



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6th June, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10: 15 a.m. The President read prayers.
2. Votes **and** Proceedings:
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 5th June, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Message from Mr President:**

The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on nominees for appointment as Special Advisers, which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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June, 2007

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

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Dear Senate President,

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADVISERS

Pursuant to Section 151 sub(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which confers on me powers to appoint Special Advisers to assist me in the performance of my functions, I hereby wish to crave for the indulgence of the Senate to approve 15 number of Special Advisers as prescribed in Section 151 sub (2-3).

Accept, Mr. Senate President, my regards as I look forward for your early action.

Yours sincerely,
Signed: **UMARU MUSA**
YAR'ADUA

4. **Announcement:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of International School, University of Lagos, Akoka who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.
5. **Appointment of Principal Officers of the Senate:**
The President announced the appointment of the Principal Officers of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the Senate as follows:
 - (i) Senate Majority Leader: — Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Oyo Central*),
 - (ii) Senate Chief Whip: — Senator Mahmud Kanti Bello (*Katsina North*).
 - (iii) Deputy Senate Majority Leader: — Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (*Cross River Central*),
 - (iv) Deputy Senate Chief Whip: — Senator Mohammed Mana (*Adamawa North*).

By popular acclamation, the appointments were approved.

6. **Messages:**
 - (A) To Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, informing him that a quorum of the Senate has assembled and that the Senate has been constituted thus far and ready to receive any communications:
 - (i) Senate President: — Senator David A. B. Mark (*Benue South*),
 - (ii) Deputy Senate President: — Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*).
 - (iii) Senate Majority Leader: — Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Oyo Central*).
 - (iv) Senate Chief Whip: — Senator Mahmud Kanti Bello (*Katsina North*).
 - (v) Deputy Senate Majority Leader: — Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (*Cross River Central*).
 - (vi) Deputy Senate Chief Whip: — Senator Mohammed Mana (*Adamawa North*).

— *So ordered.*
 - (B) To the House of Representatives informing that body that a quorum of the Senate has assembled and that the Senate has been constituted thus far and ready to receive any communications:
 - (i) Senate President: — Senator David A. B. Mark (*Benue South*),
 - (ii) Deputy Senate President: — Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*).
 - (iii) Senate Majority Leader: — Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Oyo Central*).
 - (iv) Senate Chief Whip: — Senator Mahmud Kanti Bello (*Katsina North*).
 - (v) Deputy Senate Majority Leader: — Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (*Cross River Central*).
 - (vi) Deputy Senate Chief Whip: — Senator Mohammed Mana (*Adamawa North*).

— *So ordered.*
 - (C) To advise the Clerk to the National Assembly (CNA) to inform the Secretary to the Government of the Federation that a quorum of the Senate has assembled and that the Senate has been constituted thus far and ready to receive any communications from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

— *So ordered.*

7. 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 — **1: 15 p.m.**

Open Session — **2:20 p.m.**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session discussed generally the workings of the Senate with a view to improving Senate legislative practices.

8. Adjournment:

And it being 2.30 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 26th June, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate