



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 3rd June, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.40 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, 28th May, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. Messages from Mr. President:
The Senate President announced that he had received two letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces which he read as follows:



(A)

PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

5, May 5, 2008

*Distinguished Senator David Mark,
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
Three Arms Zone,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
SAIDU DAMBALA ADAMU AS A MEMBER OF THE
FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION**

The Federal Character Commission (FCC) is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. By the provision of Part I(c) of the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one member

from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. In this connection, a vacancy has now arisen in the composition following the sudden death of Honourable Musa Nikaf, the former member representing Kaduna State in the Federal Character Commission.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria decided to appoint Saidu Danbala Adamu whose Curriculum Vitae is attached hereto as a member of Federal Character Commission for a term of five (5) years.

In accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which states that the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby present the nomination of Saidu Danbala Adamu for the kind consideration of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
UMARUMUSA YAR'ADUA

(B)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

May 28, 2008

PRES/134

Distinguished Senator David Mark,
President of the Senate, Senate
Chambers, National Assembly
Complex, Abuja.

Dear brother,

2008 DRAFT NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STATUTORY BUDGET PROPOSALS

I forward herewith, the draft Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Statutory Budget Proposal for Year 2008, for consideration by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The budget expenditure profile is as presented below:

S/No		2007 Appropriation (N' Million)	2008 Appropriation (N' Million)
i)	Personnel Expenditure	2,777.60	3,025.46
ii)	Recurrent Expenditure	4,466.20	3,895.50
iii)	Capital Expenditure	790.06	1,011.81
iv)	Project (Development) Expenditure	61,825.10	71,471.23
Total		69', 858.96	79,404.00

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 299 of the 1999 Constitution which vests legislative powers over the NDDC on the National Assembly, I present the 2008 draft Budget Proposals of the NDDC for the kind consideration and approval of the National Assembly.

Please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurance of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcements:

(i) End of Session Dinner:

The Senate President announced that there is going to be an End of Session Dinner on Wednesday, 4th June, 2008 at the Mansion, Apo Legislative Quarters by 7.30 p.m. All Distinguished Senators and their spouses are cordially invited.

(ii) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Bishop James Memorial School, Kwamba, Suleija, Niger State, who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Privileges of the Floor:

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Order 17 to admit Senators Florence Ita-Giwa and Mohammed Abba Aji to the Floor of the Senate (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senator Florence Ita-Giwa and Senator Mohammed Abba Aji accordingly admitted to the Floor of the Senate.

In her farewell brief to the Senate, Senator Florence Ita-Giwa, the out-going Special Adviser on National Assembly matters to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria expressed her appreciation and gratitude for the understanding, cooperation and cordial relationship which erstwhile existed between her and the Senate. She thereafter introduced her successor, Senator Mohammed Abba Aji.

6. Committee on Appropriation:

Report on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill 2008 (SB. 98):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriation, on the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill 2008 (*Senator Ahmed Muhammad Maccido*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Capital Market:

Report on the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Capital Market, on the screening of the following persons for appointment into the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and approve the recommendation:

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| (i) | Senator Udoma Udo Udoma | — | Akwa Ibom |
| (ii) | Ms. Daisy Sunjuba Ekineh | — | Rivers |
| (iii) | Charles Udora | — | Anambra |
| (iv) | Lawal Sani Stores | — | Katsina |
| (v) | Barr. (Mrs.) Ronke Fatade | — | Lagos |
| (vi) | Yahaya Ali | — | Kogi (<i>Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon</i>). |

Debate:

Question put and agreed to

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Capital Market, on the screening of the following persons for appointment into the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC):

(i)	Senator Udoma Udo Udoma	Akwa Ibom
(ii)	Ms. Daisy Sunjuba Ekineh	Rivers
(iii)	Charles Udora	Anambra
(iv)	Lawal Sani Stores	Katsina
(v)	Barr. (Mrs.) Ronke Fatade	Lagos
(vi)	Yahaya Ali	Kogi

Nominees Recommended:

Senator Udoma Udo Udoma	Akwa Ibom
Ms. Daisy Sunjuba Ekineh	Rivers
Charles Udora	Anambra
Lawal Sani Stores	Katsina
Barr. (Mrs.) Ronke Fatade	Lagos
Yahaya Ali	Kogi

Debate:

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Senator Udoma Udo Udoma (Akwa Ibom State) as Part-Time Chairman of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Ms. Daisy Sunjuba Ekineh (Rivers State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Operations) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Charles Udora (Anambra State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Enforcement) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Lawal Sani Stores (Katsina State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Finance and Administration) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Barr. (Mrs.) Ronke Fatade (Lagos State) as a Part-Time Commissioner of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Yahaya Ali (Kogi State) as a Part-Time Commissioner of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report of the Committee on Capital Market, on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Commissioners for appointment into the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and approved the recommendation:

(i)	Senator Udoma Udo Udoma	—	Akwa Ibom
(ii)	Ms. Daisy Sunjuba Ekineh	—	Rivers
(iii)	Charles Udora	—	Anambra
(iv)	Lawal Sani Stores	—	Katsina
(v)	Barr. (Mrs.) Ronke Fatade	—	Lagos
(vi)	Yahaya Ali	—	Kogi

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Nominees:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Senator Udoma Udo Udoma (Akwa Ibom State) as Part-Time Chairman of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator Udoma Udo Udoma (Akwa Ibom State) as Part-Time Chairman of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ms. Daisy Sunjuba Ekineh (Rivers State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Operations) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ms. Daisy Sunjuba Ekineh (Rivers State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Operations) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Charles Udora (Anambra State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Enforcement) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Charles Udora (Anambra State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Enforcement) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Lawal Sani Stores (Katsina State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Finance and Administration) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Lawal Sani Stores (Katsina State) as a Full-Time Commissioner (Finance and Administration) of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. (Mrs.) Ronke Fatade (Lagos State) as a Part-Time Commissioner of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Barr. (Mrs.) Ronke Fatade (Lagos State) as a Part-Time Commissioner of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Yahaya Ali (Kogi State) as a Part-Time Commissioner of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Yahaya Ali (Kogi State) as a Part-Time Commissioner of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accordingly confirmed.

8. **Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption:**
Report on the Enquiry as to Whether the Nominated Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) had assumed Office:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption, on the Enquiry as to Whether the Nominated Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) had assumed Office (*Senator Sola Akinyede*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Recommendation:

- (i) That Mrs. Farida M. Waziri, AIG (Rtd) be screened by the Senate.
- (ii) That the Attorney-General of the Federation should withdraw his letter.

Debate:

Recommendation (i):

That Mrs. Farida M. Waziri, AIG (Rtd) be screened by the Senate — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Recommendation (ii):

That the Attorney-General of the Federation should withdraw his letter — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Resolved:

- (i) That Mrs. Farida M. Waziri, AIG (Rtd) be screened by the Senate.
- (ii) That die Attorney-General of the Federation should withdraw his letter (*S. Res/071/08*).

9. **National Parole System in Nigeria Prison Bill 2008 (SB. 62):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

10. **Excess Crude Oil Reserve Fund Bill 2008 (SB. 36):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 4th June, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1. 40p.m.

David A. B. Mark, GCON
President of the Senate