



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 6th April, 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 Wednesday, 5th April, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Remark by the Senate President:**
Newspaper Publication;
The Senate President drew the attention of the Senate to a front page publication of the **Daily Independent** Newspaper of Thursday, April 6, 2006 captioned "*Senate Probes Mantu*" and a quotation therein credited to Senator Idris Ibrahim Kuta alleging "*Before Nnamani could decide whether to put the question or not, the Deputy Clerk was busy manipulating him to take a decision that was to later favour the leadership. Both the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk feel themselves committed because Mantu has the ability to make or unmake them. Mantu succeeded in 'eating' (the late Chuba) Okadigbo, he 'ate' (Anyim Pius) Anyim and (Adolphus) Wabara. The next man for him to 'swallow' is Nnamani*"

The President reiterated that he had complied absolutely with the guidelines and procedures regarding voting in a *Division*. He consequently denied and absolved the Senate Clerk and the Deputy of any manipulation or interference with his Ruling during the *Division* exercise. He urged Senators to be wary of making statements or utterances which tend to denigrate the institution of the Senate.

4. **Presentation of Bill:**
Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2006 (SB. 284) —*Read the First Time.*
5. **Committee on Communications:**
Report on Screening of Nominees:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Communications on the screening of the following nominees as Non-Executive Commissioners of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC):
 - (i) Engineer Olawole Ige
 - (ii) Engineer Muktari I. Zimit
 - (iii) Barrister Bayo Atoyebi
 - (iv) Engineer Donatus D. Ude

Recommendation:

"That the Senate do confirm the nomination of the above three (3) nominees as Non-Executive Commissioners of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) while the nomination of Engineer **Donatus D. Ude** be rejected" (*Senator Baba Tela*).

Report presented and Laid.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Mr. Chairman in the Chair)

Consideration of Report of the Committee on Communication on the Screening of Nominees as Non-Executive Commissioners of the Nigerian Communication Commission(NCC):

Debate:

Nominees recommended:

(i) Engineer Olawole Ige — *Agreed to.*

(it) Engineer Muktari I. Zimit — *Agreed to.*

(iii) Barrister Bayo Atoyebi — *Agreed to.*

Nominee not recommended:

Engineer Donatus D. Ude — *Agreed to.*

Chair 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 Communications on the screening of the following nominees as Non-Executive Commissioners of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and approved the nomination of Engineer Olawole Ige, Engineer Muktari I. Zimit, Barrister Bayo Atoyebi and rejected the nomination of Engineer Donatus D. Ude.

Question; That the report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Question;

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engineer Olawole Ige as a Non-Executive Commissioner of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Accordingly the Nomination of Engineer Olawole Ige as a Non-Executive Commissioner of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

Question;

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engineer Muktari I. Zimit as a Non-Executive Commissioner of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Accordingly the Nomination of Engineer Muktari I. Zimit as a Non-Executive Commissioner of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

Question;

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barrister Bayo Atoyebi as a Non-Executive Commissioner of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Accordingly the Nomination of Barrister Bayo Atoyebi as a Non-Executive Commissioner of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

Question;

"That the Senate do adopt the recommendation of the Committee on the nomination of Engineer Donatus D. Ude as a Non-Executive Commissioner of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)" —
Resolved in the Affirmative.

6. Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria Bill, 2006 (HB. 55):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria Bill, 2006 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

7. Committee on Commerce:

Report on Consumer Protection Council Bill, 2006 (SB. 26):

Consideration of Bill deferred till next legislative day.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 11th April, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12: 45p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate