



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14th March, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10:20 a. m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 2nd March, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Senator Jibril Aminu which he read as follows:

March 1, 2006.

*Distinguished Senator Ken Nnamani
Senate President National Assembly
Complex Abuja*

Dear Mr President

**RE: ADAMAWA REPRESENTATION ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JOINT
COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE 1999 CONSTITUTION**

I thank you for granting me audience in your office today March 1, 2006 to discuss the issue of Representation of Adamawa State in the National Assembly Joint Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution (JCRC). I wish to confirm that Senator Professor Iya Abubakar and I have agreed that he (Professor Iya) would represent Adamawa State on the Committee. As per the tradition of the Senate, he should have been serving on the Committee; I endorse all the arguments adduced in his letter to you dated February 16, 2006.

/ trust that the Senate President would direct the inclusion of his name among the members of the Committee to represent Adamawa State.

I thank you for your understanding. I would appreciate it if immediate action is taken on the issue.

Please accept, Mr President of Senate, the assurances of my highest regards and consideration.

Your Sincerely,

Signed:

Ambassador (Professor) Jibril Aminu, CON, FAS

- (ii) The Senate President acknowledged the presence of members of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Lagos State Chapter in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.
- (iii) The Senate President also acknowledged the presence of the Chairman and Councillors of Esan West Local Government Council, Edo State, in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.
- (iv) *Ad-Hoc Committee on Freedom of Information Bill:*
The following Senators were named as members:

(1)	Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN)	—	Chairman
(2)	Senator Udoma Udo Udoma	—	Member
(3)	Senator Jibril Aminu	—	Member
(4)	Senator Nuhu Aliyu	—	Member
(5)	Senator Adeleke O. Mamora	—	Member
(6)	Senator Timothy A. Adudu	—	Member

4. **Confirmation of Nomination:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request by Mr President, Commander -in-Chief for the confirmation of the nomination of Engr. (Dr.) Obafemi Anibaba (Lagos State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

5. **Privilege of the Floor:**

- (i) *Admission of Special Adviser on National Assembly Matters:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit the Special Adviser on National Assembly Matters, Senator Florence **Ita-Giwa**, to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

- (ii) *Admission of Ministerial Nominee:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Ministerial nominee to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to screen the Ministerial nominee (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Ministerial Nominee)

Debate:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Engr. (Dr.) Obafemi Anibaba (Lagos State) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole conducted a confirmation hearing on the Presidential nominee for Ministerial appointment, Engr. (Dr.) Obafemi Anibaba (Lagos State), and approved the nomination.

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

"Question: Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. (Dr.) Obafemi Anibaba (Lagos State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria ? — *Agreed to.*

The nomination of Engr. (Dr.) Obafemi Anibaba (Lagos State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed,

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

Consideration of Bill deferred till next legislative day.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 15th March, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:35p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate