



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 29th 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 Tuesday, 28th March, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcements**
 - (i) The Senate President announced that there will be a round table conference on the Fiscal Responsibility Bill to be hosted by him on Monday 3rd April, 2006 at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel at 10:30 a.m. He urged Senators to attend on time as the conference will be declared open by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo.
 - (ii) The Senate President acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Jesuit Priests from Europe and other parts of the world to observe proceedings.

4. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Jibril M, Aminu drew the attention of the Senate to the absconding from custody of the former Liberian President, Charles Taylor and his re-arrest by some Nigerian securities operatives, He congratulated the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the re-arrest stating that if he had not been re-arrested, it would have affected Nigeria's international relations.

5. **Privileges:**

Rising from Rule 14, Senator Lawal Shuaibu, Senate Minority Leader, requested that the meeting of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review (JCCR) scheduled for Wednesday, 29th March, 2006 be postponed to enable ANPP members of the Committee attending the ANPP National Executive Committee meeting in Maiduguri, Borno State to participate in the Committee meeting. Further, he requested that the Senate do consider the National Executive Committee meeting in Maiduguri in scheduling the plenary session of Thursday, 30th March, 2006.

Request for the postponement of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review meeting accordingly granted and the Senate President stated that the Senate would take the second request into consideration.

6. **Presentation of Bill:**

National War College Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 292) - *Read the First Time.*

7. **Nigeria Extractive Industry, Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Bill 2006 (SB. 146):**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Nigeria Extractive Industry, Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Bill 2006 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*),

Debate:

Question put agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters to report in two weeks.

8. **Finance (Control and Management) Bill 2006 (SB.232):**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Finance (Control and Management) Bill 2006 be read the Second Time (*Senator Mohammed S. Daggash*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Finance to report within four weeks.

9. **Joint Committee on Aviation and Special Duties:**
Report on the Investigation of Bellview Flight 210 Plane Crash:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Senate Joint Committee on Aviation and Special Duties on the investigation of Bellview Flight 210 Plane Crash (*Senator Ibrahim Mohammed*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Debate:

Report recommitted to the Committee for further legislative action.

10. **Adjournment:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 30th March, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:55p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate