



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd May, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10:45 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, 22nd May, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Pupils of Perfect Step International School, Kara, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe the Senate proceedings.
 - (ii) The Senate President also acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of National Missionary Seminary Saint Paul, Gwagwalada, Abuja who were also in the gallery to observe the Senate proceedings.
4. **Conference Committee on the Nigerian Council for Management Development Act (Amendment, etc) Bill 2007 (SB. 256):**
The following were named as Senate Conferees:

(i)	Senator Gbemi R. Saraki	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Rufus I. Spiff	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Olatokunbo O. Ogunbanjo	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Tawar U. Wada	—	Member
(v)	Senator Cosmas G. Niagwan	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Ike Ekweremadu	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Adeleke O. Mamora	—	Member
5. **Amendments to the Order Paper:**
Amendments Proposed:
 - (i) Add a new item 2(16) as follows:
"National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill 2007"

(ii) *Leave out item 4(vii) under Recommendation on page 364 of the Order Paper" (Senate Majority Leader).*

Question that the amendments be made put and agreed to.

6. Motion:

Continuity of Legislative Business from Senate to Senate (III A):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas there is no definite Senate Rule for the continuity of legislative business from Senate to Senate;

Whereas hitherto all legislative businesses ended with the life of the Senate that started them;

Be it resolved:

(i) That the legislative business of the Senate which remains undetermined at the close of the life of the Senate shall be resumed and proceeded with in the same manner as if the life of the Senate has not ended;

(ii) That all business referred to Committees and not yet Laid on the Table at the close of the life of the Senate shall be returned to the office of the Clerk of the Senate and retained until the next Senate when they shall be returned to the respective Committees to which they had previously been referred (*Senator Umaru 1. Tsuari*).

Debate:

Prayer (i):

That the legislative business of the Senate which remains undetermined at the close of the life of the Senate shall be resumed and proceeded with in the same manner as if the life of the Senate has not ended;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out prayer (i) and insert a new one as follows:

"That the legislative business of the Senate which remains undetermined at the close of session or the life of the Senate shall be resumed and proceeded with in the same manner as if the session or life of the Senate has not ended" (*Senator Adeleke O. Mamora*).

Question that the Amendment be made put and agreed to.

Prayer (ii):

That all business referred to Committees and not yet Laid on the Table at the close of the life of the Senate shall be returned to the office of the Clerk of the Senate and retained until the next Senate when they shall be returned to the respective Committees to which they had previously been referred

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out prayer (ii) and insert the following instead thereof:

"That all business referred to Committees and not yet Laid on the Table at the close of the session or life of the Senate shall be returned to the office of the Clerk of the Senate and retained until the next session or Senate when they shall be returned to the respective Committees to which they had previously been referred" (*Senator Daniel I. Saror*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Resolved:

(i) That the legislative business of the Senate which remains undetermined at the close of session or the life of the Senate shall be resumed and proceeded with in the same manner as if the session or life of the Senate has not ended; and

(ii) That all business referred to Committees and not yet Laid on the Table at the close of the session or life of the Senate shall be returned to the office of the Clerk of the Senate and retained until the next session or Senate when they shall be returned to the respective Committees to which they had previously been referred (5. Res/024/07).

7. **Bills for Concurrence from the House of Representatives:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas the House of Representatives had passed the underlisted bills and now seeks Senate concurrence on them;

S/NO	TITLE OF BILLS
(i)	National Identity Management Commission Bill 2007 (HR.257)
(ii)	Fire (Precaution and Control) Bill, 2007 (HB.59)
(in)	Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Bill 2007 (HB.O1)
(iv)	Institute of Capital Market Regulation of Nigeria Bill 2007 (HB. 201)
(v)	Federal Road Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Bill 2007 (HB. 101)
(vi)	Nigerian Agency for Foreign Assistance Bill 2007 (HB. 168)
(vii)	Nigerian Accounting Standard Board Act (Repeal & Enactment;) Financial Reporting Council Bill 2007 (HB. 266)
(viii)	Cost and Management Accountants Bill 2007 (HB. 139)
(ix)	Merchant Shipping Bill 2007 (HB. 271)
(x)	National Christian Pilgrims Commission Bill 2007 (HB. 192)
(xi)	Nigerian Council of Animal Science Bill 2007 (HB.3)
(xii)	Michael Imodu National Institute for Labour Studies (Amendment) Bill 2007 (HB.252)
(xiii)	Investments and Securities Act 1999 (Repeal and Enactment of Securities Exchange Commission) Bill 2007 (HB. 273)
(xiv)	Chartered Institute of Professional Printers Bill 2007 (HB. 100)
(xv)	Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill 2007 (HB. 308)
(xvi)	National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill 2007

Whereas these same bills are currently undergoing Legislative processes in the Senate and will require more time to harmonise with the House of Representatives;

Be it resolved:

That Senate do hereby give concurrence without amendments to the above listed Bills passed by the House of Representatives (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Prayer:

That Senate do hereby give concurrence without amendments to the above listed Bills passed by the House of Representatives — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:

That Senate do hereby give concurrence without amendments to the above listed Bills passed by the House of Representatives (*S. Res./025/07*).

8. Conference Committee on the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Bill 2007 (SB. 146):
Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Bill 2007 (SB. 146):
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do approve and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Bill 2007 (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do accept and adopt the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly accepted and adopted.

9. Conference Committee on Public Procurement Bill 2007 (SB. 151):

Report of the Conference Committee on Public Procurement Bill 2007 (SB. 151):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do approve and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on Public Procurement Bill 2007 (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do accept and adopt the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly accepted and adopted.

10. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Screening of Nominee:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service, on the screening of Mr. Emmanuel Justus Ntuk (South-South) as a Commissioner in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

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)

Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the screening of Mr. Emmanuel Justus Ntuk (South-South) as a Commissioner in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC).

Recommendation :

That the Senate do confirm the nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Justus Ntuk (South-South) as a Commissioner in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC).

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 Establishment and Public **Service** on **the** screening of Mr. Emmanuel Justus **Ntuk** (South-South) as a Commissioner in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) and approved **the** nomination.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Justus Ntuk (South-South) as a Commissioner in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)"? — *Agreed to.*

Nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Justus Ntuk (South-South) as a Commissioner in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.

11. Committee on Anti-Corruption:

Screening of Nominees:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Anti-Corruption, on the screening of the following nominees, as members of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC):

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| (i) | Senator Adejo A. Ogiri | — | North Central |
| (ii) | Alhaji A.R.K. Saba | — | South West |
| (iii) | Dr. U. Angulu | — | North Central |
| (iv) | Chief (Mrs.) Julie Onum-Nwariaku | — | South East |
| (v) | Rtd. A.I.G. (Dr.) Mrs. Rose Abang-Wushishi | — | South-South |
| (vi) | Sir (Chief) Simeon O. Oguntimehin, OON | — | Chartered Accountant |
| (vii) | Ahmed Abdulahi B/Magaji (a youth) | — | North West |

(Senator Isaiah C. Balat).

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*).

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Establishment and Public Service on the screening of the following nominees as Members of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Debate:

Recommendations :

That the Senate do confirm the nominations of the following persons as members of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

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| (i) | Senator Adejo A. Ogiri | — | North Central — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii) | Alhaji A. R. K. Saba | — | South West — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (iii) | Dr. U. Angulu | — | North Central — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (iv) | Chief (Mrs.) Julie Onum-Nwariaku | — | South-East — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (v) | Rtd. A.I.G. (Dr.) Mrs. Rose Abang-Wushishi | — | South-South — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (vi) | Sir (Chief) Simeon O. Oguntimehin, OON | — | Chartered Accountant — <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (vii) | Ahmed Abdulahi B/Magaji (a youth) | — | North West — <i>Negated.</i> |

Nominee not Recommended:

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| (i) | Ahmed Abdulahi B/Magaji (a youth) | — | North West |
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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 Establishment and Public Service on the screening of the nominees as members of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Senator Adejo A. Ogiri as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator Adejo A. Ogiri as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji A. R. K. Saba as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji A. R. K. Saba as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. U. Angulu as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. U. Angulu as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief (Mrs.) Julie Onum-Nwariaku as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief(Mrs.) Julie Onum-Nwariaku as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rtd. A.I.G. (Dr.) Mrs. Rose Abang-Wushishi as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

Nomination of Rtd. A.I.G. (Dr.) Mrs. Rose Abang-Wushishi as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sir (Chief) Simeon O. Oguntimehin, OON as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)?" — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

Nomination of Sir (Chief) Simeon O. Oguntimehin, OON as a Member of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) accordingly confirmed.

12. Committee on National ID Card and National Population Commission:**Report on the Screening of Nominees:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on National ID Card and Population Commission on the screening of the following Nominees as Commissioners in the Population Commission and approve the recommendations.

(i)	Alh. Abashe Iro	—	Katsina State
(ii)	Mr. Sulaiman Sani Abdullahi	—	FCT
(iii)	Alhaji Hassan Bashir	—	Bauchi State
(iv)	Mr. Egbivbie Stephen Eruvwetere	—	Delta State
(v)	Mr. Raphael Fola Adedayo	—	Ekiti State
(vi)	Alhaji Umaru Abdullahi Yelwa	—	Kebbi State

(Senator Ambuno S. Zik).

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*).

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on National ID Card and National Population Commission on the screening of nominees as Commissioners in the National Population Commission.

Debate:

Chairman to report Progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered of the Report of the Committee on National ID Card and Population Commission on the screening of nominees as Commissioners in the National Population Commission and deferred further consideration of the Report.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 24th May, 2007 at **10.00** a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1: 55p. m.

Ken Nnamani, GCON
President of the Senate