



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 11th May, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10. 25 a.m. The President read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings;
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 10th May, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. Message **from the President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from the President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

9 May,
2006.

Senator Ken Nnamani,
President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Dear President of the Senate,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DR. MICHAEL
EBIE ONYIA AS A NON-EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER IN THE
NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Section 5 of the Nigerian Communications Act, 2003 provides that the Governing Board of the Commission shall consist of 9 Commissioners made up of:

- (a) Chairman
- (b) Chief Executive who shall also be the Executive Vice Chairman

(c) 2 Executive Commissioners, and

(d) 5 Non-Executive Commissioners

who shall be appointed by Mr. President.

Section 8(1) of the Commission's Enabling Act also provides that all the Commissioners shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation by the Senate,

You will, however, recall that following my letter Ref. PRES/134 of February 9, 2006, forwarding four (4) nominees for confirmation of renewal of tenure as Non-Executive Commissioners in the Nigerian Communications Commission, the nomination of Engr. Donatus D. Ude did not scale through the Senate screening.

I am, therefore, presenting the nomination of Dr. Michael Ebie ONYIA, whose Curriculum Vitae is attached, as a replacement for Engr. Donatus D. Ude for appointment as a Non-Executive Commissioner in the Nigerian Communications Commission.

I look forward to your early action.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

4. Constitution of Conferees on the National Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 153):

The following were named as Conferees:

(i)	Senator David C. Brigidi	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Yahaya N. Ugbane	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Umaru Dahiru	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina	—	Member
(v)	Senator Uche Chukwumerije	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Olatokunbo O. Ogunbanjo	—	Member

5. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 297) (Second

Reading) (Fifth Allotted Day) (Adjourned Debate, Wednesday, 10th May, 2006):

Resumed debate on the Amendment Bill.

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Iya Abubakar
- (ii) Senator Jibril M. Aminu
- (iii) Senator Isaiah C. Balat
- (iv) Senator Victor K. Oyofe
- (v) Senator Ugochukwu B. Uba
- (vi) Senator Rufus I. Spiff
- (vii) Senator Fidelis C. Okoro
- (viii) Senator Tunde Ogbeha

- (IX) Senator Dalha A. Dan-Zomo
(X) Senator Ben Obi
(xi) Senator Umar Dahiru
(xii) Senator Julius A. Ucha
(xiii) Senator Shehu U. Albishir
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- (xiv) Senator Felix K. Ogunwale
(xv) Senator Mohammed Ibrahim
(xvi) Senator Iyabode Anisulowo
(xvii) Senator Muktar M. Aruwa
- (xviii) Senator Christopher C. Nshii (xix)
Senator Mohammed S. Daggash

Extension of Time of Sitting:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do sit (this day) beyond the time appointed for the termination of the sitting of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resumed Debate:

- (xx) Senator Sani Kamba
(xxi) Senator David C. Brigidi
(xxii) Senator Badamasi M. Maccido
(xxiii) Senator Mamman B. Ali
(xxiv) Senator Simeon S. Ajibola

6. Adjournment:

And it being 2.30 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 16th May, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.30 p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate