



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17 October, 2007

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1. The Senate met at 10.50 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, 16th 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

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October 16, 2007

*The Senate President, Senate  
Chambers, National  
Assembly Complex, Abuja.*

*Exc. and dear brother*

**RE: 2008 BUDGET**

*As a result of the major re-appraisal which we have initiated with regards to the 2008 Budget, it has become necessary to crave your kind indulgence to postpone the formal presentation of the Budget to the joint session of the National Assembly on Thursday, October 18th 2007, as earlier requested.*

*I therefore would wish that you, on behalf of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, do kindly accede to our request to formally address the joint session on Budget 2008 at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 8th, 2007.*

Please accept, Dear President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours most Sincerely,

Signed: UMARU MUSA  
YAR'ADUA

**4. Announcement:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings:

- (i) Students of Panaf Nursery, Primary and Secondary School, Kaduna South, Kaduna; and
- (ii) Students of Rahinna Model Primary and Secondary School, Jikwoyi, Abuja

**5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

*The New World Heavyweight Boxing Champion; Samuel Peters:*

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Aloysius A. Etok invited the attention of the Senate to the recent victory of Mr Samuel Peters as the new world heavyweight boxing champion. He stated that by winning the championship, he has brought glory not only to Nigeria, but to the whole black Africa. He sought the leave of the Senate to introduce a Motion on the matter the next legislative day.

*Matter deferred till the next legislative day.*

**6. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Sexual Offences Bill 2007 (SB. 12) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Public Nudity, Sexual Intimidation and Other Related Offences (Prohibition and Punishment) Bill 2007 (SB. 13) — *Read the First.*
- (iii) National Centre for Elderly Persons (Establishment) Bill 2007 (SB. 15) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Citizens Residency Rights Bill 2007 (SB: 16) — *Read the First Time.*

**7. Confirmation of Nominees for Ministerial Appointment:**

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, for confirmation of the nominations of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

- |       |                           |   |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| (i)   | Ademola Rasag Seriki      | — | Lagos State                           |
| (ii)  | Chuka Julius Odom         | — | PPA                                   |
| (iii) | Mr. Felix Hassan Hyet     | — | Kaduna State                          |
| (iv)  | Peter Godsdan Orubebe     | — | South-South Zone                      |
| (v)   | Alhaji Alhassan Bako Saku | — | Taraba State(Senate Majority Leader). |

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Privileges of the Floor:**

- (i) *Admission of Special Adviser to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, on National Assembly Matters:*

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit the Special Adviser to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, on National Assembly Matters, Senator Florence Ita-Giwa, Senator Musiliu O. Obanikoro and Senator Adeseye Ogunlewe to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

- (ii) *Admission of Ministerial Nominees;*

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Ministerial nominees to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)****(Screening of Ministerial Nominees)**

Nominees screened:

|      |                       |   |              |
|------|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| (i)  | Ademola Rasaq Seriki  | — | Lagos State  |
| (ii) | Chuka Julius Odom     | — | <b>PPA</b>   |
| (in) | Mr. Felix Hassan Hyet | — | Kaduna State |

Chairman to report progress.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, conducted public screening of the following Ministerial nominees:

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|------|------------------------------|---|--------------|
| (i)  | Ademola Rasaq Seriki         | — | Lagos State  |
| (ii) | Chuka Julius Odom            | — | PPA          |
| iii) | <b>Mr.</b> Felix Hassan Hyet | — | Kaduna State |

*Other Ministerial nominees would be screened next legislative day.*

**8. Adjournment:**

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 18th October, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:50 p.m.*

**David A. B. Mark**  
*President of the Senate*