



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30 January, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.00 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, 29th January, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President on behalf of the Senate congratulated Nigerians over the victory of the Super Eagles in their last match against Benin Republic in the ongoing African Cup of Nations in Ghana. He urged the Super Eagles to make Nigeria proud in their next encounter.
4. **Privilege:**
Rising on Rule 14, Senator Nuhu Aliyu invited the attention of the Senate to the statement he made on the floor of the Senate on Wednesday, 23rd January, 2008 on the alleged presence of 419ers in the National Assembly. He stated that after due consultations with his lawyers, he appreciated the gravity of the statement. Consequently, he apologized to the Senate and the National Assembly and that he was withdrawing the statement.

The Senate accepted his apology but resolved that in line with its practice, the matter still stands referred to Committee on Ethics, Privilege and Public Petitions.
5. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) National Hospital for Women and Children Act (Amendment) Bill 2008 (SB. 37) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Nigeria Prisons Service Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2008 (SB. 52) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) National Ecological Agency (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 60) — *Read the First Time.*
6. **Confirmation of Nomination:**
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 Dr. Akpama M. Akpama (Cross River State) as a Commissioner in the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to Committee on Establishment and Public Service to report in one week.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Climate Change Commission and for Other Connected Purposes (2008) (SB.24).

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the **Bill** be stood down till next legislative day to enable Senators contribute meaningfully (*Senator John N. Shagaya*).

Question put and agreed to.

8. A Bill for an Act to make Public Records and Information more freely available, provide for Public Access to Public Records and Information, Project Public Records and Information to the Extent Consistent with the Public Interest and the Protection of Personal Privacy, Protect Serving Public Officers from Adverse Consequences for disclosing Certain kinds of Official Information with authorization and Establish Procedures for the Achievement of those purposes and Related Purposes Thereof Bill 2008 (SB. 19).

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill for an Act to make Public Records and Information more freely available, Provide for Public Access to Public Records and Information, Project Public Records and Information to the Extent Consistent with the Public Interest and the Protection of Personal Privacy, Protect Serving Public Officers from Adverse Consequences for disclosing Certain kinds of Official Information with Authorization and Establish Procedures for the Achievement of those purposes and Related Purposes Thereof Bill 2008 be read the Second Time (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Information and Media to report in 4 (four) weeks.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 31st January, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1. 15 p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate