



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6 February, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.35 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 5th February, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Pupils of Islamic Training Centre, Madalla who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.
4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42(1) and (2), Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan invited the attention of the Senate to the current crisis in the Republic of Chad and the attendant Refugee problem. He sought the leave of the Senate to present a motion on the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next legislative day (Rule 42(2)).
5. **Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Allegation by Senator Nuhu Aliyu on the Floor of the Senate:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions, on the Allegation by Senator Nuhu Aliyu on the Floor of the Senate on Wednesday, 23rd January, 2008, that some Members of the National Assembly are 419ers (*Senator Omar A. Hambagda*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid
6. **Confirmation of Nominations:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nomination of ENGR. AHMED ISHAQ and MR. ADEBAYO WILLIAMS as Commissioners in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to report in 1 (one) week.

7. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit and Punish Public Nudity, Sexual Intimidation and Other Related Offences in Nigeria, 2008 (SB. 13):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill for an Act to Prohibit and Punish Public Nudity, Sexual Intimidation and Other Related Offences in Nigeria, 2008 be read the Second Time (*Senator Eme Ufot Ekaette*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters and Women Affairs, Social Welfare and Youths Development to report in 4 (four) weeks.

8. A Bill for an Act to provide for Residency Rights for every Citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who has lived or resided consecutively and paid taxes to the relevant Local Government of the Area where such person have lived or resided for a period of not less than five (5) consecutive years and for any child of such persons who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and who has lived with such citizen for the same period of time, and for other related purposes 2008 (SB. 16):

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next legislative day.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 7th February, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1. 00p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate