



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th May, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.15 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, 13th May, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(A) The Senate President read a letter from the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Teslim K. Folarin as follows:



OFFICE OF THE SENATE LEADER
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
Three Arms Zone P. M. B.
141, Garki - Abuja

*His Excellency,
Senate President,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

MARCHING ON AT 46

It is with extreme pleasure that on behalf of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I felicitate with you, the Deputy Senate President on the occasion of your 46th Birthday.

For us in this chamber, this occasion is a joyous one for which we must thank God Almighty for his miracles. Often, our dear nation finds itself thrusting its fate in the hands of young men like you. It is not an accident of history, therefore, that at 46, and indeed, one of the youngest members of this Senate, you occupy the exalted position of the Deputy Senate President. For us, it is a mark of great honour for which we hereby renew our resolve.

You have enormous responsibilities and challenges of nation building placed on your shoulders. History will eminently remember you for bringing honour and respect to the office of the Deputy Senate President. You have confined yourself to building confidence in the leadership of the Senate, supporting without flinching the chair of our chamber, bringing unequalled camaraderie to our members and standing by our resolution and decisions. Without doubt, your leadership style and moderation is something to emulate.

We recall that early in life, you have shown remarkable leadership in your community, Local Government Area and State. Your antecedents in both the private and public sectors are strong strands of bold commitment to service. Indeed, as far back as 1997, for a tenure of just sixteen months, you earned for yourself the Best Local Government Chairman in Enugu State.

In the Senate since 2003, you have shown immense courage to stand for the truth and what is best for our country. I doubt if any man is better suited to be addressed as a Distinguished Senator. Indeed, you are one of the stars around our chamber.

As you mark the 46th year of your journey on earth, please, dear friend and colleague be assured of the best wishes, honest prayers and support of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. We wish you many more years of good health, active life and success.

Happy Birthday, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Commander of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Knight of the Order of Good Shepherd, Ikeoha and Ochiagha Ndigbo.

Signed:

Senator Teslim K. Folarin, Senate Leader, For and on behalf of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

- (B) The Senate President also read a letter from the Deputy Minority Leader, Senator Olorunnimbe A. Mamora as follows:



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

National Assembly Complex
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12 May 2008

*The President of Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Abuja.*

To: All Senators

PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK "A DEMOCRAT TO THE CORE"

The book "A Democrat to the Core " is a political biography of Senator Adeleke Olorunnimbe Mamora commemorating the 55th year of terrestrial tenancy.

I would be highly honoured to have the Distinguished presence and support of my colleagues at the public presentation of the book scheduled as follows:

Date: . Thursday, May 15, 2008

Venue: Nigerian Institute of International Affairs
Victoria Island, Lagos.

Time: 11.00 am prompt. May God

honour you as you come. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

Senator Olorunnimbe Mamora

- (C) The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Regent School, Maitama, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ibrahim M. Ida sought and obtained the leave of the Senate for an extension of time to enable the Joint Committee of Defence and Army, National Security and Intelligence, and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to conclude investigation on the alleged ill treatment of the people of Nembe Local Government of Bayelsa State by armed soldiers committed to the Committees on Wednesday, 16th April 2008.

By leave of Senate, extension granted to the second week of June, 2008.

5. Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill 2008 (SB. 98):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory the total sum of N69,449,042,377.00 of which the sum of N15,767,480,600.00 is for Personnel Cost and the sum of N9,721,984,176.00 is for Overhead costs while the balance of N43,959,577,601.00 is for Capital expenditure for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory for the financial Year ending 31st December, 2008 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to report within one (1) week.

6. Financial Crimes Court Bill 2008 (SB. 72):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Financial Crimes Court as a Superior Court of Record, and for Related Matters, 2008 be read the Second Time (*Senator Simeon O. Oduoye*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within two (2) weeks.

1. Legal Frame Work for Bank Equity Investment Bill 2008 (SB. 22):

Rising on Rule 89, Senator Ayodele S. Arise sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to withdrawn the Bill (*Senator Ayodele S. Arise*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly withdrawn.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 15th May, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.20p.m.

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