move that this Senate do now adjourn and reconvene at 12 .30 p.m. today, Thursday, 30th July, 2009.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Senate do now adjourn to reconvene at 12.30 p.m. later today.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Senate do adjourn to 12.30 p.m. today.

Sitting suspended; 12.15 p.m.

Sitting resumed: 1:20 p.m.

(The President in the Chair)

PRAYERS

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The President: Distinguished Senators, we have the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 30th July, 2009 before us for approval: Pages: 161, 162.

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Senator Mohammed Kabiru Jibrin (Kaduna Central): Mr. President, I observe item B(5) on page 162 that the name of Senator Ibrahim Mohammed Ida is presented as Senator Mohammed I. Idah. Secretariat should note that the correct presentation is Senator Ibrahim Mohammed Ida.

The President: Does he not know his name? Actually, I thought that the one you were going to correct was that of Senator Ayogu Eze. Page 163?

Senator Dahiru A. Kuta (Niger East): On Page 163, item 7 the last paragraph. *Motion made that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary.* The word, *Human* is missing there. Then the name of my son *Senator Umaru Dahiru* is not *Dahiro*.

Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe (Abia South): Mr. President, I seem to recollect that we added Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello to the Retreat Committee.

Senator Ayogu Eze (Enugu North): Mr. President, since I do not have a Personal Assistant around here, I have to speak for myself that *Eze* is missing in my name even though the Senate President has mentioned it obliquely.

Senator Manzo G. Anthony (Taraba North): On Page 163, item 9 the name there should be *Senator Mohammed Adamu Bello* and not *Mohammed Bello*.

The President: I do not understand the corrections being made on names here today.

Senator Ibrahim Mohammed Ida (Katsina Central): Mr. President, the name really is *Ibrahim Mohammed Ida* and not *Mohammed Ibrahim Ida*.

On page 163(B) *Motion that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters;* not *Rights and Legal Matters*. There is an omission there of the word, *Human*.

The President: Distinguished Colleagues, truly we are all in the mood for recess. It is obvious now from what has happened so far because that was what Senator Kuta corrected. Pages 164, 165, 166, 167,

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Senator Dahiru Kuta (Niger East): On Page 167(vi); *Disarmament* not *Disarmanent*.

The President: Secretariat, please, correct it any where that mistake occurs in the paper. Pages: 168, 169 and 170.

Senator Abubakar Sodangi (Nasarawa West): Mr. President, I rise with all sense of humility and privilege given to me to move for the approval of the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 30th July, 2009 as amended.

Senator Omar Hambagda (Borno South): Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion that the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 30th July, 2009 be approved as amended.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 30th July, 2009 be approved as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Teslim Folarin: Mr. President, having passed the Votes and Proceedings, I move that this Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 29th September, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. prompt.

Senator Ma'aji Lawan: Mr. President, I rise to second the Motion moved by the Senate Majority Leader that this Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 29th September, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. prompt.

The President: Before I put the Question, distinguished Senators, I want to thank God for guiding us up to this point in time and pray that He gives us the grace to continue to work in the best interest of this country as we have done. I want to wish all of us a very happy recess and also pray that the Almighty God would protect, guide and be with us and our families throughout the holiday.

This would be incomplete if I do not thank you for your total devotion, commitment and patriotism for the period that we have remained in the Senate here. We look forward to seeing everybody back on 29th September, 2009.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 29th September, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

The Senate adjourned accordingly at 1:35 p.m.