



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 January, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.05 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, 8th January, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba drew the attention of the Senate to the Motion on the Green Tea-Agreement between Nigeria and Cameroon referred to the Joint Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, Foreign Affairs and Committee on States and Local Governments for further legislative action. He stated that the Committee could not conclude the assignment due to series of adjournments during the period and urged the Senate to grant it more time to conclude the assignment and report as directed.

Debate:

By leave of Senate, the Committee was granted additional two weeks extension within which to conclude the assignment and report as mandated.

4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42 and 52, Senator Effiong D. Bob drew the attention of the Senate to the delineation of Electoral Wards and Constituencies by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). He sought the leave of Senate for the matter to be debated as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance forthwith.

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

5. **Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) National Assembly Resolution (Force of Law) Bill 2008 (SB. 42) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Industrial Property Bill 2008 (SB. 29) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Industrial Property Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2008 (SB. 41) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Emergency Medical Rights Bill 2008 (SB. 31) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) National Ambulance Service Agency Bill 2008 (SB.28) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Education:

Report on the Civic Citizenship Education Bill 2008 (SB.234):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Education, on the Civic Citizenship Education Bill 2008 (SB.234) (*Senator Joy Emodi*).

Question put and agreed to.

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) Report of

Committee on Education on the Civic Citizenship Education Bill 2008.

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR NATIONAL ETHICS CURRICULUM IN PRIMARY, JUNIOR SECONDARY AND TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGES IN ALL THE STATES OF THE FEDERATION AND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

Clause 1: Areas of Application:

As from the commencement of this Act, National Ethics shall be made compulsory and applicable to all Primary, Junior Secondary Schools, and Teachers Training Colleges in all States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Junior" in line 2, insert the word "Senior" (*Senator Usman Jibrin Wowo*).

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: Objectives:

The National Ethics Curriculum Bill when enacted shall promote;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Curriculum" leave out the word "Bill" and after the word "promote" insert the words "and include but not limited to" (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

(a) Discipline;

(b) Integrity;

(c) Dignity of Labour and Social Justice;

(d) Religious Tolerance;

Further Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Tolerance" insert the words "and Ethnic harmony" (*Senator Usman Jibrin Wowo*).

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

(e) Self Reliance and Patriotism;

(f) Good Moral Standards; and

(g) Respect for Law and Order,

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

Clause 3: Equal Opportunity:

- (1) Subject to the provisions of section 2(c) and (d), every citizen shall have equality of rights, obligation and opportunities before the law, and interact with one another freely; and
- (2) There shall be equal job opportunities and social amenities without discrimination.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in Clause 3 (Senator Ikechukwu J. Obiorah).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 3 be deleted, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Government Role:

Subject to the provision of Section 23 of the 1999 Constitution, the Government must ensure that National Ethics are fully implemented to ensure;

- (a) That the sanctity of human person is recognized and human dignity maintained and enhanced; and
- (b) That Government in all level must be humane in its actions.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 4 be retained (Senator Joy Emodi) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 4 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Offences and Penalties:

- (1) Any Institution or body corporate who refuses to implement the provisions of this Act as a study course in Nursery, Primary, Junior Secondary and Teachers Training Colleges in all the States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory is guilty of an offence and shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished accordingly and Prosecution as specified in Section 4 (2) below.
- (2) Any person, institution or corporate body who commits an offence under Section 1 of this Act is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira) and not more than N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That Clause 5 be stood down and recommitted to the Committee on Education for further legislative action (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and Chairman

to report Progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Education on A Bill for an Act to Provide for National Ethics Curriculum in Primary, Junior Secondary and Teachers Training Colleges in all the States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory and approved as follows:

Clause 1 As Amended
 Clause 2 As Amended

Clause 4 — As Recommended

Clause 5 — Stood down

Further consideration deferred till the next legislative day.

7. **A Bill For An Act To Establish The National Sports Commission To Be Charged With The Responsibility Of Administering, Encouraging And Developing Sports And Games Throughout Nigeria And Other Matters Incidental Thereto, Bill 2008 (SB. 23).**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill For An Act To Establish The National Sports Commission To Be Charged With The Responsibility Of Administering, Encouraging And Developing Sports And Games Throughout Nigeria And Other Matters Incidental Thereto, Bill 2008 listed on the Order Paper be withdrawn and referred back to the Executive for representation (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly withdrawn and referred back to the Executive for representation.

8. Suspension of Plenary Sittings:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend Plenary Sittings till Tuesday, 15th January, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

9. **Adjournment:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 15th January, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.45p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate