



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17th May, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10. 20 a.m. The President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 16th May, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Nigerian Economic Students Association, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, in the gallery to observe the Senate Proceedings.

4. **Privileges:**
Rising on Rules 14 and 15, Senator Idris Kuta invited the attention of the Senate to an interview granted British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) by Senator Ahmadu Ali, National Chairman, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Tuesday, 16th May, 2006 at 8:45 p.m. where he was alleged to have used foul language against Senators and the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas on Tuesday, 16th May, 2006 at about 8.45 p.m., the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) aired an interview credited to Senator Ahmadu Ali, National Chairman, PDP;

WHEREAS the content of the interview and the language used are both despicable and **fall** short of standards expected of a former Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

WHEREAS the foul language used to describe Senators as "rascals" and "idiots" is both an affront on the Senators' collective sensibilities as Senators and the Distinguished Institution of Senate;

WHEREAS both Senators and the Senate are only discharging their lawful duties of lawmaking as enshrined in Section 4 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 and guided by the rules of procedure of the Senate, such statement is uncalled for; and

WHEREAS the unguided utterances of Senator Ali are both unparliamentary, unstatesmanly, crude, barbaric, uncivilised, undemocratic, unethical, sacrilegious and an affront on the institution of Senate and Senators.

Be it resolved: That the Senate do:

- (i) condemn the statement of Senator Ahmadu Ali in the strongest terms:

- (ii) demand an unreserved apology to Senators and the Senate; and
- (III) strip the former Senator of all his privileges as contained in Section 17 (d) of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the prayers (i) - (iii), in the motion and insert as follows:

"That the matter be referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petition (*Senator Dalhatu*

S. Tafida).

Question that the amendment be made put.

The Senate divided:

AYES	—	51
NOES		33
ABSENT		22
ABSTENTION		
TOTAL		108
		AYES

1. Senator Iya Abubarkar	2. Senator Bala Adamu
3. Senator Chris Adighije	4. Senator Emmanuel A. Agboti
5. Senator Mohammed A. Aji	6. Senator Abiola Ajimobi
7. Senator Mamman B. Ali	8. Senator Nuhu Aliyu
9. Senator Ibikunle Amosun	10. Senator Iyabo Anisulowo
11. Senator Yushau M. Anka	12. Senator Muktar M. Aruwa
13. Senator Isaiah C. Balat	14. Senator Mahmud K. Bello
15. Senator John K. Brambaifa	16. Senator Farouk B. Bunza
17. Senator Uche Chukwumerije	18. Senator Umaru Dahiru
19. Senator Usman S. Danboyi	20. Senator Saidu M. Dansadau
21. Senator Dalha A. Dan-Zomo	22. Senator Daisy Ehanire-Danjuma
23. Senator Joy I. Emodi	24. Senator Haruna Garba
25. Senator Hayatu B. Gwarzo	26. Senator Rufai S. Hanga
27. Senator Abdulazeez A.	28. Senator Abu Ibrahim
29. Senator Mohammed Ibrahim	30. Senator Sani A. Kamba
31. Senator James O. Kolawole	32. Senator Idris I. Kuta
33. Senator Badamasi M.	34. Senator Abubakar Maikafi
35. Senator Adeleke O. Mamora	36. Senator Nasiru I. Mantu
37. Senator Abubakar S.	38. Senator Ben Obi
39. Senator Mohammed S.	40. Senator Emmanuel O. Okpede
41. Senator Bode Olowoporoku	42. Senator Titus O. Olupitan
43. Senator Fred I. Orti	44. Senator Daniel I. Saror
45. Senator Lawal Shuaibu	46. Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida
47. Senator Baba Tela	48. Senator Umaru I. Tsauri
49. Senator Usman K. Umar	50. Senator Bello M. Yusuf
51. Senator Lawan J. Zarami	

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| 1. Senator Mohammed Ahmed | 2. Senator Simeon S. Ajibola |
| 3. Senator Eze D. Ajoku | 4. Senator Ifeanyi G. Araraume |
| 5. Senator Effiong D. Bob | 6. Senator Ittak B. Ekarika |
| 7. Senator Ike Ekweremadu | 8. Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw |
| 9. Senator Robert B. Koleosho | 10. Senator Lee L. Maeba |
| 11. Senator James E. Manager | 12. Senator David Mark |
| 13, Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba | 14. Senator Gregory Ngaji |
| 15. Senator Geokur C. Niagwan | 16. Senator Francis A. Nzeribe |
| 17. Senator Musiliu M. O. Obanikoro | 18. Senator Tunde Ogbeha |
| 19. Senator Olatokunbo O. Ogunbanjo | 20. Senator Gbenga Ogunniya |
| 21. Senator Fidelis C. Okoro | 22. Senator Akinlabi Olasunkanmi |
| 23. Senator Iyiola Omisore | 24. Senator Patrick E. Osakwe |
| 25. Senator Oserheimen A. Osunbor | 26. Senator Victor K. I. Oyofo |
| 27. Senator Gbemisola R. Saraki-Fowora | 28. Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi |
| 29. Senator Rufus I. Spiff | 30. Senator Ugochukwu B. Uba |
| 31. Senator Julius A. Ucha | 32. Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane |
| 33. Senator Tawar U. Wada | |

ABSENT

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| 1. Senator Timothy A. Adudu | 2. Senator Tokunbo Afikoyomi |
| 3. Senator Shehu U. Albishir | 4. Senator Zik S. Ambuno |
| 5. Senator Clement K. Awoyelu | 6. Senator John Azuta-Mbata |
| 7. Senator David C. Brigidi | 8. Senator Mohammed S. Daggash |
| 9. Senator John M. Danboyi | 10. Senator Oladapo H. Ehinlanwo |
| 11. Senator Teslim K. Folarin | 12. Senator Omar A. Hambagda |
| 13. Senator Isa Maina | 14. Senator I. S. Martyns-Yellowe |
| 15. Senator Isa Mohammed | 16. Senator Christopher C. Nshii |
| 17. Senator Felix K. Ogunwale | 18. Senator Usman S. Sami |
| 19. Senator Udoma U. Udoma | 20. Senator Adolf Wabara |
| 21. Senator Sule G. Yari | 22. Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina |

ABSTENTION

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| 1. Senator Jibril M. Aminu | 2. Senator Felix O. Ibru |
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Main Motion as amended accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges to report within two weeks.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Obanikoro drew the attention of the Senate to the death of about 200 persons resulting from fire on vandalized oil pipeline in Lagos.

Matter stood over till next legislative day.

6. **Committee on Banking, Insurance and Financial Institutions:**

Report on Chartered Institute of bankers Bill 2006 (SB. 170):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Financial Institutions on the Chartered Institute of Bankers Bill 2006 (*Senator Gbenga Ogunniya*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Banking, Insurance and Financial Institutions:**Report on National Development Bank Bill 2006 (SB. 252):**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Financial Institutions on the National Development Bank Bill 2006 (Senator **Gbenga Ogunniya**).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Closed Session:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on matters relevant to the workings of the Senate (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate in Closed Session — 12:00 p.m

Senate in Open Session — 1:25 p.m.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 18th May, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1. 30 p.m.

Ken Nnamani

President of the Senate