



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 24 October, 2007

1. The Senate met at 11.40 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings;**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 23rd October, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Mahmud K. Bello invited the attention of the Senate to the devastating effect of drought in the Northern parts of the country. He sought the leave of the Senate to introduce a Motion on the issue as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Question that the matter be debated, put and agreed to. Matter

to stand over till the next legislative day. {Rule 42(2)}

4. **Personal Explanation:**
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Omar A. Hambagda, Chairman, Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions informed the Senate that the Committee could not submit its Report on the Alleged N400m Renovation Contract for the Residence of the Senate President and Alleged N2.5 billion smuggled into the 2007 Supplementary Appropriation Bill by the President of the Senate, as mandated. He explained that this was due to the number of persons being interviewed. He sought the leave of the Senate for an extension of time to enable the Committee conclude the assignment and report on Tuesday, 6th November, 2007.

The Senate Committee was granted an extension of time to enable it conclude the assignment and submit its Report on Tuesday, 6th November, 2007 as ordered.

5. **Closed Session:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on issues relevant to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate in Closed Session — **11. 40 a. m.**

Senate in Open Session — **1. 20 p. m.**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in Closed Session deliberated on matters relevant to the workings of the Senate.

6. Committee on Finance:

Report of the Committee on the Screening of Ms Omoigui Ifueko Marina:

Laying of Report deferred till the next legislative day.

7. Motions:

(i) *The Collapse of the Nigerian Textile Industry:*

Consideration of Motion deferred till the next legislative day.

(it) *De-Congestion of Federal Government Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Parastatals from the Metropolis of Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) to the Other Area Councils within the Federal Capital Territory:*

Consideration of Motion deferred till the next legislative day.

8. Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:

Report of Alleged N400m Renovation Contract for the Residence of the President of the Senate and Alleged N2.5Billion smuggled into the 2007 Supplementary Appropriation Bill by the President of the Senate:

Consideration of Report deferred till Tuesday, 6th November, 2007.

9. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report of Screening of Nominees:

Consideration of Report deferred till the next legislative day.

10. Committee on Education:

Report of Civic and Citizenship Education Bill 2007 (SB. 234):

Consideration of Report deferred till the next legislative day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 25th October, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:30p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate