



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25th September, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10: 25 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, 20th September, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. Messages from Mr President:
The Senate President informed the Senate that he had received two letters from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which he read as follows:

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*The Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of
National Assembly Complex,*

Abuja.

Exc and dear brother,



Nigeria,

**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

September 20, 2007

CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEES

In accordance with Section 147(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I have the honour to forward the under-listed ministerial nominees for consideration for Senate confirmation.

S/No.	Name	Zone/State/Part
1.	Orubebe, Peter Godsdag	South-South Zone
2.	Seriki, Ademola Rasag	Lagos State
3.	Odom, Chuka Julius	PPA

Copies of their Curriculum Vitae (CVs) are attached herewith.

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind expeditious attention of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Signed
UMARUMUSA YAR'ADUA

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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20th September, 2007

*The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Ex and dear brother,

CONFIRMATION OF AMBASSADORIAL NOMINEES

In accordance with Section 171 (c) subsection 4 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I have the honour to forward to you the attached list of forty-two (42) non-career and twenty (20) career Foreign Service Officer Ambassadorial nominees for consideration for Senate confirmation.

Copies of their CVs are attached herewith.

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind expeditious attention of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic.

Yours most sincerely,

Signed
UMARUMUSA YAR'ADUA

LIST OF POLITICAL AMBASSADORIAL NOMINEES

S/No.	Name	State	Gender
1.	Chief Empire Kanu	Abia	M
2.	Brig. Gen. M. B. Marwa (Rtd)	Adamawa	M
3.	Chief (Dr.) Etim V. Uye	Akwa Ibom	M
4.	Hon. Jerry Ugokwe	Anambra	M
5.	Dr. Aisha Laraba Abdullahi	Bauchi	F
6.	Senator Chief Felix Oboro	Bayelsa	M
7.	Prof. Iyorwuese Hargher	Benue	M
8.	Barrister Obed Wadzani	Borno	M

9.	Chief Soni Abang	Cross River	M
10.	Chief Godson Echegile	Delta	M
11.	Sen. (Chief) Polycarp Nwite	Ebonyi	M
12.	Prince Eheneden Erediauwa	Edo	M
13.	Barr. Toye Olofintuyi	Ekiti	M
14.	Mr. Godwin Nsude Agbo	Enugu	M
15.	Maj. Gen. Timothy Shelpidi (Rtd)	Gombe	M
16.	Dr. Mrs. Kema Chikwe	Into	F
17.	Alhaji Ahmed Abdulhamid Malam Madori	Jigawa	M
18.	Sen. Dr. Dalhatu Tafida	Kaduna	M
19.	Dr. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso	Kano	M
20.	Alhaji Abdullahi Garba Aminchi	Katsina	M
21.	Alhaji Isa Aliyu Muhammed	Kebbi	M
22.	Brig. Gen. Yusuf Abubakar (Rtd)	Kogi	M
23.	Dr. (Mrs.) Nimota Nihinola Akanbi	Kwara	F
24.	Sen. Musiliu Obanikoro	Lagos	M
25.	Sen. Umaru Azores Suleiman	Nasarawa	M
26.	Dr. hhaya Majanbu	Niger	M
27.	Chief (Mrs) Folake Marcus Bello	Ogun	F
28.	Ambassador Prof. Olu Agbi	Ondo	M
29.	Sen. Segun Bamigbetan Bajju	Osun	M
30.	Ambassador Peter Layi Oyedele	Oyo	M
31.	Barr. Ibrahim Pada Kasai	Plateau	M
32.	Hon. Desmond Akawor	Rivers	M
33.	Sen. Abdullah Muhammad Wali	Sokoto	M
34.	Hon. Musa John	Taraba	M
35.	Ibrahim Baba Mai Sule	Yobe	M
36.	Alhaji Bashir Yuguda	Zamfara	M
37.	Esther John Audu	FCT	F
38.	Senator Dr. Ahmadu AH		M
39.	Brig. Gen. Oluwole Rotimi (Rtd)	Ogun	M
40.	Professor Joy Ogwu	Delta	M
41.	Alhaji Abubakar Cika	Sokoto	M (ANPP)
42.	Chief (Hon) Fidel Ayogu	Enugu	M (ANPP)

