



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th June, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10. 10 a.m. The President read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 13th June, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted as amended.

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

14 June 2006.

*Senator Ken Nnamani President
of the Senate, Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEE AND CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEES

For personal reasons, Mrs. Amina J. Ibrahim, who was recently presented to the Senate for confirmation as Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, has indicated that she will not be able to take up such appointment for now.

I, therefore, present Dr. Aliyu MODIBBO (Gombe State), who, in fact, was once a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria under this Administration, as a substitute for Mrs. Amina Ibrahim,

I am also using this medium to present Mrs. Leslye Amede OBIORA (Imo State) for confirmation by the Senate as Minister of the Government of the Federation.

/ attach herewith the nominees' Curriculum Vitae for your necessary action, please.

While I trust that the Distinguished Senate will confirm these nominees for appointment as Ministers of the Government of the Federation, consistent with Section 147(2) of the 1999 Constitution, without delay, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

*Signed: OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

4. Announcements:

(i) The Senate President announced the composition of the Delegation to Kogi State to commiserate with the family of the late Senator Ahmed Tijani Ahmed as follows:

(a)	Senator Ibrahim N. Mantu, Deputy Senate President	—	Leader of Delegation
(b)	Senator Lawal Shuaitm, Senate Minority Leader	—	Member
(c)	Senator Abiola Ajimobi	—	Member
(d)	Senator Chris Adighije	—	Member
(e)	Senator Haruna Garba	—	Member
if)	Senator Effiong D. Bob	—	Member
(g)	All Senators from Kogi State	—	Member

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



**THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMMITTEE ON
ESTABLISHMENT & PUBLIC SERVICE**

14th June, 2006

*Senator Ken Nnamani President
of the Senate Federal Republic
of Nigeria*

Your Excellency,

Retreat on the Public Procurement Bill 2005 - Reminder

You may recall that by a letter dated on 14th March, 2006 (photocopy attached) our Committee requested for the funding of a 3-day retreat in Lagos. Your Excellency, this letter is to inform you that the Retreat has been rescheduled for Jun 16 -18, 2006 at the Federal Palace, Lagos.

Your kind assistance would be highly appreciated.

Warm regards.

Signed:

*Senator (Olorogun) Felix O. Ibru
Chairman*

5. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C, for the confirmation of the nominations of the following nominees, as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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| (i) | Engr. Elias Nwalem Mbam | — | Ebonyi State |
| (ii) | Mr. Sayyadi Abba Ruma | — | Katsina State |
| (iii) | Chief (Mrs.) Salome Audu Jankada | — | Taraba State |
| (iv) | Mr. Bala Bawa Ka'oje | — | Kebbi State |
| (v) | Mr. Olufemi Fani-Kayode | — | Osun State |

(Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

6. Privileges of the Floor:

(i) *Admission of the Special Adviser on National Assembly Matters:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit the Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters to the floor of the Senate (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

The Special Adviser admitted accordingly.

(ii) *Admission of the Ministerial Nominees:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to enable it admit Ministerial Nominees to the floor of the Senate (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

The Ministerial Nominees admitted accordingly.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to screen the Ministerial Nominees (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Screening of Ministerial Nominees.

Debate:

Recommendation:

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

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| (i) | Engr. Elias Nwalem Mbam (Ebonyi State) | — | Agreed to. |
| (ii) | Mr. Sayyadi Abba Ruma (Katsina State) | — | Agreed to. |
| (Hi) | Chief (Mrs.) Salome Audu Jankada (Taraba State) | — | Agreed to. |
| (iv) | Mr. Bala Bawa Ka'oje (Kebbi State) | — | Agreed to. |
| (v) | Mr. Olufemi Fani-Kayode (Osun State) | — | Agreed to. |

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole screened the President's nominees for Ministerial Appointments and approved the nominations.

Question, that the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole, resolved in the Affirmative.

Extension of Time

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

Question put and agreed to.

Confirmation:

Question:

" Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Elias Nwalem Mbam (*Ebonyi State*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Engr. Elias Nwalem Mbam (Ebonyi State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

" Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Sayyadi Abba Ruma (*Katsina State*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Mr. Sayyadi Abba Ruma (Katsina State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

" Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief (Mrs.) Salome Audu Jankada (*Taraba State*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Chief (Mrs.) Salome Audu Jankada (Taraba State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

" Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Bala Bawa Ka'oje (*Kebbi State*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Mr. Bala Bawa Ka 'oje (Kebbi State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

" Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Olufemi Fani-Kayode (*Osun State*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Mr. Olufemi Fani-Kayode (Osun State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

7. *Adjournment:*

And its being 3. 45 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 15th June, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3. 45 p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 13th June, 2006 (No. 3):

At page 60, under Personal Explanation, re-number "Extra Judicial killings by the Police in Oturkpo, Benue State" as (i) and insert (it) thus:

Withdrawal of Funds from Federation Account — Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 1st June, 2006 (item 6):

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Gbemi Saraki informed the Senate that the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation was investigating the alleged withdrawal of funds from the Federation Account before it was brought to the Senate as a Motion and requested that the Committee be included in the Joint Committee investigating the matter.

By leave of Senate, the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation was included in the Joint Committee.