



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11th September, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10: 40 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, 6th September, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presences of the Verbatim Reporters from the Parliament of Uganda who were in the gallery to observe the Senate proceedings and wished them a happy stay in Nigeria.
4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Femi Kila invited the attention of the Senate to the victory of the under-17 National Football Team, "The Golden Eaglet" at the just concluded FIFA Under-17 World Cup at South Korea on Sunday, 9th September, 2007.

Question that the matter be debated forthwith put and agreed to.

Notes the victory of our under 17 national football team—the GOLDEN EAGLETS, who won the recently concluded FIFA Under 17 World Cup at South Korea on Sunday 9th September, 2007. By this victory, the boys have done Nigeria our FATHERLAND proud by putting Nigeria in the front burner of World's DISCOURSE on a very positive note once again.

Observes that with that victory, Nigerians at home and abroad have become charged with optimism and positivism about our national destiny. Since the victory, Nigerians of all shades have begun to see hope and build trust in our ability to deliver on our national objectives and goals. It is indeed a national ELIXIR. I therefore want to congratulate the senate president and fellow distinguished Senators.

Be it resolved:

- (i) That this distinguished Senate appreciates and heartily congratulates the Golden Eaglets and its team of handlers, particularly the Chief Coach, for a job well done;
- (ii) That the Senate do send a Congratulatory Message to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Umar Musa Yar' Adua and members of his executive team on this symbolic victory; and

(Hi) That the Golden Eaglets including its team of handlers, particularly the chief coach, having done Nigeria proud and setting Nigerians on the right mood, should be handsomely rewarded beyond the golden handshake in this particular instance.

Debate:

Prayer (i):

That this distinguished Senate appreciates and heartily congratulates the Golden Eaglets and its team of handlers, particularly the Chief Coach, for a job well done — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ii):

That the Senate do send a Congratulatory Message to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Umar Musa Yar'Adua and members of his executive team on this symbolic victory; and

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words after the word "Yar'Adua" inline 2 (Senator Kabir I Goya).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Prayer (iii):

That the Golden Eaglets including its team of handlers, particularly the chief coach, having done Nigeria proud and setting Nigerians on the right mood, should be handsomely rewarded beyond the golden handshake in this particular instance — *Agreed to.*

Amendment Proposed:

Add a new prayer (iv) as follows:

That this Senate do urge the NFA and other concerned bodies to start preparing for the next edition in 2009 which will be hosted by Nigeria (*Senator Adeleke O. Mamora*).

Resolved:

- (i) That this distinguished Senate appreciates and heartily congratulates the Golden Eaglets and its team of handlers, particularly the Chief Coach, for a job well done.
- (ii) That the Senate should send a Congratulatory Message to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Umar Musa Yar'Adua.
- (iii) That the Golden Eaglets including its team of handlers, particularly the chief coach, having done Nigeria proud and setting Nigerians on the right mood, should be handsomely rewarded beyond the golden handshake in this particular instance.
- (iv) That this Senate do urge the NFA and other concerned bodies to start preparing for the next edition in 2009 which will be hosted by Nigeria. (**S.Res/015/01/07**).

5. Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Contending issues of the last Nationwide Strike:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Contending issues of the last Nationwide Strike (*To be presented and laid*) (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons as the Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission, (FCSC).

S/N	Name	Designation	State of Origin	Cluster of States Represented
1.	Amb. Ahmed Al-Gazali OON, mni	Chairman	Borno	
2.	Mrs. Sarah P. Chundung Dokotri	Member	Plateau	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
3.	Obong Uwah	Member	Akwa Ibom	Akwa Ibom and Cross River
4.	Mr. Agbo G. Chukwuemeka	Member	Enugu	Anambra, Ebonyi and Enugu
5.	Mr. Joseph Oluremi Akande	Member	Osun	Osun and Oyo
6.	Amb. Z. M. Kazaure	Member	Jigawa	Kano and Jigawa
7.	Dr. A. M. Yabani	Member	Yobe	Bauchi Yobe and Borno
8.	Alhaji Aliyu Wali	Member	Niger	Niger and FCT
9.	Amb. I. Bindawa	Member	Katsina	Kaduna and Katsina
10.	Chief (Mrs) Ijeoma A. Umez-Eronimi	Member	Imo	Imo and Abia
11.	Alhaji Y. A. Yabo	Member	Sokoto	Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara
12.	Hajiya Lami Buba	Member	Gombe	Adamawa, Taraba and Gombe
B.	Alhaji Yusuf Olowu	Member	Kwara	Kwara and Kogi
14.	Dr. J. O. Egberike	Member	Bayelsa	Delta, Rivers and Bayelsa

(Senate Majority Leader).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters to report in one week.

Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces for the confirmation of the nomination of Engr. Polycarp Azige (Nasarawa State), as a Member of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to report in one week.

National Inland Water Ways Authority Act:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Water Ways Authority Act No. 47 and to Re-enact the National Inland Waterways Agency be read the Second Time (*Senator Mohammed K. Jibril*).

Debate:

By leave of Senate, further consideration of Bill stood down.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 12th September, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:40p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate