



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28th 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 Tuesday, 27th February, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. Announcement:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Pupils of Adebo Nursery and Primary School, Mararaba, Nasarawa State who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.
4. Conference Committee:
Miscellaneous Offences Bill 2007 (SB. 321):

The Senate President named the following as Senate Conferees:

(i)	Senator Jibril M. Aminu	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Udoma Udo Udoma	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Tawar U. Wada	—	Member
(v)	Senator Timothy A. Adudu	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Sani A. Kamba	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Felix K. Ogunwale	—	Member
5. Presentation of Bill:
Association of Cost and Management Accountants Bill 2007 (SB. 350)— *Read the First Time.*
6. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:
Report of the Conference Committee on the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (ICPAN) Bill 2007 (HB. 55):
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Conference Report on the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (ICPAN) Bill 2007 (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adopt the Conference Report on the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (ICPAN) Bill 2007 (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

7. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:

Report of the Conference Committee on the Institute of Certified Secretaries and Official Reporters (ICSR) Bill 2007 (HB. 43):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Conference Report on the Institute of Certified Secretaries and Official Reporters (ICSR) Bill 2007 (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adopt the Conference Report on the Institute of Certified Secretaries and Official Reporters (ICSR) Bill 2007 (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

8. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:

Report of the Conference Committee on the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management (CIPSM) Bill 2007 (HB. 53):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Conference Report on the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management (CIPSM) Bill 2007 (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adopt the Conference Report on the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management (CIPSM) Bill 2007 (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

9. Ad-hoc Committee on Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF):

Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Other Related Matters:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Other Related Matters on the Operations of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.



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 SENATORS TO COMMENCE
DELIBERATION ON THE PTDF REPORT ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

'It Is Time for Forthrightness and Courage'

Distinguished colleagues, the much awaited report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) has been laid before the Senate. Today, we begin deliberation on the report.

I wish to remind everyone of us of the enormous challenge we face as representatives of the people on this defining period in our history. Every one of us is a witness to the unprecedented acrimony, accusation and public umbrage at the revelations of corruption and abuse of due process during the Public hearings conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee. Every one of us will surely recall the insistence of Nigerians of diverse political persuasion and affiliations that in the matter of PTDF justice must be done and seen to be done. We must bear in mind that it is the Nigerian people - the same people who sent us to this hallowed chamber to defend their interests - who are the victims of the mind-boggling misapplication of the finances of the PTDF.

My distinguished colleagues, I remarked while inaugurating the Committee that its challenge is to get to the roots of the mistrust, distrust and corruption in management of the fund and restore dignity to the Presidency. This challenge still abides. The Presidency has been degraded by the sleaze and lack of transparency in the PTDF affairs. I repeat that the Presidency is not a person. It is an institution. Institutions are preserved by strict compliance with rules and procedures.

My distinguished colleagues, it is my fervent prayer that we acquit ourselves honourably in the PTDF matter as we did with the debate on constitutional amendment. Let us deliberate and decide in a manner, that Nigerians alive today and those who will read from history books will acclaim us as Statesmen who through forthrightness and courage delivered the nation from downward slide into the tyranny of arbitrary and reckless misapplication of public funds.

The ball is now in our courts. I wish all of us divine grace in this historic deliberation.

Signed:
Senator Ken Nnamani, GCON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Debate:

Further consideration deferred to Tuesday, 6th March, 2007.

- 10.** Adjournment:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 1st March, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.58p.m.

Ken Nnamani, GCON
President of the Senate