



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 1st February, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10: 15 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, 31st January, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. **Committee on Privatization:**
Report on Oversight Responsibilities:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Privatization on its Oversight responsibilities (*Senator Saleh U. Danboyi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.
4. **Committee on Internal Affairs:**
Report on Oversight Responsibilities:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Internal Affairs on its Oversight responsibilities (*Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

Order:

The Senate President ordered that Standing Committees who have not submitted their Oversight Responsibilities Reports should do so without delay (Order No. 03/06).
5. **Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):**
Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153):
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153).****PART - 1****ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS, ETC. OF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION.****Clause 1: Establishment of the Independent National Electoral Commission, etc:**

- (1) Without prejudice to the provision of Section 153 of the 1999 Constitution and item F in part one of the third Schedule to the Constitution, there is hereby established a body to be known as the Independent National Electoral Commission (in this Act referred to as "the Commission").
- (2) The Commission —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession: and
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name,

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator David C. Brigidi*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Membership of the Commission:

- (1) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman who shall be the Chief National Electoral Commissioner and the Chief Executive of the Commission and twelve other members to be known as National Electoral Commissioners.
- (2) The Chairman and members of the Commission shall not be less than 50 and 40 years of age respectively.
- (3) The Chairman and members of the Commission shall be -
 - (a) persons of unquestionable integrity; and
 - (b) appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces subject to **confirmation** by the Senate.
 - (c) in exercising his powers to appoint a person as Chairman or member of the Independent National Electoral Commission, the President shall consult the Council of State.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator David C. Brigidi*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Further consideration of the Report deferred till Tuesday, 7th February, 2006 for the Joint Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to avail the Senate of the position of the Judiciary on some issues before the Senate.

Chair 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 Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2

Clause 1 — As Recommended

Clause 2 — As Recommended

Further consideration of the Report deferred till Tuesday, 7th February, 2006.

Question: That the Senate do approve the report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in affirmative.*

6. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 7th February, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 11. 35 a. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate