



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6th March, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 1st March, 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 Students of Islamic Training Centre Madalla, Niger State who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.
4. 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 resume consideration of 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) (*Adjourned Debate — 28th February, 2007*) (*Senator Victor Ndomu-Egba*).

Debate:

Extension of Time of Sitting:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for its sitting (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Debate resumed.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas the Ad-hoc Committee did a commendable job in putting together so much information and revealing several activities connected with the PTDF as to enable a clear picture to emerge;

WHEREAS the Ad-hoc Committee itself admitted that they did not have enough time to do a complete and thorough job;

WHEREAS the Ad-hoc Committee also made recommendations on the need for further investigations into some aspects of their report that they could not cover adequately;

WHEREAS many Senators in their debates and contributions alluded to the fact that the findings and recommendations of the Ad-hoc Committee, did not appear to flow accurately from the body of evidence and facts presented to it;

WHEREAS there is a need for the Senate to be presented with a more thorough, rigorous and complete assessment and evaluation of the relevant evidence and information necessary for a fair and just set of resolutions.

Be it resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do set up a Review Committee to complete and fill up the gaps in the Ad-hoc Committee report; and
- (ii) That the Review Committee do:
 - (a) evaluate and assess the evidence, findings and recommendations of the Ad-hoc Committee in the light of any new information and evidence with a view to proposing resolutions to be adopted by the Senate; and.
 - (b) take account of views and comments of Senators during the debate, and to update and improve the work of the Ad-hoc Committee in the light of new evidence or perspectives presented during the debate.
- (iii) That the Review Committee should comprise of Seven Senators including the Chairman, and to report back in one week (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question; That the Senate do set up a Review Committee to complete and fill up the gaps in the Ad-hoc Committee report — Agreed to.

Prayer (ii):

Question; That the Review Committee do:

- (a) evaluate and assess the evidence, findings and recommendations of the Ad-hoc Committee in the light of any new information and evidence with a view to proposing resolutions to be adopted by the Senate — *Agreed to.*
- (b) take account of views and comments of Senators during the debate, and to update and improve the work of the Ad-hoc Committee in the light of new evidence or perspectives presented during the debate — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (iii):

Question; That the Review Committee should comprise of Seven Senators including the Chairman, and to report back in one week — Agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do set up a Review Committee to complete and fill up the gaps in the Ad-hoc Committee report; and
- (ii) That the Review Committee do:
 - (a) evaluate and assess the evidence, findings and recommendations of the Ad-hoc Committee in the light of any new information and evidence with a view to proposing resolutions to be adopted by the Senate; and.
 - (b) take account of views and comments of Senators during the debate, and to update and improve the work of the Ad-hoc Committee in the light of new evidence or perspectives presented during the debate.
- (iii) That the Review Committee should comprise of Seven Senators including the Chairman, and to report back in one week (*S. Res/013/07*),

5. Adjournment:

And it being 4. 15 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 7th March, 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.15 p.m.

Ken Nnamani, GCON
President of the Senate