

SENATE OF THE



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 9th 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 Wednesday, 8th February, 2006 and approved same,

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
 3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Students and Teachers of Government Secondary School Tudun Wada, Wuse, who had come to observe Senate Proceedings from the gallery.
 4. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Deep Offshore and Inland Basins Production Sharing Contract Act 1999 (Amendment) Bill 2006 (HB. 129) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Nigerian Content Development Monitoring Board in the Oil and Gas Industry Bill 2006 (SB. 250) — *Read the First Time.*
 5. **Committee on National Security and Intelligence:**
Report on Oversight Responsibilities:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence on its Oversight Responsibilities (*Senator Olorunnimbe A. Mamora*).

Question put and agreed to. Report

Laid.
 6. **Committee on Special Duties:**
Landslide at Umuchiana and Umuchi Villages Ekwulobia Town in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on the Landslide at Umuchiana and Umuchi Villages in Ekwulobia Town, Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State (*Senator Sule Gandi Yari*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.
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7. Committee on Special Duties:
Report on Landslide/Erosion Disaster in Abia State:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on Landslide/Erosion Disaster in Abia State (*Senator Sule Gandi Yari*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Executive Communication:
Fending Executive Bills with the Senate:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider and approve the response by the Committee on Rules and Business to the Executive Communication from the President, Commander-in-Chief on the Executive Bills pending in the Senate as follows:

S/N	TITLE OF BILL	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	REMARKS
	Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2006 (SB. 226)	20/9/2005	24/11/2005	Referred to Committee on Finance.
	Public Procurement Bill 2006 (SB. 151)	26/01/2005	38629	Awaiting Committee Report (Establishment and Public Service).
	Nigeria Extractive Transparency Initiative Bill 2006 (SB.146).	38376		Due for Second Reading.
	Advance Fee Fraud and other Related	38637	38684	Awaiting Committee Report (Drugs and Narcotics).
	Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit 2006 (SB. 201).	38560 Bill,		Due for Second Reading.
	Niger Delta Development Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2006.	37851	37907	Report Laid consideration deferred 21/12/2004.
	Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (Amendment) Bill 2006.	37838	37900	Passed 24/08/2004.
	Privatisation and Commercialisation 2004 (SB.32).	37935 Bill,		
	Nigeria Geological Survey Agency Bill 2004 (SB. 07	26/8/2003	38006	Passed 5/05/2005.
10	Bitumen Development Authority Bill 2005		14/10/2003	Passed 5/10/2004. Awaiting conveyance of the House
11	Agricultural Credit Guarantee Fund Bill 2006 (HB. 35) (Concurrence from the House)	38629 Scheme	38449	Yet to be officially presented to Senate
12	National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation Bill 2005			Awaiting Committee Report (Agriculture and Rural Development).
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| 13 | Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 136) | 38056 | 39021 | Passed 01/12/2005. |
| 14 | Pre-shipment Inspection of Imports Bill (SB. 261) (Customs & Excise) Amendment Bill | 17/11/2005 | | Due for Second Reading. |
| 15 | Federal Competition Bill (SB. 237) | 38574 | | Due for Second Reading. |

Federal Inland Revenue Bill, 2006 (SB. 175)	17/5/2005	38602	Awaiting Committee Report (Finance).
Petroleum Profits Tax Bill 2006 (SB. 177)	38415	38451	Awaiting Committee Report (Finance).
Company Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (SB. 178)	20/4/2005	38451	Awaiting Committee Report (Finance).
National Automotive Council (SB. 179)	14/4/2005	19/10/2005	Awaiting Committee Report (Finance).
Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 180).	20/04/2005	38481	Awaiting Committee Report (Finance).
Education Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 181)	27/04/2005		Withdrawn by the Executive.
Personal Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 182)	28/04/2005	28/07/2005	Awaiting Committee Report (Finance).
National Sugar Development Council Act (SB. 183)	26/04/2005	20/09/2005	Awaiting Committee Report (Finance).
Customs and Excise Tariff (Consolidation) Act, 2006 (SB. 176)	14/04/2005		Due for Second Reading. (Senate Majority Leader)

16 *and agreed to.*

17 Committee on Sports and Social **Development:**
Confirmation of Appointment:

18 *Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development on the screening of Mrs. Titilayo Oluremilekun Iroche as Director-General, National Lottery Regulatory Commission and approve the recommendation (Senator Bello Maiiama Yusuf).

19 *Question put and agreed to.*

20 *Report Laid.*

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

22 *Question put and agreed to.*

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF **THE WHOLE**)

23 Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development on the screening of Mrs. Titilayo Oluremilekun Iroche as Director-General, National Lottery Regulatory Commission.

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Recommendation.

Nominee Recommended for Confirmation:

Mrs. Titilayo Oluremilekun Iroche — *Agreed to.*

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 Sports and Social Development on the screening of the Presidential Nominee, Mrs. Titilayo Oluremilekun Iroche, as Director-General, National Lottery Regulatory Commission and approved the recommendation.

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

10. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission:

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153):

Consideration of the Bill deferred till Tuesday, 14th February, 2006.

11. National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB.218)

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 be read the Second Time (*Senator Patrick E. Osakwe*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and deferred to the Committee on Marine Transport to report within four (4) weeks.

12. Privilege of the Floor:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17 to enable it admit the invited Public Officers to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Extension of Time of Sitting:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do sit (this day) beyond the time appointed for the termination of the sitting of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

13. Briefings by the invited Public Officers:

Briefing by the invited Public Officers was conducted in the following order:

- (i) Minister of State for Finance
- (ii) Minister of State for Petroleum
- (iii) Group Managing Director Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).
- (iv) Accountant-General of the Federation (AGF)
- (v) Governor of the Central Bank (CBN)
- (vi) Chairman, Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

Invited Public Officers departed the Senate Chamber.

Debate:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That **the** President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria be requested to direct the Minister of Finance, to release Twenty-Seven Billion Naira (N27,000,000.00) from the Excess Crude Account to the Federation Account Allocation Committee for onward disbursement to the Three Tiers of Government (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria be requested to direct the Minister of Finance, to release Twenty-Seven Billion Naira (N27,000,000.00) from the Excess Crude Account to the Federation Account Allocation Committee for onward disbursement to the Three Tiers of Government (**S. Res. 040/06**).

14. Adjournment:

And it being 3.20 p. **m.** the Senate adjourned till Tuesday, 14th February, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.25p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate