



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22nd February, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10:20 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, 21st February, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Message from Mr President:**
The Senate President announced that he received a letter from Mr President which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

February 16, 2007

PRES/134

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

Dear President of the Senate,

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF MR ALOYSIUS C. NWAGBOSO AS ABIA
STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC)**

You will recall that since April, 2005 when the Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) was reconstituted, Abia State remains the only State without a representative on the Commission's Governing Board. This follows the non-confirmation of the nominees who were earlier presented.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 2(2) of the Niger Delta Development Commission Act 2000, decided to appoint Mr Aloysius C. Nwagboso, whose Curriculum Vitae (CV) is attached herewith, as the Abia State representative on the Governing Board of the Commission.

In line with the provision of Section 2(2) (a) of the NDDC Act, 2000, I hereby present Mr Nwagboso for confirmation by the Senate in consultation with the House of Representatives.

I look forward to your early action.

Yours Sincerely,

*Signed: OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

4. Announcement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Student of Saints Simeon and Jude Seminary, Kuje Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Lawal Shuaibu, Chairman, *Ad-hoc* Committee on the list of indicted politicians by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) drew the attention of the Senate to the Committee's inability to complete the assignment as scheduled. He therefore sought an extension of time to enable the *Ad-hoc* Committee conclude the assignment and report as ordered.

Committee granted an extension up to Wednesday, 28th February, 2007.

6. Special Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2007 (SB. 346):

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Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Special Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2007 be read the Second Time — (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Appropriation and Local and Foreign Debts to report within two weeks.

7. Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill 2007 (SB. 294):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill 2007 be read the Second Time — (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within two weeks.

8. Financial Reporting Council Bill 2007 (SB. 347):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Financial Reporting Council Bill 2007 be read the Second Time — (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Finance to report within two weeks.

9. Committee on Marine Transport:

Report on the Maritime Administration and Safety Bill 2007 (SB. 326):

Consideration of the Report stood down to the next legislative day.

- 10. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream):**
Report on the Nigerian Content Development in the Oil and Gas Industry Bill 2007 (SB. 280):

Consideration of the Report stood down to the next legislative day.

- 11. Adjournment:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 27th February, 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 1. 15p.m.

Ken Nnamani, GCON
President of the Senate