LIST OF CAREER OFFICER NOMINEES

S/N	Name	State	Grade Level	Gender
1.	Mr. C. W. Wigwe	Abia	16	Male
2.	Ms. Asalina R. Mamuno	Adamawa	16	Female
3.	Mr. B. U. Eyo	Akwa Ibom	16	Male
4.	Mr. G. B. Igali	Bayelsa	15	Male
5.	Mr. G. O. Agamah	Benue	16	Male
6.	Mr. M. B. Egbe	Cross River	16	Male
7.	Mr. A. B. Gwari	Yobe	15	Male
8.	Mr. S. M. Pissagih	Gombe	16	Male
9.	Mr. S. L. Mohammed	Jigawa	16	Male
10.	Mr. Y. T. Zaria	Kaduna	16	Male
11.	Mr. R. B. Onemola	Kogi	16	Male
12.	Mr. A. A. Omaki	Nasarawa	16	Male
13.	Mr. E. A. Adigun	Ondo	17	Male
14.	Mr. G. H. Bristol	Rivers	16	Male
15.	Mr. J. Y. Hassan	Taraba	15	Male
16.	Mr. A G. Bala	Zamfara	15	Male
17.	Mr. M. A. Mba	Ebonyi	15	Male
18.	Mr. C. L. Laseinde, mni	Osun	17	Male
19.	Mr. P. A. Dauda	Kaduna	17 ■	Male
20.	Mr. B. G. Wakil, mni	Borno	17	Male

4. Announcements:

- (i) The Senate President read a letter from the Chairman, Ad-Hoc Committee for the burial of Former Senate President, Chief Evan Enwerem as follows:



THE SENATE
AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE BURIAL OF FORMER
SENATE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

CHIEF EVAN ENWEREM

National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, P.M.B. 141, Garki, Abuja

Our Ref:Date: 24 September.2007

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

BURIAL OF LATE SENATOR EVAN ENWEREM - FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT

I write to inform you that the burial arrangements for the late former Senate President, Senator Evan Enwerem have been concluded. The Senate is part of the said arrangement.

I hereby convey the summary of the programme as it relates to the Senate:

Wednesday 26th of September, 2007: NIGHT OF TRIBUTES

Venue: Ladi Kwali Hall of Sheraton Hotels & Towers.

Time: 7.00p.m.

Tributes by: (1) Senate Minority Leader

(2) Senate Leader

(3) Deputy Senate President, Senator Ike Ekweremadu

(4) Madam Speaker

(5) The Senate President, Senator David A. Mark

Thursday 27th September, 2007:

9:30 a.m. VALEDICTORY SESSION at the National Assembly

11:30 a.m. Body leaves National Assembly Complex for the Airport

Friday 28th September, 2007:

8:45 a.m. Senators and Hon. Members leave Abuja Airport for the Burial at Owerri - Imo State.

9:45 a.m. Programme as organized by Imo State Government.

4:00 p.m. Senators and Hon. Members depart Owerri Airport for Abuja.

Thank you so much Your Excellency.

Yours faithfully,

Signed:

Senator Gregory Ngaji

Chairman, Burial Committee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE BURIAL OF LATE SENATOR EVAN ENWEREM

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Tuesday 25/09/07</i>	<i>Service of Songs</i>	<i>Enwerem's Residence Abuja</i>	<i>6.00p.m-8.00p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday 26/09/07</i>	<i>Night of Tribute</i>	<i>Ladi Kwali hall, Sheraton Hotel</i>	<i>7.00p.m. -9.00p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday 27/09/07</i>	<i>Lying in State</i>	<i>Enwerem's Residence</i>	<i>7.00a.m. -9.00a.m.</i>
<i>Thursday 27/09/07</i>	<i>Valedictory Session</i>	<i>House of Representatives Chamber</i>	<i>10.00 a.m.- 11.00 a.m.</i>
<i>Friday 28/09/07</i>	<i>Other Burial Activities</i>	<i>Owerri Imo State</i>	<i>8.00 a.m.</i>

(ii) The Senate President announced the presence of the National Association of Political Science Students (NAPSS), ANSU Chapter of Anambra State University, who were in the Gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Death of Honourable Joe Anota (Rtd. Col):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do observe a Minute silence in honour of Late Honourable Joe Anota (Rtd. Col) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

One minute silence accordingly observed.

6. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Desertification (Control) Commission Bill 2007 (SO. 9) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Industrial Waste Water, Pollution, etc (Control) Bill, 2007 S13. 10) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Motion:

The U.S., OPEC and the "NOPEC" BILL 2007:

Motion made Question Proposed: That the Senate notes that United States of America imports more than 60% of the oil it consumes, the bulk of which comes from OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) member state, of which Nigeria is a prominent member.

Observes that the *NO OIL PRODUCING AND EXPORTING CARTEL ("NOPEC")* Bill was introduced by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee Chairman, John Conyers, and the Bill was passed in the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority of 345 to 72 in July 2007,

Concerned that one of the implications of This bill, if passed by the U.S. Senate and subsequently signed into law, is that it will undermine and possibly break the solidarity of OPEC,

Notes further that the passage of the bill would, in addition, enable the United States Justice Department to sue member states of OPEC in the name of combating globally unfair measures to drive up oil prices;

Notes also that, the bill if it he comes an act, may subvert the sovereign right of OPEC member states, as it may result in the seizure through court actions, of the assets of OPEC member countries (Nigeria inclusive) held in the U.S. and subsequently those held in some other countries as well.

Concerned further that any such resolution, if implemented, will amount to a serious breach of International convention and could destabilize International Trade, global harmony and world peace.

Observes that there are salutary indications that President Bush of the U.S., who is happily aware of the damage this vindictive Congressional Bill can inflict on the world, might veto the bill,

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) *Condemn* for reasons already stated, the NOPEC Bill in its entirety as passed by the US. Congress;

(ii) *Appeal* to Congressman John Conyers, as an eminent African American, with an enviable track record of fighting for Africa and Human Rights everywhere, to abandon his sponsorship of this Bill, the passage of which can damage relations between the U.S. and a Third World Organisation (OPEC) which comprises Governments and peoples of several African nations, including Nigeria, and

(in) *Invite* the Honourable Ministers for Energy (Petroleum) and Foreign Affairs to brief the Senate on this development and their reaction to it, so that this Senate will be able to consider its own reaction in pursuance of the best interest of our people (*Senator Adeleke O. Mamora*). *Debate:*

Prayer (i):

Question:

That the Senate do condemn for reasons already stated, the NOPEC Bill 2007 in its entirety as passed by the U. S Congress — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ii):

Question:

That the Senate do urge Congressman John Conyers, as an eminent African American, with an enviable track record of fighting for Africa and Human Rights everywhere, to abandon his sponsorship of this Bill, the passage of which can damage relations between the U.S. and a Third World Organisation (OPEC) which comprises Governments and peoples of several African nations, including Nigeria — *Negatived.*

Prayer (Hi):

That the Senate do invite the Honourable Ministers for Energy (Petroleum) and Foreign Affairs to brief the Senate on this development and their reaction to it, so mat this Senate will be able to consider its own reaction in pursuance of the best interest of our people.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Affairs" inline 1, *insert* the words "and Attorney-General of the Federation" thereto (*Senator Kabiru I. Goya*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Question on Main prayer as amended, put and agreed to.

Further Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new prayer as follows:

"That the Senate do urge the America President not *to* assent to the Bill, the passage of which can damage relations between the United States of America and Third World Organisation (OPEC) which comprises Governments and peoples of several Africa nations including Nigeria" (*Senator Umaru Dahiru*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do condemn for reasons already stated, the NOPEC Bill in its entirety as passed by the U.S Congress;
- (ii) That the Senate do invite the Honourable Ministers for Energy (Petroleum), Foreign Affairs and the Attorney-General of the Federation to brief the Senate on this development and their reaction to it, so that this Senate will be able to consider its own reaction in pursuance of me best interest of our people; and
- (iii) That the Senate do urge the America President not to assent to the Bill, the passage of which can damage relations between the United States of America and Third World Organisation (OPEC) which comprises Governments and peoples of several Africa nations including Nigeria. (**S. Res/020/01/07**).

8. Committee on Appropriation:

Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill 2007 (SB. 07):

By leave of Senate consideration stood down to a later date.

9. Committee on Appropriation:

Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2007 Part II (SB. 08):

By leave of Senate consideration stood down to a later date.

10. Skills Acquisition and Development Trust Fund Bill (SB. 01):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Skills Acquisition and Development Trust Fund Bill 2007 be read the Second Time (*Senator Gbemi R. Saraki*).

Debate:

Further debate adjourned to the next legislative day.

11. National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill (SB. 02):

By leave of Senate Bill stood down to a later date.

12.

Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed; That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 26th September, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:25p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate