



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27th January, 2009

1. The Senate met at 10.25 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 22nd January, 2009 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
(A) **Appreciation:**



The President
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

APPRECIATION

I wish to sincerely thank you all, my bosses, distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the uncommon love and solidarity shown by your presence in Otukpo during the commissioning/handover of the National Open University of Nigeria, Otukpo Study Centre, the Foundation stone laying of David Mark's International Nursery School and David Mark's Scholarship award ceremonies.

I was humbled by your distinguished presence and support, without which the huge success recorded would not have been possible.

I implore all of us to remain steadfast and committed to our covenant with Nigerians to legislate for their well-being.

May the Almighty God continue to guide and protect us.

Thank you.

Signed

Dr. David A. B. Mark, GCON

President,

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(B) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Members of National Association of Political Science Students, Nasarawa State University, Keffi and
- (ii) Students and Staff of Government Secondary School, Karu, Abuja.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Grace F. Bent drew the attention of the Senate to the tragic death of 15 footballers of the Jimeta Football Club, Adamawa State, in a fatal motor accident. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present a Motion on the issue the next Legislative day.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative day {Rule 42(2)}.

5. Presentation of a Bill:

Tobacco Control Bill, 2009 (HB. 20) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Federal Capital Territory and Housing:

Report on the Investigation on the Administration of Federal Capital Territory (FCT) from 1999 - 2008 (Public Hearing):

Motion made: That the Senate do resume consideration of the report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory and Housing, on the investigation of the Administration of the FCT from 1999 - 2008 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Effiong D. Bob
- (ii) Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw
- (iii) Senator Kaka M. Yale
- (iv) Senator Munirudeen A. Muse
- (v) Senator Simeon O. Oduoye
- (vi) Senator Sola Akinyede
- (vii) Senator Felix K. Bajomo

- (viii) Senator George Akume
- (ix) Senator Adego E. Eferakeya
- (x) Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane
- (xi) Senator Bala A. Mohammed

Motion made: That the Senate do recommit the Report to the Committee for further legislative action (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly recommitted to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Housing for further legislative action.

7. **Committee on Environment and Ecology:**
Report on the National Climate Change Bill 2009 (SB. 24):

Consideration of Report deferred to another legislative day.

8. **Mining Cadastral Office Bill 2009 (SB. 207):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

9. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 28th January, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05 p.m.

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