



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 16 October, 2007

1. The Senate met at 11:15 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 15th October, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Message from Mr President:**
The Senate 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, which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

October 2, 2007

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

Exc. and dear brother

RE: RESUBMISSION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEES

I write to re-submit the names of the ministerial nominees for Taraba and Kaduna States as listed hereunder:

- (i) Alhaji Alhassan Bako Zaku (Taraba State) and
- (ii) Mr. Felix Hassan Hyet (Kaduna State) respectively.

Please accept, as usual, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours most faithfully,

*Signed: UMARU MUSA
YAR'ADUA*

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Joseph I. Akaagerger drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Shimenenge Sende, a reporter of Africa Independent Television (AIT), DAAR, Communications Limited, on Tuesday, 9th October, 2007 in Geneva, during the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Conference. He thanked the Senate President, the Leadership of the Senate and Senators for personally visiting and condoling the family of the deceased. He expressed appreciation on behalf of the family, his constituents and himself for the gesture of the Senate President in granting scholarship to the two children of the deceased.

5. Privilege:

Rising on Rule 15, Senator Effiong D. Bob invited the attention of the Senate to *Leadership* Newspaper Publication of Tuesday, 16th October, 2007 alleging a N400m (Four Hundred Million Naira) renovation contract of the official residence of the Senate President. He therefore urged that the matter be debated as it impugned on his privilege as an individual and that of the Senate collectively and consequently moved:

That the matter be referred to the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions to examine the veracity or otherwise of the Newspaper's report with a view to identify those responsible for the ugly and malicious allegation which is intended to bring the Senate to disrepute (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the matter be referred to the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions to examine the veracity or otherwise of the Newspaper's report with a view to identify those responsible for the ugly and malicious allegation which is intended to bring the Senate to disrepute (*S. Res/023/07*).

Matter accordingly referred to Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions to report on Tuesday, 23rd October, 2007.

6. Illegal subjection of Candidates to Examination by Universities after the Test by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB):

Consideration of Motion deferred to a later date.

7. Ruling from the Chair:

The Ministerial Screening exercise scheduled to hold on Wednesday, 17th October, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. would be televised live. Distinguished Senators were urged to be punctual.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 17th October, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:50p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate