



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29 January, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.05 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.
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2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 24th January, 2008 and approved same.
By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Social Welfare, Youth Empowerment and Development Trust Fund Bill 2008 (SB. 33) — *Read the First Time*
 - (ii) National Council of Traditional Rulers (Establishment, etc) Bill 2008 (SB. 34) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) Excess Crude Oil Reserve Fund Bill 2008 (SB. 36) — *Read the First Time.*

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4. **Final and Main Report on Senate Retreat:** . ■ ■
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Final and Main Report on the Third Senate Retreat held in Port Harcourt from 28th October - 2nd November, 2007 (*Senate Majority Leader*).
Question put and agreed to.
Report Laid.
5. **Committee on Foreign Affairs:**
Report on the Screening of Nominees:
Motion made and Question Proposed; That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of the following President's nominees for appointment as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

	Name	State
(i)	Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe	Imo
(ii)	Senator (Chief) Polycarp Nwite	Ebonyi
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(iii)	Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Buba Marwa	Adamawa

(*Senator Chimaroke Nnamani*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of Ambassadorial nominees.

Recommendation: ~-■-■■■

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

- (i) Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe (Imo State) ■ .
- (i) Senator (Chief) Polycarp Nwite (Ebonyi State)
- (iii) Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Buba Marwa (Adamawa State)

Debate: Question:

- (i) Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe (Imo State) — *Agreed to.*
- (ii) Senator (Chief) Polycarp Nwite (Ebonyi State) — *Agreed*
- to. (iii) Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Buba Marwa (Adamawa State) —

Agreed to. Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of President's nominees for appointment as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approved the recommendation.

Question: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Appointment:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe (Imo State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe (Imo State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Senator (Chief) Polycarp Nwite (Ebonyi State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator (Chief) Polycarp Nwite (Ebonyi State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Buba Marwa (Adamawa State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Buba Marwa (Adamawa State) as an Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

6. Committee on Health:

Report on the National Health Bill 2008 (SB. 50):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Health, on the National Health Bill 2008 (SB. 50) (*Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello*).

Question put and agreed to.

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

That consideration of the Report be deferred to a later date to enable the Senate re-examine the provision of Rule 111 of the Standing Orders 2007 (As Amended) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

. Question put and agreed to.

Consideration of Report accordingly deferred to a later date.

7. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Sexual Offences, their Definition, Prevention and the Protection of All Persons from Harm, Unlawful Sexual Acts, and for Purposes Connected Therewith Bill 2008 (SB. 12) .

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill for an Act to make Provision for Sexual Offences, their Definition, Prevention and the Protection of All Persons from Harm, Unlawful Sexual Acts, and for Purposes Connected Therewith Bill 2008 (*Senator Chris N. D. Anyanwu*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to:

Bill accordingly read the Second Time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report in 4 (four) weeks.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 30th January, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President