



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2 April, 2019

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1. The House met at 11.14 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
 2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 19 March, 2019.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
 3. **Announcement**
Bereavement:
Mr Speaker announced the demise of Hon. Mohammed D. Dantani (Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency), which sad even occurred on Thursday, 28 March, 2019.
 4. **Admittance into the Chamber**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, the family of the Late Hon. Bethel Amadi, former Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Pan African Parliament (PAN) for the purpose of a Valedictory Session in his honour, pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (2)" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.
 5. **Valedictory Session in honour of Hon. Bethel Amadi and Hon. Mohammed D. Dantani**
The House Leader, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, the Principal Officers of the House, both serving and former, as well as other Members took turn to eulogize the virtues and outstanding qualities of the late Hon. Bethel Amadi, describing him as a legislator par excellence, a man of unquantifiable loyalty, a stabilizing force, and a quintessential leader who rose to the position of President of the Pan African Parliament. The enjoined family members and friends to emulate the good works of the late former Member.

The President of the Pan-African Parliament, Hon. Roger Nkodo Dang also extolled Hon. Amadi as a top quality legislator, a gentleman whose political and managerial sagacity earned him elevation as the First Vice President of the Pan-African Parliament in 2009, and became the President of the Parliament three years later, an office he held till 2015. He stated that the late Hon. Amadi was an

amiable gentleman, ever cheerful; a man of consensus; peaceful and given to dialogue and reconciliation, who made a lot of friends while in the parliament.

Hon. Nkodo Dang urged the House and all present to continue with Hon. Amadi's kind of spirit of collaboration, reconciliation and direction, which helped him conquer the difficulties of leading Parliamentarians from the 55 Member-nations and nationalities of diverse political background. He further advised both those who had associated with him and those who did not know him to emulate his spirit of dexterity which helped him achieve great results.

The President thanked the Speaker and the House for the opportunity given him to make a remark about the former Parliamentarian and prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

In his valedictory remark, Mr Speaker stated that the testimonies poured out about Hon. Bethel Amadi and the great number of personalities present in the Chamber speak volumes of the person of the late former Member, saying that since a man's worth is not measured by duration but by donation, Hon. Amadi will live forever in the hearts of those who encountered him.

Mr Speaker expressed grief at the loss of the former Member whom he referred to as a friend, a brother, a colleague and a patriot saying that his contributions to nation building was immense and immeasurable. He prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan and Hon. Obinna Chidoka said the Muslim and Christian prayers respectively, in honour of the deceased.

6. Suspension of Sitting

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend its sitting in honour of the deceased; and set down all the items on the Order Paper, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)" Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader) — Agreed to.

7. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 9 April, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.15 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker