



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 4th May, 2006

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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, 3rd May, 2006 and approved same.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.*

3. **Announcements:**  
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Felix O. Ibru as follows:  
(A)



Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 2nd

May, 2006

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

*Your Excellency,*

### **Letter of Appreciation**

*Following the announcement of the death of my late mother, the Senate resolved on April 12, 2006 to:*

- Send a condolence message to the IBRU family.*
- Send a delegation to commiserate with the IBRU family.*

*I wish to inform the Senate that the burial took place on Friday April 28, 2006 and Senate was represented by a high-powered delegation led by the Deputy Senate President.*

*On behalf of the IBRU family, I would like to thank the Senate for its remarkable involvement and support in ensuring that our late mother was given a befitting burial.*

*God bless the Senate.*

*(Signed)*

*Senator (Olorogun) Felix O. IBRU*

**(B) Reconstitution of Conferees Committee on the National Oil Spill Response Bill 2006:**

The following were named as Conferees:

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| (i)   | Senator Victor K. Oyofe | — | Chairman |
| (ii)  | Senator Omar Hambagda   | — | Member   |
| (iii) | Senator Abiola Ajimobi  | — | Member   |
| (iv)  | Senator John Danboyi    | — | Member   |
| (v)   | Senator Fideiis Okoro   | — | Member   |
| (vi)  | Senator Dahiru Umaru    | — | Member   |

**4. Motion:**

*Rehabilitation of Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos:*

WHEREAS the contracts for the rehabilitation of the Murtala Mohammed International, Airport, Ikeja, Lagos, costing N270, 533,436.73 was split into six contracts and approved same day - November 16th, 2005, thus:-

- (i) execution of Civil Works including Modular Kiosk in the rehabilitation of Murtala Mohammed International Airport Ikeja Lagos at N47,649,663.07.
- (ii) supply and delivery of flooring systems in the rehabilitation of Murtala Mohammed International Airport Ikeja Lagos at N48,803,190.71.
- (iii) installation of floor finish materials, provision and installation of relocatable shelters and Immigration cubicles in the rehabilitation of Murtala Mohammed International Airport Ikeja Lagos at N44,142,151.02
- (iv) execution of sundry Mechanical and Electrical services in the rehabilitation of Murtala Mohammed International Airport Ikeja Lagos at N46,196,947.40
- (v) phase one rehabilitation of Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos at N34,037,500.00; and
- (vi) Supply, delivery and Installation of ceiling systems in the rehabilitation of Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos at N49,703,984.51.

WHEREAS, FAAN via a letter dated 23rd day of May, 2002, awarded a concession to the concessionaire to build the burnt domestic terminal of the Murtala Mohammed Airport, Ikeja, on build operate and transfer (B.O.T) basis without mentioning the cost of the B.O.T project, without which the operation period will be difficult if not impossible to determine;

WHEREAS, the concession letter dated May 23rd 2002, did not include construction of hotel, however, Nigeria and Nigerians woke up one morning to witness the Minister of Aviation conducting a foundation laying ceremony of a hotel claimed to be part of the concession granted to the concessionaire;

WHEREAS FAAN awarded BOT concession to the concessionaire on 23rd day of May 2002 without the cost implication being established; the cost was not also contained in both the principal agreement signed in April 2003 and the supplemental agreement signed in June 2004;

WHEREAS, N128,500,5000.00 contract was awarded for clearing of grass along runway 18 of the Murtala Mohammed Airport, Ikeja, and split to three (3) companies resident in Abuja on the 24th day of October 2005 as follows:

- (a) Runway 18 at N45,000,000.00
- (b) Runway 36R at N49,500,000.00
- (c) Same Runway 36R at N34,000,000.00

WHEREAS, it may interest the President and Distinguished Senators to know that these two runways for which three contracts were awarded, in the true sense of it, is the same runway i.e. Runway 18 at one approach becomes Runway 36 at the other approach;

WHEREAS FAAN, with the approval of the Minister of Aviation, purchased an Apron Bus for the exclusive use of Virgin Nigeria Airline, a private company, at the cost of N35,275,251.56K;

WHEREAS, Federal Airport Authority owns and operates tractors capable of mowing and cutting grass within and around the airport, yet contracts for clearing of grass were awarded to three companies without having regard to the provisions of the Financial Regulations of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chapter 1 part 2, section 104 sub-section (iii);

WHEREAS, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria recently at an interactive media chat condemned the Aviation sector for corrupt practices;

WHEREAS, Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has full complement of Engineering Department, consisting of Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Electrical, Mechanical, Civil and Structural Engineers and a host of other artisans capable of handling almost all its work in-house.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred on the Minister of Aviation and management of FAAN,

Be it resolved:

That the Senate do ensure that corrupt practices and financial recklessness did not go unchecked by directing its Committee on Aviation to investigate the remote and immediate cause or causes that gave rise to this serious financial recklessness and abuse of tender regulations. This will be in consonance with Section 88 (1) of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (*Senator Muktar M. Aruwa*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That the Senate do direct its Committee on Aviation to investigate the remote and immediate cause or causes that gave rise to the serious financial recklessness and abuse of tender regulations in the Aviation Ministry (S. Res/046/06)-

5. 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 Hon. Justice Salihu Modibbo Alfa Balgore (CON) as Chief Justice of Nigeria (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Nomination accordingly referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report in two weeks.*

6. Confirmation of Nomination:

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do refer the request by Mr President, Commander-in-Chief for the confirmation of the nomination of the following nominees as Members of the Board of the Universal Service Provision Fund to the appropriate Committee:

- (i) Mr. Moses-A. Makinde
- (ii) Dr. (Mrs.) Virginia Anohu
- (iii) Alhaji Umar Maigari Baba
- (iv) Barrister (Mrs.) Rosemary Obanya (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Nomination accordingly referred to the Committee on Communications to report in two weeks.*

**7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 297) (Second Reading) (Second Allotted Day) (Adjourned Debate Wednesday, 3rd May, 2006).**

*Resumed debate on the Amendment Bill.*

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Emmanuel A. Agboti
- (ii) Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbanne
- (Hi) Senator Omar A. Hambagda
- (iv) Senator Mohammed Yusha'u Anka
- (v) Senator Clement K. Awoyelu
- (vi) Senator Fred I. Orti
- (vii) Senator Eze D. Ajoku
- (viii) Senator Idris Ibrahim Kuta
- (ix) Senator Umaru I. Tsauri
- (x) Senator Bala Adamu
- (xi) Senator Robert B. Koleosho
- (xii) Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi
- (xiii) Senator Usman Sani Sami
- (xiv) Senator Daisy Ehanire-Danjuma
- (xv) Senator Joy Emodi
- (xvi) Senator Oserheimen A. Osunbor

*Debate adjourned till next legislative day.*

**8. Adjournment:**

*Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 9th May, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).*

*Adjourned accordingly at 1. 50p.m.*

**Ken Nnamani**  
*President of the Senate*