



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 2nd May, 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 Tuesday, 24th April, 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 five letters from the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria which he read as follows:
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PRESIDENT,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

28 March 2007.

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

Dear President of the Senate,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL: CITY UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, YABA. 2007

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the City Technology University, Yaba, Lagos and other related matters thereof.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(B)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

28 March 2007.

*The Senate President, Senate
Chambers, National Assembly
Complex, Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro - Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL: CITY UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY KADUNA BILL 2007

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the City Technology University Kaduna and other related matters thereof.

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

Yours Sincerely

Signed: OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134



26 March 2007

*The President of the Senate, Senate
Chambers, National Assembly
Complex, Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

AMENDMENT OF THE SMALL AND MEDIUM
ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF NIGERIA (SMEDAN) ACT. 2004

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill for an Act to amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment Etc) Act, 2004.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Signed: OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

(D)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

22 March 2007

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

Dear President of the Senate,

RE: RESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENT: ENGR. A. EKPOTU

I have received the notification of resignation of appointment with effect from 12th March, 2007 from Engr. Patrick A. Ekpotu, Commissioner representing the South-South Zone in the National Assembly Service Commission.

Section 3(8) of the National Assembly Service Commission Act, 2000 provides that where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor and such a successor shall represent the same geo-political interest. Section 3(3) of the Act also provides that the President of the Senate shall, upon consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, submit to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria a proposed list out of which the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall nominate for appointment a Chairman and members of the Commission.

Accordingly, the Senate President may wish to make a nomination for a successor after necessary consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(E)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

28 March 2007.

The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers, National
Assembly Complex, Three-
Arms Zone, Asokoro -
Abuja.

Dear President of the Senate,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL: NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 2005

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to establish a legislative and regulatory framework for the delivery of health services throughout Nigeria.

In order to deal with health services effectively, the Bill seeks to create a standard across the nation in the delivery of health services by establishing norms and standards, frameworks and national policies.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Signed: OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

April 14th and 21st General Elections 2007:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52 Senator Mukhtar Mohammed Aruwa invited the attention of the Senate to the recent General Elections held on 14th and 21st April, 2007 and sought leave of the Senate to present a Motion on the matter forthwith.

Debate:

Question that the matter be debated forthwith put and negatived

Consequently matter stood down to the next legislative day.

5. Privileges:

Rising on Rule 14, 15 and 16 Senator Farouk B. Bunza invited the attention of the Senate to an earlier motion on the withdrawal of funds from the Federation Account in relation to the funding of the Paris Club outstanding debt, Power Sector Development Scheme and other sundry payments, which was deliberated upon on Thursday, 1st June 2006. Where the Senate resolved "That the Senate do direct its Committees on Finance and Appropriation to investigate the matter and report its findings to the Senate within three weeks" (S. Res/57/06).

He further reminded the Senate that the Report is yet to be submitted to the Senate and that further withdrawals were still going on. He, therefore, moved that the Senate do direct its Committees on Finance and Appropriation to submit the Report within one week.

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do direct its Committees on Finance and Appropriation to submit the Report within one week (S. Res/017/07).

6. Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Screening of 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 following Persons as Chairman/Chief Executive Officer and Members of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and approve the recommendations (Senator Jibril M. Aminu).

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| 1. | Mohammed Musa Bello | — | Chairman/Chief Executive Officer |
| 2. | Alhaji Liad Telia | — | Full-time Member |

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| 3. | Dr. Badmus O. Yusuf | — | Full-time Member |
| 4. | Sheikh A. Adam Idoko | — | Part-time Member (South East) |
| 5. | Alhaja Fatimah Oyekan | — | Part-time Member (South West) |
| 6. | Ahmed C. Efebeli | — | Part-time Member (South-South) |
| 7. | Sheikh Musa Isa | — | Part-time Member (North Central) |
| 8. | Alhaji Ado Shinkafi | — | Part-time Member (North West) |
| 9. | Hajiya Hannatu Sanda Birma | — | Part-time Member (North East) |

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do confirm the nominations of the above-named persons as Chairman/Chief Executive Officer and Members of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)".

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 on Foreign Affairs on the screening of the following persons as Chairman/Chief Executive Officer and Members of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON).

Recommendations:

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

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| 1. | Mohammed Musa Bello | — | Chairman/Chief Executive Officer — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 2. | Alhaji Liad Telia | — | Full-time Member — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 3. | Dr. Badmus O. Yusuf | — | Full-time Member — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 4. | Sheikh A. Adam Idoko | — | Part-time Member (South East) — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 5. | Alhaja Fatimah Oyekan | — | Part-time Member (South West) — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 6. | Ahmed C. Efebeli | — | Part-time Member (South-South) — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 7. | Sheikh Musa Isa | — | Part-time Member (North Central) — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 8. | Alhaji Ado Shinkafi | — | Part-time Member (North West) — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| 9. | Hajiya Hannatu Sanda Birma | — | Part-time Member (North East) — <i>Agreed to.</i> |

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of the following Persons as Chairman/Chief Executive Officer and Members of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and approved the recommendations.

Question: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Appointments:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Musa Bello as the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Musa Bello as the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Liad Telia as Full-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Liad Telia as Full-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Badmus O Yusuf as Full-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Badmus O. Yusuf as full-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sheikh A. Adam Idoko (South East) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Sheikh A. Adam Idoko (South East) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaja Fatimah Oyekan (South West) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaja Fatimah Oyekan (South West) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ahmed C. Efebeli (South-South) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ahmed C. Efebeli (South-South) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sheikh Musa Isa (North Central) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Sheikh Musa Isa (North Central) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Ado Shinkafi (North West) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Ado Shinkafi (North West) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hajiya Hannatu Sanda Birraa (North East) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hajiya Hannatu Sanda Birma (North East) as Part-time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) accordingly confirmed.

7. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Report on the Screening of Nominee:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of Mr. Dozie C. Nwanna, as a career Foreign Service Officer, for Ambassadorial appointment, and approve the recommendation (*Senator Jibril M. Aminu*).

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 Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of Mr. Dozie C. Nwanna, as a career Foreign Service Officer, for Ambassadorial appointment.

Recommendation:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Mr. Dozie C. Nwanna, as a career Foreign Service Officer for Ambassadorial appointment — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of Mr. Dozie C. Nwanna, as a career Foreign Service Officer for Ambassadorial appointment and approved the recommendation.

Question: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Appointment:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Dozie C. Nwanna as as a career Foreign Service Officer **for** Ambassadorial appointment? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Dozie C. Nwanna as as a career Foreign Service Officer for Ambassadorial appointment accordingly confirmed.

8. Conference Committee on the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution Bill 2007(HB. 107):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution Bill 2007 (*Senator Robert B. Koleosho*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Question: That the Report be adopted — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

9. Conference Committee on the National Maritime Administration and Safety (NAMASA) Bill 2007(SB. 326):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the National Maritime Administration and Safety (NAMASA) Bill 2007 (*Senator Ugochukwu Uba*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Question: That the Report be adopted — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

10. Committee on Federal Capital Territory:

Consideration deferred to the next legislative day.

11. Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria Bill 2007 (SB.344):

Consideration deferred to the next legislative day.

12. Closed Session:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on matters relevant to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — **12. 10 p.m.**

Open Session — **1.00 p.m.**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Closed Session, discussed issues relating to Senators Severance Package and the need for incoming legislators to take matters of security seriously.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 3rd May, 2007 at **10.00 a.m.** (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05 p.m.

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Ken Nnamani, GCON
President of the Senate