



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6 November, 2007

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1. The Senate met at 11.05 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, 25th October, 2007 and approved same.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

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

*Question put and agreed to.*

Closed Session — 11.30 a.m.

Open Session — 11.40 a.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in Closed Session deliberated on issues that will improve the efficiency of the Senate.

4. **Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the 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:*

**Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Anthony O. Agbo, a member of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee who was unavoidably absent, informed the Senate that the Committee could not present the Report as scheduled due to emergence of new vital evidences and witnesses which ought to have been taken before the Senate went on Retreat. He sought leave of the Senate for an additional one week extension within which to conclude the assignment and report as ordered.

*Committee granted additional one week extension to conclude the assignment and report as ordered.*

**Ruling from Chair:**

The Senate President ordered that the Committee should be business like and that the Report must be presented on Tuesday, 13th November, 2007.

5. **Interim Report on Senate Retreat:**

*Motion made and Question Proposed;* That the Senate do receive the Interim Report on the Third Senate Retreat held in Port Harcourt from October 28th - November 2nd 2007 (*Senator Teslim K. Folarin*).

*Debate:*

*Several Senators made contribution.*

*Debate adjourned till the next legislative day.*

6. **National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:**

*Report on the Screening of Nominee:*

*Consideration of Report deferred to the next legislative day.*

7. **Committee on Education:**

*Report on the Civic and Citizenship Education Bill 2007 (SB.234):*

*Consideration of Report deferred to the next legislative day.*

8. **Adjournment:**

*Motion made and Question Proposed;* That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 7th November, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:58p.m.*

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