



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7 November, 2007

1. The Senate met at 11.30 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, 6th November, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President named the underlisted Senators as members of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO):

(i)	Senator Gbemisola R. Saraki	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Ayogu Eze	—	Member
(iii)	Senator: Aminu S. Garo	—	Member
4. **Presentation of Bill:**
Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc) (Amendment) Bill 2007 (SB. 14) — *Read the First Time.*
5. **Joint Sitting of the National Assembly:**
Appropriation Bill 2008:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do sit with the House of Representatives in a Joint Session on Thursday, 8th November, 2007 at 12.00 noon, to receive an address by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on the 2008 Appropriation Bill (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put agreed to.
6. **Motion:**
Oil Spillage at Ibibio 1 Field in Ikot Ada Udo, Akwa Ibom State:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do observe that during the just concluded Third Senate Retreat to the Creeks of Niger Delta, certain issues were raised that require urgent attention;

Observes also that in one of the areas visited, specifically the Ibibio I Field in Ikot Ada Udo, Akwa Ibom State there was Oil Spillage which has not been attended to for the past three months;

Concerned that the neglect of the Oil Spillage has led to consequent destruction of aquatic and marine life and the surrounding farm lands;

Accordingly resolve that the Senate do:

- (i) Condemn unequivocally the Shell Petroleum Development Company for its act of neglect of the Ikot Ada Udo Oil Spillage in Akwa Ibom for three months leading to loss of livelihood to the people;
- (ii) Urge the President, Commander-In-Chief to direct the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC), Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) and other relevant multinational Corporations to rectify oil pumps and stop further spillage around the area within seven days;
- (iii) Direct its Committees on Petroleum (Upstream) and Environment and Ecology to invite the Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum) and Minister of Environment and Ecology to look into the issue and all other outstanding issues in the Niger Delta raised by the various Syndicate Groups and report back within two weeks;
- (iv) **As** a long time measure, direct the Committees on Petroleum (Upstream) and Environment and Ecology, to immediately forward proposals for the amendment of all existing legislations to compel the Multinationals/Oil Companies responsible for oil spillage/ecological degradation of their operating areas to restore/develop the host communities/operating areas and pay adequate compensation (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question:

That the Senate do condemn unequivocally the Shell Petroleum Development Company for its act of neglect of the Ikot Ada Udo Oil Spillage in Akwa Ibom for three months leading to loss of livelihood to the people.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Company" in line 1, *insert* the following:
"and all other agencies" (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw*).

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

Question on the main prayer as amended, put and agreed to.

Prayer (ii):

Question:

That the Senate do urge the President, Commander-In-Chief to direct the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC), Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) and other relevant multinational Corporations to rectify oil pumps and stop further spillage around the area within seven days;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the entire provision in prayer (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof: "That the Senate do urge the President, Commander-in-Chief to direct the Oil Spillage Protection Agency to determine all bodies or companies responsible for the spillage with the view to rectifying the oil pump and stopping the environmental degradations forthwith" (*Senator Bala A. Mohammed*).

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

Question on the main prayer as amended, put and agreed to.

Prayer (iii):

Question:

That the Senate do direct its Committees on Petroleum (Upstream) and Environment and Ecology to invite the Minister of State Energy (Petroleum) and Minister of Environment and Ecology to look into the issue and all other outstanding issues in the Niger Delta raised by the various Syndicate Groups and report back within two weeks — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (iv):

Question:

That the Senate do as a long time measure, direct the Committees on Petroleum (Upstream) and Environment and Ecology, to immediately forward proposals for the amendment of all existing legislations to compel the Multinationals/Oil Companies responsible for oil spillage/ecological degradation of their operating areas to restore/develop the host communities/operating areas and pay adequate compensation.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "(Upstream)" in line 1, **insert** the words "Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters" instead thereof: (*Senator Ikechukwu J. Obiorah*).

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

Question on the main prayer as amended, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:

"When and wherever an oil spillage occurs in order to conserve resources and protect the environment, the Senate enjoins the local communities and authorities to ensure that those agencies and other interests seeking to control the spillage have prompt and unfettered access to the site" (*Senator Jibril Aminu*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do condemn unequivocally the Shell Petroleum Development Company and all other agencies for their act of neglect of the Ikot Ada Udo Oil Spillage in Akwa Ibom for three months leading to loss of livelihood to the people.
- (ii) That the Senate do urge the President, Commander-in-Chief to direct the Oil Spillage Protection Agency to determine all bodies or companies responsible for the spillage with the view to rectifying the oil pump and stopping the environmental degradations forthwith.
- (iii) That the Senate do direct its Committees on Petroleum (Upstream) and Environment and Ecology to invite the Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum) and Minister of Environment and Ecology to look into the issue and all other outstanding issues in the Niger Delta raised by the various Syndicate Groups and report back within two weeks.
- (iv) That the Senate do as a long time measure, direct the Committees on Petroleum (Upstream), Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters and Environment and Ecology, to immediately forward proposals for the amendment of all existing legislations to compel the Multinationals/Oil Companies responsible for oil spillage/ecological degradation of their operating areas to restore/develop the host communities/operating areas and pay adequate compensation.
- (v) When and wherever an oil spillage occurs in order to conserve resources and protect the environment, the Senate enjoins the local communities and authorities to ensure that those agencies and other interests seeking to control the spillage have prompt and unfettered access to the site (5. Res/029/07).

7. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander in Chief, for the confirmation of the nominations of the following Persons as Members of the Federal Character Commission, in accordance with Section 154 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

S/NO	STATE	NAME OF NOMINEE	REMARKS
1.	Abia	Hon. Omenihu Nwogwugwu	Re-nominated
2.	Adamawa	Alhaji Dahiru Bobbo	Fresh Appointment
3.	Akwa Ibom	Ban. Matthew Ukpong	Fresh Appointment
4.	Anambra	(Lady) C.G.O. Nzelibe	Re-nominated
5.	Borno	Alh. Aji Mast a Lawan	Re-nominated
6.	Delta	Ambassador I. J. Sagey	Re-nominated
7.	Ebonyi	Mr. Obasi Ofia	Re-nominated
8.	Edo	Hon. Peter Ekhator	Fresh Appointment
9.	Ekiti	Dr. Dele Afolabi	Re-nominated
10.	Enugu	Dr. Martins George Oke	Fresh Appointment
11	FCT	Hon. Yunana S. Dawuda	Re-nominated
12.	Gombe	Alh. Haruna Mamuda Gadam	Fresh Appointment
13	Kaduna	Hon. Musa Nikaf	Fresh Appointment
14	Kano	Hon. Muhammad A. Tudunwada	Fresh Appointment
15	Kogi	Alhaji Sule Iyaji	Fresh Appointment
16.	Kwara	Dr. Femi Ogunsola	Fresh Appointment
17	Lagos	Mrs Kemi Nelson	Fresh Appointment
18	Nasarawa	Muhammadu Ali Gwaska	Fresh Appointment
19	Niger	Alhaji Ibrahim Ladan	Re-nominated
20	Ogun	Alhaja Sadat Onimole	Re-nominated
21	Oyo	Mr. Thomas Depo Oyelade	Fresh Appointment
22	Plateau	Mr. John Jeji Shainaan	Fresh Appointment
23	Rivers	Amb. S. M. K. Taribo JP	Re-nominated
24	Sokoto	Alhaji Abdullahi M. Kiryo	Re-nominated
25	Taraba	Alhaji Shehu Mohammed	Re-nominated
26	Yobe	Alh. Mai Aliyu Muhammed	Re-nominated
27	Zamfara	Alh. Sahabi Muhammad Kaura (Ciroma)	Re-nominated

(Senate Majority Leader).

Debate: Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to report in two weeks.

**8. National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:
Report on the Screening of Nominee:**

Consideration of Report deferred to the next legislative day.

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

Consideration of Report deferred to the next legislative day.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 8th November, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:35p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate