



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22 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, 15th January, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Letter of Appreciation:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ayodele Arise as follows:



Senator Ayo Arise

Ekiti North Senatorial District, Federal Republic of Nigeria

22nd January, 2008

*The Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senators,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of myself, wife and family, I write to express our sincere appreciation to the President of the Senate, Senator David Mark and all distinguished Senators who took time off their very busy schedule to grace the 50th Coronation Ceremony of our father The Elekole of Ikole Ekiti, Oba Adetunla Adeleye and the Conferment on me, of the Chieftaincy title of OTUNBA OYINYO OF IKOLE EKITI.

The expression of love and solidarity that exists in this Senate will find meaning in furtherance of our National unity as one people, intricately bounded together by culture, colour and desire for a good life.

I am most grateful to you all.

Sincerely,

Signed:

Senator Ayo Arise

Chairman, Privatisation Committee

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Senator Sola Akinyede, rising on Rule 42 invited the attention of the Senate to the current direction and tempo of the war on corruption as it relates to the current developments in the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC). He sought the leave of the Senate to present a Motion on the matter next legislative day.

Matter to stand over till the next legislative day [Rule 42(2)].

5. Presentation of Bill:

Corporate Social Responsibility Commission Bill 2008 (SB. 27) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Appropriation:

Report on the 2008 Appropriation Bill (SB.21):

The Appropriation Committee was directed to expedite action on the Bill for presentation to the Senate as soon as possible.

7. Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the **Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc) Bill 2008** (Senator Zaynab Kure).

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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CERTAIN POLITICAL, PUBLIC AND JUDICIAL OFFICE HOLDERS (SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES, ETC.) ACT, 2002 AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREIN

Clause 1: Amendment of Act No.6, 2002:

The provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 29th May, 1999.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in Clause 1 and *insert* the following instead thereof "The provision of this Act shall be deemed to have come into effect on 1st February 2007" (Senator Umaru Dahiru).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 1 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: **Amendment of Section 2 (1)(a):**
Section 2 (1)(a) of the Principal Act is amended as shown in the first and second columns of Part 1 and IV of the Schedule to this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Zaynab A. Kure*).

Question that Clause 2 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: **Amendment of Section 2 (1)(b):**
Section 2 (1) (b) of the Principal Act is amended as shown in the first and second column of Part II of the Schedule of this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Zaynab A. Kure*).

Question that Clause 3 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: **Mode of altering the Provision of this Act:**
Insert the following new Section "3A" immediately after the existing section 2 to be followed by Section 3B:

3A. The National Assembly may by ordinary Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives alter, modify or further amend the provision of this Act; on the recommendation of the Commission.

3B. The Resolution of the Fifth National Assembly adopting the Schedule of this Bill shall remain binding.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in Clause 4 (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: **Citation:**
This Act may be cited as Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) (Amendment) Act 2007.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Act" in line 2 *leave out* the figures "2007" and *insert* the figures "2008" instead thereof (*Senator Umaru Dahiru*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 5 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE PART 1

A — ANNUAL BASIC SALARY FOR CERTAIN POLITICAL AND PUBLIC OFFICERS IN THE EXECUTIVE (FEDERAL)

Category	Annual Basic Salary ₦
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria	3,514,705.00
Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria	3,031,572.50
Minister, Secretary to Government of the Federation, Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Chief of Staff to the President	2,026,400.00

Chairman of:- (i) Code of Conduct Bureau; (ii) Independent National Electoral Commission; (iii) Federal Civil Service Commission; (iv) National Population Commission; (v) Federal Judicial Service Commission; (vi) Nigeria Police Council; (vii) Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission; (viii) Federal Character Commission; (ix) National Judicial Council; (x) Code of Conduct Tribunal; (xi) Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences Commission; (xii) Police Service Commission; (xiii) National Assembly Service Commission; (xiv) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission; (xv) Public Complaints Commission; (xvi) National Human Rights Commission and such other Commissions as may be established by an Act of the National Assembly.

2,026,400.00

Minister of State

1,957,580.00

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in the Column (Senator Ike Ekweremadu)

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Member of:- (i) Code of Conduct Bureau; (ii) Independent National Electoral Commission; (iii) Federal Civil Service Commission; (iv) National Population Commission; (v) Federal Judicial Service Commission; (vi) Nigeria Police Council; (vii) Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission; (viii) Federal Character Commission; (ix) National Judicial Council; (x) Code of Conduct Tribunal; (xi) Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences Commission; (xii) Police Service Commission; (xiii) National Assembly Service Commission; (xiv) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission; (xv) Public Complaints Commission; (xvi) National Human Rights Commission; (xvii) the Judicial Service Committee of the Federal Capital Territory and such other Commissions as may be established by an Act of the National Assembly.

1,957,580.00

Special Adviser to the President, Speech Writer to Mr. President

1,942,875.00

Auditor-General of the Federation/Permanent Secretaries, Director-General, Executive Secretaries, Chief Executives of Parastatals, Agencies and Government Companies, INEC-Resident Electoral Commissioners and such other Commissions as may be established by an Act of the National Assembly.

1,925,865.00

Chief Registrars of Federal and States High Courts and Secretaries of Judicial Bodies

1,669,385.00

Note:

- (1) The members of the Council of State as provided in Section 153(1)(b) paragraph 5 (c and d) of Part of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be paid ₦500,000.00 per sitting but not exceeding six (6) sittings in a year.
- (2) Chairmen of Code of Conduct Bureau, Independent National Electoral Commission, Federal Civil Service Commission National Population Commission, Public Complaints Commission, Federal Judicial Service Commission, Nigeria Police Council, Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission, Federal Character Commission, National Human Rights Commission, The National Judicial Council, Code of Conduct Tribunal, Police Service Commission, National Assembly Service Commission, ICPC, EFCC, any such other Commission as may be established by the National Assembly and the Chief of Staff to the President.
- (3) Members of the Constitutional Commissions mentioned at (2) above and the members of the Judicial Service Committee of the FCT.
- (4) Special Adviser - To include other categories like Speech Writer.
- (5) *Including:* Directors-General, Executive Secretaries, INEC Resident Electoral Commissioners and Chief Executives of Parastatals, Agencies and Government Companies.
- (6) The Allowance is only for Chairmen, Members and Secretaries of Constitutional Commissions involved in field work/monitoring activities, for example, the Independent National Electoral Commission, the National Population Commission, the Federal Character Commission, the Code of Conduct Bureau, the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission and the Police Service Commission.
- (7) Non-career Ambassadors are also to be paid this allowance at this rate.
- (8) The allowance could be pro-rated after a minimum of two years tenure.

Question that Section III under the Head "Annual Basic Salaries, Allowances and Fringe benefits for Certain Political and Public Officers in the Executive (Federal)" as amended stand part of the Schedule to the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

PART II

A — ANNUAL BASIC SALARY FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS (FEDERAL, STATES AND F.C.T)

Category	Annual Basic Salary ₦
Chief Justice of Nigeria	3,363,972.50
Justice of the Supreme Court	2,477,110.00
President of the Court of Appeal	2,477,110.00
Justice of the Court of Appeal	1,995,430.00
Chief Judge of the Federal High court	1,940,095.55
Chief Judge of the F.C.T.	1,940,059.55
President National Industrial Court	1,940,059.55
Judge of the Federal High Court	1,804,740.00
Judge National Industrial Court	1,804,740.00
Judge of F.C.T. High Court	1,804,740.00
Grand Kadi F.C.T. Sharia Court of Appeal	1,940,095.55
President F.C.T. Customary Court of Appeal	1,940,095.55
Kadi Sharia Court of Appeal F.C.T.	1,804,740.00
Judge F.C.T. Customary Court of Appeal	1,804,740.00
Chief Judge of State	1,940,059.55
Judge of State High Court	1,804,740.00
Grand Kadi State Sharia Court of Appeal	1,940,095.55
President State Customary Court of Appeal	1,940,095.55
Kadi State Sharia Court of Appeal	1,804,740.00
Judge State Customary Court of Appeal	1,804,740.00

PART II CONTINUED

B - ALLOWANCES AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS (FEDERAL AND STATE)

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Question; That Section II under the Head "Annual Basic Salary, Allowances and Fringe Benefits for Judicial Officers (Federal, States and F.C.T)" as amended do stand part of the Schedule to the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE PART III

ANNUAL BASIC SALARY FOR CERTAIN POLITICAL AND OFFICERS IN THE EXECUTIVE (AREA COUNCIL, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA)

Category	Annual Basic Salary
Chairman, Area Council	₦908,321.00
Vice Chairman, Area Council	₦853,056.00
Supervisory Councillor of Area Council	₦809,300.00
Secretary	₦809,300.00
Special Adviser	₦760,076.00

Question; That Section III under the Head "Annual Basic Salary for Certain Political and Public Officers in the Executive (Area Council, Federal Capital Territory, Abuja)" as amended do stand part of the Schedule to the Bill — Agreed to.

Question; That Section IV under the Head "Allowances and Fringe Benefits" for Certain Political and Public Officers in the Executive (Area Council, Federal Capital Territory, Abuja)" as amended do stand part of the Schedule to the Bill — Agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out from the provisions of the Schedules to the Bill any Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders not mentioned in Section 84(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc) Bill 2008 and approved as follows:

Clause 1	—	As Amended
Clause 2	—	As Recommended
Clause 3	—	As Recommended
Clause 4	—	Deleted
Clause 5	—	As Amended
Schedule	—	As Amended
Title	—	As Amended

Question; That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc) Bill 2008 be read the Third Time (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 23rd 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