



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 7th February, 2006

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 Wednesday, 1st February, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. **Message from the President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from the President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

January 30, 2006

*Chief Ken Nnamani,
Distinguished President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

LIST OF EXECUTIVE BILLS PENDING BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I wish to draw the kind attention of the Distinguished Senators to the outstanding bills and legislations with the Senate.

Distinguished Senators may wish to note that the bulk of these pending Bills are Bills that are not only cardinal to this Administration's on-going economic and fiscal reforms but, indeed, have far-reaching implications on those reforms which are aimed at re-engineering the Nigerian system in general.

In particular, I wish to specifically draw attention to the following pending Bills, among others, which are considered highly crucial to the success of the reform and of immense interest and relevance to the outside world: —

- (i) *A Bill for an Act on Fiscal Responsibility;*
- (ii) *A Bill for an Act to establish the National Council on Public Procurement and other matters related therewith;*
- (iii) *A Bill for an Act to make provisions for the establishment of the Nigeria Extractive Transparency Initiative;*
- (iv) *A consolidated Bill for an Act to create offences pertaining to Advance fee fraud and other related offences;*
- (v) *A Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit etc.*
- (vi) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Niger-Delta Development Commission (Establishment) Act;*
- (vii) *A Bill for Act to amend the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (Establishment) Act;*
- (viii) *A Bill on Privatisation and Commercialisation of Public Enterprises;*
- (ix) *A Bill for an Act to establish the Geological Survey Agency of Nigeria and for matters connected therewith;*
- (x) *A Bill for an Act to establish the Bitumen Development Authority;*
- (xi) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Agriculture Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act;*
- (xii) *A Bill for an Act to amend the National Centre for Agriculture Mechanisation Act;*
- (xiii) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Act;*
- (xiv) *A Bill for an Act to repeal the pre-shipment Inspection of Imports Act;*
- (xv) *A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal Competition Commission;*
- (xvi) *Tax Reform Bills which include:*
 - (a) *A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal Inland Revenue Service;*
 - (b), — **A Bill** *for an Act to amend the Petroleum Profit-Tax-Act;* _____ . _____
 - (c) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act;*
 - (d) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Personal Income Tax Act;*
 - (e) *A Bill for an Act to amend the National Sugar Development Council Act;*
 - (f) *A Bill for an Act to amend the National Automobile Council Act;*
 - (g) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Companies Income Tax Act;*
 - (h) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs and Excise Tariff (Consolidation) Act;*
 - (i) *A Bill for an Act to amend the Education Tax Fund Act.*

Having regard to the foregoing, the purpose of this letter is to passionately appeal to the Senate to accord priority to these pending Bills and ensure their early passage into law in order to facilitate the implementation of the on-going reforms.

Accept President of the Senate, the assurances of my highest regards and best wishes for the entire Distinguished Senators, please.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed: **OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO**

4. **Announcement:**

Death of Hon. Nsini Akpan Umossoh:

The Senate President announced the passing away of Honourable (Barr.) Nsini Akpan Umossoh: representing Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency of Akwa Ibom State vide a letter he read as follows:



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

HON. (BARR.) NSINI A. UMOSSOH
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, PM.B. 141, Garki, Abuja.

3rd February, 2006

THE CHAIRMAN/SENATE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ABUJA,
NIGERIA.

Sir,

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF HON. (BARR.) NSINI AKPAN UMOSSOH:
INVITATION TO HIS BURIAL

On behalf of **the** family of Elder Sunday Akpan Umossoh (JP) of Afaha Ikot Ebak, Essien Udim Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, I have the honour, most respectfully, to inform you of the death of Boll. (Barrister) Nsini Akpan Umossoh, who was until his death a Member of the Federal House of Representatives, Abuja, representing Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency of Akwa Ibom State.

Late Hon. (Barrister) Nsini Umossoh died on the 28th day of January, 2006 after a protracted illness.

He was born on the 30th day of January, 1954 at Afaha Ikot Ebak, Essien Udim Local Government Area. He attended Methodist Boys High school _Oran and passed Jos, Plateau State. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1982.

Until his death, he served in various Committees of the National Assembly including the following: House Committee on Banking and Currency; Inter-Parliamentary; Solid Minerals; Co-operation and Integration in Africa and Foreign Affairs.

He was also a member of the National Executive Committee of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

However, before his election into the National Assembly, he held the following positions in Akwa Ibom State:

- (a) Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Akwa Ibom State (1994 -1995).
- (b) Member, Caretaker Committee of Essien Udim Local Government Area (1990), among other appointments.

His remains, shall be interred on Friday the 24th day of February, 2006 after Court Session by the Nigerian Bar Association. This shall be preceded by Parliamentary Session by the National and State Assemblies on Thursday the 23rd day of February, 2006.

Sir, our family wishes by this letter to invite you to participate in the final farewell of our illustrious son.

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Truly yours,

Signed:
Barr. Ime Umossoh
for the family.

One minute in silence observed in honour of the departed Honourable Member.

Order:

The Senate President ordered that the Appropriation Committee should submit its Report on the Appropriation Bill 2006 to the Committee of Supply by Tuesday, 14th February, 2006 (Order No. 04/06).

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) National Health Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2006 (SB. 277) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Absorption of Qualified Graduates into the Nigeria Police Force Bill 2006 (SB. 278) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Joint Committee of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission, and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153) (*Senator David C. Brigidi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

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

7. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):
Report on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153):

Consideration of the Report deferred till Thursday, 9th February, 2006.

8. Industrial Property Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 195):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Industrial Property Act (Amendment) Bill be read the Second Time (*Senator Patrick E. Osakwe*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Science and Technology to report within four (4) weeks.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 8th February, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Acting Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 11. 25 a. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate