



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 24th August, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10; 15 a.m. The President read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 23rd August, 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

5TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FOURTH SESSION
No. 14

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August 23, 2006

*The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers, National
Assembly Complex, Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

**RE: REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF POLICE AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
STATE SECURITY SERVICES**

It has just been mentioned to me that the Committee of Whole of the Senate would want to meet the Inspector General of Police and the Director-General of State Security Services on issue of security in the country and I regret to inform the Senate that the IGP is absent from Abuja on duty and he will not be available for the meeting. As soon as he is back in town, contact will be made with the Senate President for appropriate rescheduling of the meeting.

The Director-General of SSS, who is in town, will obviously be available for the meeting.

Accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

*Signed: OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

4. Announcements:

- (i) The President announced receiving a letter from the Secretary General of the People's Democratic Party of Nigeria, Chief Ojo Maduekwe inviting distinguished Senators to the 32nd PDP National Executive Council (NEC), coming up on Monday, 28th August, 2006 at the National Headquarters, Wadata House, Wuse Zone 5, at 10.00 a.m.
- (ii) The Senate President announced that he would be attending the World Igbo Congress in Boston, USA coming up in the week of 25th — 29th August, 2006.

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Prohibition of Indiscriminate Disposal of Industrial Waste Bill 2006 (SB. 314) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Prevention of Terrorism Bill 2006 (SB. 315) — *Read the First Time.*
- (Hi) Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 306) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Service Delivery (Control and Monitoring) (Establishment, etc) Bill 2006 (SB.310) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria Bill 2006 (HB.60) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ben Obi invited the attention of the Senate to two Bills (SB. 192 and SB. 193) on anti-Terrorism earlier sponsored by him, and the introduction of the Prevention of the Terrorism Bill 2006 (SB. 315) just read. He noted that the Bill was a duplication of the previous Bills sponsored by him and therefore requested that the Bills be stood down.

By Leave of Senate, matter referred to the Committee on Rules and Business for rescheduling.

7. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of the President, Commander-in-Chief for the confirmation of the nomination of Alhaji Muhammad Lele Muhktar (Bauchi State), as a Member of the Federal Judicial Commission (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within one week.

8. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of the President, Commander-in-Chief for the confirmation of the nomination of Alhaji Abdullahi Waziri (*Bauchi State*), as a Member of the Federal Character Commission (*Senate Majority Leader*),

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs to report within one week.

9. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of the President, Commander-in-Chief for the confirmation of the nomination of Hon. Sir Chimaobim Nwakanma (Abia State), as a Commissioner in the National Population Commission (NPC) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on National Population and Identity Card to report within one week.

10. Suspension of Senate Proceedings:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend the items on the Order Paper to receive briefing by the Director-General of State Security Services (SSS) on the security situation in the country (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

11. Privileges of Floor:

Admission of the Director-General, State Security Services (SSS) and Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17 to enable the Director-General of State Security Service (SSS) and Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters be admitted to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

The Director-General, State Security Services and the Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters accordingly admitted.

12. Closed Session:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to receive briefing from the Director-General, State Security Service (SSS) on the security situation in the country (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate in Closed Session — **11.20 a.m.**

Open Session — **1.05 p.m.**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in Closed Session was adequately briefed by the Director-General, State Security Service (SSS) on issues bordering on national intelligence. The Senate President stated that the Senate was quite satisfied on the basis of information made available to it by the Director-General, and noted that the State Security Services (SSS) was very much concerned about the assassinations in the country. The President also noted the non-direct involvement of the State Security Service in the investigations as the issues were directly being handled by the Nigeria Police. The Senate President thereafter urged the Senate to await further briefing by the Inspector-General of Police on his return from an official assignment.

13. Committee on Finance:

Report on Federal Inland Revenue (Establishment) Bill 2006 (SB. 175):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Finance on the Federal Inland Revenue (Establishment) Bill 2006 (*Senate Majority Leader*).

By Leave of the Senate, consideration deferred.

14. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:

Report on Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management Bill 2006 (HB. 53):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management Bill 2006 (*Senate Majority Leader*).

By Leave of the Senate, consideration deferred.

15. **Council for Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria Bill 2006 (SB. 128):**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Council for Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria Bill 2006 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

By Leave of the Senate, consideration of Bill stood down.

16. **Adjournment:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 29th August, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1: 55 p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate