



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12th December, 2006

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, 22nd November, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. Messages **from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received six (6) letters from **the** President, **Commander-in-Chief** which he read as follows:
(A)

December 5, 2006.

PRES/134

Senator Ken **Nnamani**, President of the



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senate, Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Dear President of the Senate,

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE
INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER
RELATED OFFENCES COMMISSION (ICPC)**

Section 3(3) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 provides that the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission shall consist of **a** Chairman and twelve (12) other members, two of whom shall come from each of the six (6) **geo-political** zones.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred on me by Section 3(3) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 decided to appoint the under-listed persons as members of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission:

They are:

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| (i) | Chief (Mrs.) Julie Onum-Nwariaku | — | South-East |
| (ii) | Rtd. AIG (Dr.) Mrs. Rose Abang-Wushishi | — | South-South |
| (iii) | Ahmed Abdullahi B/Magaji (a youth) | | North-Easi |
| (iv) | Sir (Chief) Simeon O. Oguntimehin, OON, FCA | | Chartered Accountant - |
| (v) | Senator Adejo A. Ogiri (re-appointed) | — | North-Central |
| (vi) | Alhaji A.R.K. Saba (re-appointed) | — | South-West |

Accordingly, in line with Section 3 (6) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 which states that the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby forward the names of the nominees whose CVs are attached herewith for confirmation by the Senate:

I look forward to your early action.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed): OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

(B)



The President,

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

NASS/S/SP/NASC

1st December, 2006

Chief **Olusegun** Obasanjo, GCFR
President,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria
State House
Abuja

Your Excellency,

**RE: NOMINATION OF MEMBERS INTO THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMISSION (NASC)**

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I wish to inform Your Excellency that Mr. Jones Ogbonda who was nominated for Appointment as Commissioner into the National Assembly Service Commission, has withdrawn his candidature.

Pursuant to Sections 3, 4 and 6 of the National Assembly Service, Commission Act, 2000, I, therefore, present Hon. Ambrose Ojezuabi Imoode from Edo State, as a substitute for Mr. Jones Ogbonda.

In addition, Engr. Alloy Onochie is hereby presented to represent Anambra State as a Commissioner in the National Assembly Service Commission.

I attach herewith their Curriculum Vitae for your necessary action, please.

Please accept Mr. President, the assurance of my highest regard.

SENATOR KEN NNAMANI
PRESIDENT
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

29 November 2006

*The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone
Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

2007 STATUTORY BUDGET OF THE FEDERAL
CAPITAL TERRITORY

Pursuant to Section 299 of the Constitution of the Federation, 1999, I forward herewith the FCT Statutory Allocation Budget for Year 2007 for consideration by the Senate.

While urging you to accept the assurance of my highest esteem, it will be most appreciated if the Budget is given urgent consideration by the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) :
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(D)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

*PRES/134
The Rt. Hon. Ken Nnamani,
President of Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

22 November 2006

Dear Senate President,

**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRMAN
AND MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Federal Civil Service Commission 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 1 (D) of the THIRD SCHEDULE of the 1999 Constitution; the Commission shall comprise the Chairman and not more than fifteen (15) other members. In this connection, the tenure of Chairman and twelve (12) members of the Commission will expire on 31st October 2006.

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 the following as Chairman and Commissioners in the Federal Civil **Service** Commission:

S/N.	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1.	Amb. Ahmed Al-Gazali, OON, mni (Renominated)	Borno	Chairman
2.	Mrs. Sarah Dokotri (fresh appointment)	Plateau	Member
3.	Obong Uwah (Renominated)	Akwa-Ibom	Member
4.	Mr. Agbo Godwin Chukwuemeka (Fresh appointment)	Enugu	Member
5.	Mr. Joseph Oluremi Akande (fresh appointment)	Osun	Member
6.	Amb. Z. M. Kazaure (Renominated)	Jigawa	Member
7.	Dr. A. M. Yabani (Renominated)	Yobe	Member
8.	Alhaji Aliyu Wall (Renominated)	Niger	Member
9.	Amb. I. Bindawa (Renominated)	Katsina	Member
10.	Chief (Mrs.) Ijeoma Unez Eronimi (fresh appointment)	Imo	Member
11.	Alhaji Y. A. Yabo, (Renominated)	Sokoto	Member
12.	Hajiya Lami Buba (Renominated)	Gombe	Member
13.	Alhaji Yusuf Olowu (fresh appointment)	Kwara	Member

The CVs of the new nominees are attached.

In line with the provision of Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution which states that the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby present the thirteen (13) nominees for confirmation by the Senate.

I look forward to your early action.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(E)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

22 November 2006.

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

Dear President of the Senate,

CONFIRMATION OF AMBASSADORIAL NOMINEES

In accordance with Section 171 (c) sub-Section (4) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I have the honour to forward herewith the names of the following career Foreign Service Officers who are being nominated for Ambassadorial appointments for Senate confirmation:

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| (1) | Mr. A. O. Soyombo (Director) | Ogun State |
| (2) | Amb.A. BinRimdap (Director) | Plateau State |
| (3) | Mr. C. A. Ariyo (Director) | Osun State |
| (4) | Mr. C. E. Onwuagbu (Director) | Anambra State |
| (5) | Mr. E. M. Obiako (Director) | Anambra State |
| (6) | Mr. A. O. Adeyanju (Director) | Ogun State |
| (7) | Mr. T. A.O. Oguntona (Director) | Oyo State |
| (8) | Mr. M. U. Offor (Director) | Delta State |
| (9) | Dr. R. O. Akeju (Director) | Lagos State |
| (10) | Mr. Z. O. Ojo (Director) | Ekiti State |
| (11) | Mr. S. A. D. Olisa (Director) | Delta State |
| (12) | Dr. Martini. Uhomoibhi (Deputy Director) | Edo State Imo |
| (13) | Dr. O. P. Oparah (Director) | State Edo State |
| (14) | Mr. P. J. E. Anegbeh (Deputy Director) | Kwara State |
| (15) | Mr. H. A. Opeloyeru (Deputy Director) | Niger State |
| (16) | Amb. M. K. Ndanusa (Deputy Director) | Adamawa State |
| (17) | Mr. H. Salihu (Deputy Director) | Katsina State |
| (18) | Mr. L. M. Dulsin-Ma (Deputy Director) | Imo State |
| | * | Bauchi State |
| (19) | Mrs. A. C. Uzoka-Emejulu (Deputy Director) | Borno State |
| (20) | Mr. Salihu Ahmed-Sambo (Deputy Director) | Enugu State |
| (21) | Mr. B. G, Zanna | Kano State |
| (22) | Dr. F. A. Aniokoye (Deputy Director) | |
| (23) | Mr. Kabiru Garba | |

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| (24) | Mr. U. A. Baraya (Assistant Director) | Kebbi State |
| (25) | Mr. S. T. Dogonyaro | Kebbi State |
| (26) | Mrs. A. A. Obileye | Ogun State |

Copies of their CVs are attached herewith.

While I hope the Distinguished Senate would accord speedy consideration to the confirmation process in respect of these nominations, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Signed
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(F)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

November 22, 2006.

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

Dear President of the Senate,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF
MINISTERIAL NOMINEES**

In the exercise of powers conferred on me by Section 147(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I hereby nominate Senator Abdallah Muhammad Wali, Alhaji Ikra Aliyu Bilbis, Arc. Mike O. Onolememen, Chief Desmond Akawor, Prof. Ivara Ejemot Esu, Mr. Bala Mohammed Borodo and Dr. Adewunmi Abitoye for appointment as Ministers representing Sokoto, Zamfara, Edo, Rivers, Cross River, Kano and Ondo States respectively in the Federal Executive Council.

The nominees are to fill the vacant positions of their respective States representative in the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 147(3) of the 1999 Constitution.

In line with the provision of Section 147(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, I hereby present the nominees, whose CVs are attached herewith, for confirmation by the Senate.

** Please accept the assurances of my
highest consideration.*

Yours sincerely,

Signed **OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO**

4. Remarks by the Senate President:



The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

TEXT OF REMARKS BY SENATOR KEN NNAMANI, PRESIDENT,
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
TO WELCOME SENATORS BACK TO PLENARY
SESSION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006

"THERE IS LIFE AFTER POLITICAL OFFICE"

I heartily welcome my distinguished colleagues to plenary session. We suspended plenary briefly to allow our colleagues to participate in the election primaries of their parties, especially the Peoples Democratic Party, the majority party in the Senate. Apart from rigorous political campaigns, the brief adjournment of plenary session also allowed some of us to carry out our other legislative duties and attend important meetings and conferences.

*The reports about violence, manipulations and outright imposition in some of the primaries raise cause for concern, about the **sustainability** of democracy post 2007. From the experiences of our recent past, we should be instructed that primaries to elect candidates for elections are not mere formalities. They are definitive of the character and direction of democratization **in** Nigeria. If primaries are grossly manipulated, then the signs **are** not good enough for the main elections. Primaries are shadows of things to come. And, if we judge by the media report, already our democracy post-2007 does not stand altogether on a good ground.*

Some of our colleagues participated in the primaries. A few Senators for personal reasons did not participate in the primaries, electing to continue to offer their services to the nation outside the corridors of official powers. Still, some Senators participated in primaries for Governorship positions in their states.

*We are proud that **each** of our colleagues who vied to return as Senator or to transfer his or her service to the nation in the gubernatorial position fought gallantly. But, unfortunately, some of our colleagues failed to clinch their party tickets. Because the Senate is one family **and** we share deep conviviality and commitment we empathize with **our** colleagues who lost the primaries. It is very painful that some of our colleagues were betrayed by the very persons and institutions they supported as legislators. It is even more disheartening that some primaries were said to be unfairly conducted or manipulated against them.*

*But, let's not grieve. The Senate is a place for gallantry and courage. I am not in doubt that our distinguished colleagues who lost the primaries will brace themselves up and still offer their best to the nation. We should not allow the feelings of disappointment to drain our energies and enthusiasm for legislative duties. We have set the daunting task of being an outstanding Senate in terms of legislative productivity and democratic representation. We have come a long way. But, we have **not** yet got to the destination. Several important laws need to be enacted; and more rigorous oversights and insights need to be conducted on executive agencies to further ensure value for money. This is time for greater dynamism to entrench democracy and widen opportunity for economic wellbeing. We cannot afford to brood over party primaries. We cannot **allow** bitterness to block the initiative and commitment that mark this Senate.*

***As** I welcome my colleagues to plenary session, I urge everyone to rise up to greater devotion to our mission so that we can finish strong. There is life after public office. Our claim to leadership is not based on what office we hold but the contribution we make to mobilize fellow citizens to transformative behaviour. We have examples of great men **and** women who lost important elections and went ahead to become more famous and exhibited greater leadership for the common good.*

Since our democracy is modelled after the United States, a few examples from that country will help to assure us that electoral failure is not fatal to aspirations to leadership. We should not forget that President Nixon failed the race for the Presidency in 1960, failed again in the race for Governorship in 1962, only

to become President in 1968. Senator Al Gore who later became Vice President, lost the presidential race in 2000 and became a Professor at University of Columbia School of Journalism. His new documentary on global warming, "The Inconvenient Truth", makes him the global spokesman of environmentalism. When Senator Rick Lazio was defeated by Hillary Clinton in 2000, he entered the financial industry and today he is the Vice President of JP Morgan Chase. Senator Garland Nelson lost a Senate race in 1980 and joined the environmental conservation movement. He founded the Earth Day and is today the Counsellor of the Wilderness Society.

We can remain leaders whether in or out of political office. Whether we return to this chamber or move to another political office, or even leave politics entirely, we can still offer leadership to our country. We can continue to serve the people of Nigeria who gave us the privilege to be Senior Citizens. In spite of the results of the primaries, the Nigerian people appreciate our service to the fatherland. And, as long as we continue to offer the people quality representation, they will continue to appreciate our statesmanship.

This is time to buckle up and finish strong. We must consolidate and preserve the legacy of democratic representation, which this Senate is bequeathing to the nation. We must remain focused, strong and dedicated so that we will achieve our mission. Neither grief nor sorrow should deter us from discharging our responsibilities as Senators. Let's move on.

Thank you,

Signed:

Senator Ken **Nnamani**

President

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

5. Announcements:

- (i) The Senate President read letters from Distinguished Senators as follows:
(A)



Senator Rufai Sani Hanga

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

SENATE CHAMBERS
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

E-mail: rufaiil954@yahoo.com

Date: 10th November, 2006

His Excellency
The Senate President
National Assembly, Abuja.

Sir,

DECORATION TO AC

Please be informed that I have decided to declare from ANPP to AC. This action is being carried out under Section 68 (1) G of the 1999 Constitution which allows Senators to cross from their political party which sponsored them to another party provided there is a division within his party or party of his origin has merged with another party.

In this case, my party was factionalise giving rise to divisions as a result of which a division merged with PDP as was the case in Jigawa and another Division formed DPP as is the case of Sokoto etc.

My new Division decided to merge with A CD and now to A C. Also, it will be recalled that during the 1st Senate, many Senators went ahead to contest elections on political parties other than their party which sponsored them.

The Senate and the Senate President decided to maintain the sanctity of the Senate and Senators seat without allowing party differences and squabbles to affect members. This is a great precedence.

Your Excellency, I hereby declare for Action Congress (AC) and I should referred to as such whenever the occasion arises.

Highest regards.

Signed
Senator Rufai Hanga
AC Member from Kano.

(B)



Senator

(TARABA SOUTH)

CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON PRIVATISATION
MEMBER: AGRICULTURE, INFORMATION & PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

22 NOVEMBER, 2006

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE SENATE PRESIDENT

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP FROM PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDP) TO ACTION CONGRESS (AC)

With utmost humility to your Excellency and my Distinguished Colleagues. I am to hereby declare officially my change of Membership of the PDP to the AC.

I am to further inform you that my decision as such is predicated and accordingly fortified by virtue of the proviso to section 68(1) (g) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

Your Excellency, may wish to be further informed that it is an undisputed fact that the PDP as my sponsored party has by every necessary implication satisfied the three listed condition of division, merger and factions as mentioned in the provision to section 68(g) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

It is also crystal clear that my sponsored party PDP suspended and had denied me been registered, therefore I cannot remain without a party. It is in the light of the above that I consider it justifiable to change my Membership from the PDP to the A C.

Finally, I wish to thank all my distinguished colleagues of this great Senate for their support and also pray for the survival of our Democratic dispensation in our beloved country Nigeria.

Signed:
SENATOR SAIFU U. DANBOYI

Suit 413/414 (Senate Wing).
National Assembly Complex, Three
Aims Zone, P. M. B. 141, Garki -
Abuja, Nigeria. Tel: 09-2340640
exi. 3137.

11th December, 2006

The Senate President
National Assembly,
Abuja.

Decampins from A.N.P.Pto P.D.P

This is to officially inform you that I had since October, 2006, decamped to P.D.P and to this end I am already the flag bearer of my new Parry P.D.P in the 2007 Senatorial Election.

Thanks for your kind understanding.

While I remain. Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

Senator M. K. Bello

(D)



Senator

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Chairman: Senate Committee On States & Local Government Administration Member:
Establishment & Public Service, Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, Women
Affairs & Youth Development; Ethics. & Petitions.

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3rd December, 2006.

His Excellency
Senator Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate
National Assembly
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

NOTIFICATION OF MY CHANGE OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP FROM PDP TO ANPP

I hereby wish to officially notify you and my distinguished colleagues of the change of my membership from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP).

My decision was influenced by the high level of excessive intrigues, destructive conspiracy within the Peoples Democratic Party, (PDP) which subsequently led to many factions within every ward that makes up my district (Ogun West).

Kindly accept my gratitude to you and heartfelt appreciation to my distinguished colleagues in the PDP for their support and cooperation thus far.

I presume we can still work together for progress and good governance of our country. Please, Mr. President, and my distinguished colleagues be assured of my high regard.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

Senator lyabode Anisulowo

(E)



Senator Ibikunle Amosun FCA
Ogun Central Senatorial District

27 November, 2006

His Excellency, Senator
Ken Nnamani, President
of the Senate, National
Assembly, Abuja.

Your Excellency,

NOTIFICATION OF MY CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP FROM PDP TO ANPP

I write to officially notify you and my Distinguished Colleagues of my change of membership from The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP).

My decision was necessitated by the excessive intrigues and power play existing within the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), which subsequently led to its factionalisation.

I herewith express my profound gratitude and deep appreciation to my Distinguished Colleagues in the PDP for their legislative support and co-operation. I would like to assure the entire Senate that I would continue to thread the path of fairness, objectivity and legislative decorum, which symbolises the tenets of Democracy.

Please accept Mr Senate President, Distinguished Colleagues, the assurances of my high regards.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Signed:

Senator Ibikunle Amosun FCA

- (ii) *The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Student Union Government of the University of Nigeria Nsukka who were in the Gallery to observe the Senate Proceedings.*

Conference Committees

6. (A) The Senate President announced the underlisted as the Senate Conferees to the Conference Committee on the Bills:
- (i) *Institute of Certified Secretaries and Official Reporters (HB. 143):*
 - (ii) *Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management (HB. 53):*
 - (iii) *Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (HB.55):*

They are:

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| (i) | Senator Felix O. Ibru | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator Mohammed Ahmed | Vice Chairman |
| (iii) | Senator L. Jalo Zarami | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Emmanuel Azu Agboti | Member |
| (v) | Senator Hayatu B. Gwarzo | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Rufus I- Spiff | Member |
| (vii) | Senator Akinlabi Olasunkanmi | Member |

(B) *Freedom of Information Bill 2006:*

The Senate President named Senate Conferees on the Freedom of Information Bill 2006 as follows:

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| (i) | Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator Nuhu Aliyu | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Jibril Aminu | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Adeleke O. Mamora | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Udoma Udo Udoma | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Farouk B. Bunza | — | Member |
| (vii) | Senator Uche Chukwumerije | — | Member |

7. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Abubakar Maikafi, Chairman, Committee on Appropriation, informed the Senate of the inability of the Committee to submit the report on the 2007 Appropriation Bill to the Committee of Supply as earlier scheduled. This is in view of series of activities that characterized the last two weeks. He therefore requested for an extension of the time frame by one week.

By leave of Senate, one week granted.

8. Closed Session — 11: 45 a. m.

Open Session — 12: 50 p. m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in Closed Session discussed issues relevant to the workings of the Senate in relation to the Appropriation Bill 2007.

9. **Presentation of Bills:**

(i) Institute of Capital Market Registrars of Nigeria Bill 2006 (HB. 207) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Institute of Debt Recovery Practitioners (Establishment, etc) Bill 2006 (SB. 341) — *Read the First Time.*

(in) Federal Capital Territory Property Tax Bill 2006 (SB. 335) — *Read the First Time.*

10. **Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs:**

Report on the Federal Road Safety Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 57): Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs, on the Federal Road Safety Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 57) (Senator Ike Ekweremadu).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Consideration of Report deferred to the next legislative day.

11. **Adjournment:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 13th December, 2006 at 10.00a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05 p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate