



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 1st February, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10:25 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, 31st January, 2007 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 the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria which he read as follows:
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PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRESS/134

24th January, 2007.

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

Dear President of the Senate,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to repeal the Nigerian Bank for Commerce and Industry Act and to transfer its affairs to the Bank of Industry.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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*The Senate President Senate
Chambers, National
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Dear President of the Senate,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to repeal the National Economic Reconstruction Fund Act and to transfer its assets and liabilities to the Bank of Industry.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,
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Remarks by the Senate President:

4. Annual Mahatma Ghandi Memorial Lecture:

The Senate President briefed the Senate on his trip to India as a representative of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to attend the Annual Mahatma Ghandi Memorial Lecture on Non-Violence Philosophy during which he presented a paper on the need for immortalising the name Mahatma Ghandi.

The President informed the Senate that the lecture was well attended by Parliamentarians and Political leaders across the globe. He stated that many highly thought provoking papers were presented at the lecture including a five minute intervention by the Senate President which was well received and promised to make a comprehensive report to Senate at a later date.

Committee on Foreign Affairs:

5. Report on the Screening of Ambassadorial Nominees:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Screening of the underlisted Career Foreign Service Officers for Ambassadorial appointments:

(1)	Mr. H. Salihu	Adamawa State
(2)	Mr. C. E. Onwuagbu	Anambra State
(3)	Mr. E. M. Obiako	Anambra State
(4)	Mr. Salihu Ahmed-Sambo	Bauchi State
(5)	Mr. B. G. Zanna	Borao State
(6)	Mr. M. U. Offor	Delta State

(7)	Mr. S. A. D. Olisa	-	Delta State
(8)	Dr. Martin I. Uhomoibhi	—	Edo State
(9)	Mr. P. J. E. Anegbeh	—	Edo State
(10)	Mr. Z. O. Ojo	-	Ekiti State
(11)	Dr. F. A. Aniokoye	—	Enugu State
(12)	Dr. O. P. Oparah	—	Imo State
(13)	Mrs. A. C. Uzoka-Emejulu	—	Imo State
(14)	Mr. L. M. Dutsin-Ma	—	Katsina State
(15)	Mr. Kabiru Garba	—	Kano State
(16)	Mr. U. A. Baraya	—	Kebbi State
(17)	Mr. S. T. Dogonyaro	—	Kebbi State
(18)	Mr. H. A. Opeloyeru	—	Kwara State
(19)	Dr. R. O. Akeju	—	Lagos State
(20)	Amb., M. K. Ndanusa	-	Niger State
(21)	Mr. A. O. Soyombo	—	Ogum State
(22)	Mr. A. O. Adeyanju	—	Ogun State
(23)	Mrs. A. A. Obileye	-	Ogun State
(24)	Mr. C. A. Ariyo	—	Osun State
(25)	Mr. T. A. O. Ogimtona	—	Oyo State
(26)	Amb. A. Bin Rimdap	—	Plateau State (<i>Senator Jibril Aminu</i>).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and laid.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Foreign Affairs on the screening of Career Foreign Service Officers for Ambassadorial appointments.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to a later date.

6. Committee on Solid Minerals Development:
Conference Report on Solid Minerals and Mining Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2007 (HB. 87);
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and adopt the Conference Report on the Solid Minerals and Mining Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2007 (*Senator Cosmas G. Niagwan*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Question; that the Report be adopted — Resolved in the Affirmative.

7. Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Affairs:

Report of the 113th, 114th and 115th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and adopt the Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Affairs on the 113th, 114th and 115th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (Senator Uche Chukwumerije).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Question; that the Report be adopted — Resolved in the Affirmative.

8. Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs:

Report on the Federal Road Safety Commission (Amendment) Bill 2007 (SB. 57):

Consideration of Report stood down to the next legislative day.

9. Mortgage Institute Act 1989 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2007 (SB. 287):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Mortgage Institute Act 1989 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) 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 Banking and Other Financial Institutions to report within two weeks.

10. Institute of Capital Market Registrars of Nigeria Bill 2007 (HB. 201):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Institute of Capital Market Registrars of Nigeria 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 Capital Market to report within two weeks. ■.,.

11. Chartered Institute of Professional Printers of Nigeria Bill 2007 (HB. 100):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Chartered Institute of Professional Printers of Nigeria 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 Establishment and Public Service Matters to report within two weeks.

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12. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 6th February, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05p.m.