



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 18 March, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.10 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, 13th March, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Composition of Conference Committee on a Bill on Certain Political Office Holders and Judicial Officers (Salaries and Allowances) 2007:**

The Senate President named the following Senators as Senate Conferees:

(i)	Senator Zaynab A. Kure	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Odion M. Ugbesia	—	Vice Chairman
(iii)	Senator Saminu I. Turaki	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Ahmad I. Lawan	—	Member
(v)	Senator Munirudeen A. Muse	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Ayogu Eze	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Umaru Dahiru	—	Member

4. **Announcements:**

The Senate President read a letter from The Clerk, Senate, Alhaji Umaru Sani as follows:

(i)

FARE WELL TO READINGS:

I wish to bring to the notice of Your Excellency and Distinguished Senators that I will be proceeding on retirement by June 2008. However, I have decided to take three months accumulated leave with effect from 31st March 2008. It is pertinent to note that sixteen out of the 35yrs or 46% of my entire service, was rendered in the National Assembly; broken down as follows:

- (i) Assistant Director Senate: 1 yr }

- (ii) Deputy Director Senate:.....2 yrs }
 (Hi) Director of Finance and Supplies:..... 8 yrs } *Totaling 16 years*
 (iv) Clerk, House of Representatives:.....2½yrs }
 (v) Clerk, Senate:21½ yrs }

I had earlier served the nation at other capacities in the FCDA, NNPC, London Administrative Office of Nigerian Universities, the Health sector and Kano State Government. The purpose of this communication is to inform distinguished Senators of my impending retirement, because by the time Senate resumes from Easter break, I would have commenced my terminal leave on 1st April, 2008.

During my tenure as the Clerk, I have seen the Senate through its rosy days, as well as its trying periods and arrived at the conclusion that the current leadership, led by his Excellency, Senator David Mark (GCON) supported by his Deputy, Senator Ike Ekweremadu (CFR) compendium of Senators in general, have greatly enriched my outlook and equipped me with valuable experiences that have positive impact on my career and the rest of my life. I am indeed sincerely grateful for that.

Although my exit is an obvious phenomenon, my thinking and response to issues would always be Ayes for the legislators without any room for Noes. I would be guided by the antecedents of well-informed Senate debates, Presiding Officer's wise, accurate rulings and distinguished Senator's cautious responses of avoiding to be ruled out of order.

I owe the present crop of Distinguished Senators profound gratitude, the CNA, Alhaji Nasiru Ibrahim Arab; his Deputy, Mr. Oluyemi Ogunyomi and other management staff; my special thanks go to the Senate Deputy Clerk, Mr. Ben Efeturi and other staff who supported me throughout my tenure. Please be assured of my preservation of legislative culture, as a committed ambassador, wherever I go or in whatever I do, the dignity of Senate shall be upheld; once a Clerk of Senate, always a Clerk of Senate.

Lastly, I am happy and thankful to Almighty Allah that I have successfully completed my formal and active service to the nation; I am equally praying to the good God to make it possible for Senate leadership and the followership, to have a smooth and successful tenure, to ease-out peacefully and resplendently.

Good bye and God bless.

*Signed:
 Umaru Sani
 Clerk, Senate
 18/03/08*

- (ii) *Acknowledgment:*
 The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Association of Political Science Students of University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri, Borno State in the Gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

5. Mater of Urgent Public Importance:

Missing Plane in Cross River State:

Rising on Rule 42/52 Senator Anyim Chukwu Ude drew the attention of the Senate to the alleged missing plane in Cross River State. He sought and obtained leave of the Senate that the matter be discussed forthwith.

Question put and agreed to.

Debate:

Several Senators made contributions.

6. Presentation of a Bill:

National Space Research and Development Agency Bill 2008 (SB. 83) — *Read the First Time.*

7. **Confirmation of Nomination:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nomination of Alhaji Umar Abba Gana, as a Commissioner of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the screening of Alhaji Umar Abba Gana, as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the screening of Alhaji Umar Abba Gana, as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC).

Nominee Recommended:

Alhaji Umar Abba Gana

Debate:

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Alhaji Umar Abba Gana, as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC)?" — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the screening of Alhaji Umar Abba Gana, as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and approved the recommendation.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Nominee:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Umar Abba Gana, as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Umar Abba Gana, as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) accordingly confirmed.

8. **Motion:**

Victories of Mr. Samuel Peters at the just concluded World Boxing Council Heavy Weight Fight (WBC's) Champion held on the 9th of March, 2008 and Mr Olusoji Fasuba at Indoor Championship Race in Valencia Spain:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do note the most unifying factor of our National life today is sport. It is certain that sports have elevated Nigeria to one of the most popular countries in the world;

Further notes the series of victories by Nigerians in international competitions have also laundered the image of Nigerians and indeed Nigeria;

Observes the victory recorded by Samuel Peters at the World Boxing Councils (WBC's) Heavy Weight fight in Cancun Mexico on 9th of March, 2008 (Sunday morning) and Olusoji Fasuba who won a Gold Medal in 60 metres indoor championship race in Valencia Spain last week, Nigeria has once again been thrown into reckoning in world affairs;

Notes that these two great Ambassadors of Nigeria and indeed numerous other Nigerian athletes with inherent talents need to be encouraged to aim and aspire for the best in their chosen endeavours.

Accordingly resolve that the Senate do:

- (i) Commend and congratulate Messrs Samuel Peters and Olusoji Fasuba for their victories.
- (ii) Congratulate Nigerians and most especially The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Umaru Musa Yar'dua at this moment of National pride. ~^T
- (iii) Urge the Federal Government, to name a street each after the duo of Messrs Samuel Peters and Olusoji Fasuba in Abuja and confer on them commensurate National Honours for bringing prides to Nigerians (*Senator Ayo S. Arise*).

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do commend and congratulate Messrs Samuel Peters and Olusoji Fasuba for their victories — *Agreed to*.

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate do congratulate Nigerians and most especially The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Umaru Musa Yar'dua at this moment of National pride — *Agreed to*.

Prayer (Hi):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government, to name a street each after the duo of Messrs Samuel Peters and Olusoji Fasuba in Abuja and confer on them commensurate National Honours for bringing prides to Nigerians — *Negatived*.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do commend and congratulate Messrs Samuel Peters and Olusoji Fasuba for their victories; and
- (ii) That the Senate do congratulate Nigerians and most especially The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Umaru Musa Yar'dua at this moment of National pride (*S. Res/056/08*).

9. *Rescission of Senate Decision on Hydro-Electric Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) Bill 2008:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate recalls that during its sitting on Tuesday, 5th February, 2008, resolved to fast track legislative action on the Bill for an Act to establish the Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Commission Bill, 2008 by scheduling it for Third Reading and subsequent passage into law;

Observes that since this decision five (5) weeks ago, the Bill is yet to be scheduled for further legislative action;

Notes the importance of the Bill in the actualization of one of the cardinal programmes of the present administration in the area of adequate power generation for the nation and the realization of the vision 20: 2020;

Notes further that due to the importance of the Bill to the Socio-economic survival of the nation, there is the urgent need to reschedule the Bill for consideration and subsequent passage into law through the normal legislative process.

Accordingly resolves to:

Reschedule the Bill for consideration at Second Reading Stage and subsequent passage into law through the normal legislative process (*Senator Dahiru Awaisu Kuta*).

Debate:

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do reschedule the Bill for consideration at Second Reading Stage and subsequent passage into law through the normal legislative process.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (i) as follow and renumber existing Prayer (i):

"That the Senate do rescind its Resolution to fast-track the legislative action on the Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission of Tuesday, 5th February, 2008 (*Senator Audu Idris Umar*).

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

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate do reschedule the Bill for consideration at Second Reading Stage and subsequent passage into law through the normal legislative process — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do rescind its Resolution to fast-track the legislative action on the Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission of Tuesday, 5th February, 2008;
- (ii) - That the Senate do reschedule the Bill for consideration at Second Reading Stage and subsequent passage into law through the normal legislative process (*S. Res/057/08*).

10. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report of the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Rafm A. Lawal-Rabana (Kwara State) and Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu (Imo State) as Members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission and approve the recommendations" (*Senator Umaru Dahiru*).

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do Confirm the nominations of Rafiu A. Lawal-Rabana (Kwara State) and Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu (Imo State) as Members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission".

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of Rafm A. Lawal-Rabana (Kwara State) and Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu (Imo State) as Members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission.

Nominees Recommended:

- (i) Rafiu A. Lawal-Rabana
- (ii) Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu

Debate:

Question:

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Rafm A. Lawal-Rabana (Kwara State) as Member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission?" — *Agreed to.*

"Will the Committee approve the nomination of Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu (Imo State) as Member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission?" — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report of **the** Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of Rafiu A. Lawal-Rabana (Kwara State) and Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu (Imo State) as Members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission and approved the recommendations

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Nominees:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rafiu A. Lawal-Rabana (Kwara State) as Member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Rafiu A. Lawal-Rabana (Kwara State) as Member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu (Imo State) as Member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu (Imo State) as Member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission accordingly confirmed.

11. Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:

Report of the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) (*Senator Smart Adeyemi*).

Recommendations:

"That the Senate do confirm the nominations of the above named persons as Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission (FCC)".

S/NO.	NAME	STATE
1.	Prof. Shaib Oba Abdulraheem	Chairman
2.	Hon. Omenihu Nwogwugwu	Abia
3.	Alhaji Dahiru Bobbo	Adamawa
4.	Barr. Matthew Ukpong	Akwa Ibom
5.	Veronica Ukamaka Ebenebe	Anambra
6.	Alh. Aji Masta Lawan	Borno
7. --	Ambassador I. J. Sagey	Delta
8.	Mr. ObasiOfia	Ebonyi
9.	Hon. Peter Ekhatior	Edo
10.	Dr. Dele Afolabi	Ekiti
11.	Dr. Martins George Oke	Enugu
12.	Hon. Yunana S. Dawuda	FCT

13.	Alhaji Haruna Mamuda Gadam	Gombe
14.	Hon. Musa Nikaf	Kaduna
15.	Engr. Ahmad Ishaq	Kano
16.	Alhaji Sule Iyaji	Kogi
17.	Dr. Femi Ogunsola	Kwara
18.	Mr. Adefaayo Aremu A. Williams	Lagos
19.	Muhammadu Ali Gwaska	Nasarawa
20.	Alh. Ibrahim Ladan	Niger
21.	Alhaja Sadat Onimole	Ogun
22.	Mr. Thomas Depo Oyelade	Oyo
23.	Mr. John Jeji Shainaan	Plateau
24.	Amb. S. M. K. TariboJP	Rivers
25.	Alh. Abdullahi M. Kiryo	Sokoto
26.	Alh. Shehu Mohammed	Taraba
27.	Afh. Mai Aliyu Muhammad	Yobe
28.	Alh. Sahabi Muhammad Kaura (Ciroma)	Zamfara (<i>Senate Majority Leader</i>).

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN **THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission (FCC).

Nominees Recommended:

S/NO. NAME

1. Prof. Shaib Oba Abdulraheem (Chairman) — *Agreed to,*
2. Hon. Omenihu Nwogwugwu (Abia) — *Agreed to.*
3. Athaji Dahiru Bobbo (Adamawa) — *Agreed to.*
4. Barr. Matthew Ukpong (Akwa Ibom) — *Agreed to.*
5. Veronica Ukamaka Ebenebe (Anambra) — *Agreed to.*
6. Alh. Aji Masta Lawan (Borno) — *Agreed to.*
7. Ambassador I. J. Sagey (Delta) — *Agreed to.*
8. Mr. Obasi Ofia (Ebonyi) — *Agreed to.*

9. Hon. Peter Ekhaton (Edo) — *Agreed to.*
10. Dr. Dele Afolabi (**Ekiti**) — *Agreed to.*
11. Dr. Martins George Oke (Enugu) — *Agreed to.*
12. Hon. Yunana S. Dawuda (FCT) — *Agreed to.*
13. Alhaji Haruna Mamuda Gadam (Gombe) — *Agreed to.*
14. Hon. Musa Nikaf (Kaduna) — *Agreed to.*
15. Engr. Ahmad Ishaq (Kano) — *Agreed to.*
16. Alhaji Sule **Iyaji** (Kogi) — *Agreed to.*
17. Dr. Femi Ogunsola (Kwara) — *Agreed to.*
18. Mr. Adebayo Aremu A. Williams (Lagos) — *Agreed to.*
19. Muhammadu Ali Gwaska (Nasarawa) — *Agreed to.*
20. Alh. Ibrahim Ladan (Niger) — *Agreed to.*
21. Alhaja Sadat Onimole (Ogun) — *Agreed to.*
22. Mr. Thomas Depo Oyelade (Oyo) — *Agreed to.*
23. Mr. John Jeji Shainaan (Plateau) — *Agreed to.*
24. Amb. S. M. K. Taribo JP (Rivers) — *Agreed to.*
25. Alh. Abdullahi M. Kiryo (Sokoto) — *Agreed to.*
26. Alh. Shehu Mohammed (Taraba) — *Agreed to.*
27. Alh. Mai Aliyu Muhammad (Yobe) — *Agreed to.*
28. Alh. Sahabi Muhammad Kaura (Ciroma) (Zamfara) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report of the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of the following persons as Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) and approved the recommendations

Question; That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Nominees:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof. Shaib Oba Abdulraheem the President's nominee for appointment as a Chairman in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prof. Shaib Oba Abdulraheem the President's nominee for appointment as a Chairman in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon.Omenihu Nwogwugwu (Abia State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon.Omenihu Nwogwugwu (Abia State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ahaji Dahiru Bobbo (Adamawa State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ahaji Dahiru Bobbo (Adamawa State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Matthew Ukpog (Akwa Ibom State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Matthew Ukpog (Akwa Ibom State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Veronica Ukamaka Ebenebe (Anambra State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Veronica Ukamaka Ebenebe (Anambra State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Aji Masta Lawan (Borno State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Aji Masta Lawan (Borno State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ambassador I. J. Sagey (Delta State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ambassador I. J. Sagey (Delta State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Obasi Ofia (Ebonyi State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Obasi Ofia (Ebonyi State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Peter Ekhat (Edo State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Peter Ekhat (Edo State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Dele Afolabi (**Ekiti** State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Dele Afolabi (Ekiti State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Martins George Oke (Enugu State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Martins George Oke (Enugu State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Yunana S. Dawuda (FCT) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?"¹ — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Yunana S. Dawuda (FCT) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Haruna Mamuda Gadam (Gombe State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Haruna Mamuda Gadam (Gombe State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Musa Nikaf (Kaduna State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Musa Nikaf (Kaduna State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Ahmad Ishaq (Kano State) the President's **nominee** for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Ahmad Ishaq (Kano State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Sule **Iyaji** (Kogi State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Sule Iyaji (Kogi State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Femi Ogunsola (Kwara State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Femi Ogunsola (Kwara State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Adebayo Aremu A. Williams (Lagos State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Adebayo Aremu A. Williams (Lagos State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Muhamrnadu Ali Gwaska (Nasarawa State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Muhammadu Ali Gwaska (Nasarawa State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Ibrahim Ladan (Niger State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Ibrahim Ladan (Niger State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaja Saudat Onimole (Ogun State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaja Saudat Onimole (Ogun State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Thomas Depo Oyelade (Oyo State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Thomas Depo Oyelade (Oyo State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. John Jeji Shainaan (Plateau State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. John Jeji Shainaan (Plateau State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Amb. S. M. K. Taribo JP (Rivers State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?¹ — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Amb. S. M. K. Taribo JP (Rivers State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alh. Abdullahi M. Kiryo (Sokoto State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alh. Abdullahi M. Kiryo (Sokoto State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alh. Shehu Mohammed (Taraba State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alh. Shehu Mohammed (Taraba State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alh. Mai Aliyu Muhammed (Yobe State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alh. Mai Aliyu Mohammed (Yobe State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alh. Sahabi Muhammad Kaura (Chiroma) (Zamfara State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alh. Sahabi Muhammad Kaura (Chiroma) (Zamfara State) the President's nominee for appointment as a Commissioner in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) accordingly confirmed.

12. Committee on Petroleum Upstream:

Report of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill 2008 (SB. 81):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

13. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Water Ways Authority Act No. 47 2004 and to Re-Enact the National Inland Water Ways Agency to provide for among other things the Regulation, Management, Directions and Control of the Inland Water Ways for Navigation and Provision of River Ports Services and Other Connected Purposes, 2008 (8B. 02):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another legislative day.

14. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 8th April, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30p.m.

David A. B. Mark, GCON
President of the Senate