



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 30th March, 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, 29th March, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcement:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Felix O. Ibru as follows:



Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

29th March, 2006

*His Excellency
Senator Ken Nnamani
Senate President
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex
Abuja.*

Your Excellency,

Passing of a Matriarch

With a heavy heart and gratitude to the Almighty God, I wish to inform Your Excellency and all Distinguished Senators of the transition to glory of our mother Chief (Mrs.) Janet Omotogor Ibru, on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at the age of 97 years.

Until her death, Chief Janet Ibru was the matriarch of the IBRU Family and she is survived by Chief Michael Ibru, OFR, Senator Felix Ibru, Engr. Bernard Ibru, Madam Grace Ibru, Ban. Goodie Ibru, OON, Dr. Alex Ibru and Ms Mabel Ibru.

Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly and will be duly communicated to Your Excellency and all Distinguished Senators.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

Senator (Olorogun) Felix O. Ibru

4. Presentation of Bill:

Private Detectives and Investigation Bill 2006 (SB. 291) —*Read the First Time.*

5. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do refer to the appropriate Committee **the** request by Mr President, **Commander-in-Chief** for the confirmation of the **nomination** of Banister Frank Achinike Owbor (*Rivers State*) as a member of the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on National Planning, Economic Development and Poverty Eradication to report within one week.

6. Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition of Professor Dora N. Akunyili, Director-General, NAFDAC on the Court Ruling by Justice Ishaq Bella, Abuja Federal High Court Presiding Judge:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on the Petition by Professor Dora N. Akunyili, Director-General, NAFDAC on the Ruling by Justice Ishaq Bello, Abuja Federal High Court Presiding Judge, in the case of the State Vs Francis Okoye and others (*Senator Titus O. Olupitan*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Committee's Recommendations: That the Senate do:

- (i) appeal to the National Judicial Council (NIC) to expedite action on the petition of Professor Dora N. Akunyili already pending before it; and
- (ii) commend the effort, courage and uncommon commitment of the Director-General, NAFDAC, in her fight against drugs barons and eradication of fake drugs in the country.

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Recommendation (ii):

- (i) *Leave out the words "commend the courage and "uncommon" in line 1, and insert the words "acknowledge the" instead thereof (Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida).*

Question, that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment Proposed:

- (ii) *Leave out the words "drugs barons and eradication of" in line 2 (Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida).*

Question, that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Debate concluded.

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do appeal to the National Judicial Council (NJC) to expedite action on the petition of Professor Dora N. Akunyili already pending before it — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate do acknowledge the effort and commitment of the Director-General, NAFDAC, in her fight against fake drugs in the country — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do appeal to the National Judicial Council (NJC) to expedite action on the petition of Professor Dora N. Akunyili already pending before it
- (ii) That the Senate do acknowledge the effort and commitment of the Director-General, NAFDAC, in her fight against fake drugs in the country (5. Res **041/06**).

7. Customs and Excise Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB.261):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Customs and Excise Act (Amendment) 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 Finance to report in four weeks.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 4th April, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:10p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate