



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Thursday, 22nd May, 2008

1. The Senate met at 10.20 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 21st May, 2008 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Acknowledgment:**
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of the following Schools who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:
 - (i) Seta International Schools, New Karu, Nasarawa State;
 - (ii) Nigerian Turkish International College, Abuja; and
 - (iii) National Association of Political Science Students (NAPSS), University of Nigeria, Nsugbe Campus.
4. **Personal Explanation:**
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello expressed appreciation to the leadership of the Senate and Senators for their demonstration of solidarity during her ordeal with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).
5. **Personal Explanation:**
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ibrahim Mohammed Ida drew the attention of the Senate to the death of Forty-Six (46) Soldiers returning from a Peace Keeping Mission in a fatal motor accident along Kari-Potiskum road on 21st May, 2008.

Ordered to get more details and present a substantive Motion on the matter.
6. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Chartered Institute of Cost Managers (Establishment, etc) Bill 2008 (SB.86) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Nigeria Railway Corporation Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2008 (S B.303) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons as Chairman and Members of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

(i)	Mrs. Farida M. Waziri, AIG (Rtd)	—	Chairman
(ii)	Barrister Basil M.C. Anagoh	—	Member
(iii)	Barrister Paul Harris Ogbole	—	Member
(iv)	Mr. Banjo Olaniyi	—	Member
(v)	Alhaji Mohammed Jibo	—	Member
(vi)	Mr. Emmanuel Akomaye	—	Member/Secretary

Debate: Question put and

agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Anti-Corruption to report within one (1) week.

8. Senate Legislative Calendar:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Senate Legislative Calendar (Tuesday, 8th January, 2008 - Monday, 15th September 2008) (*Senator Aloysius A. Etok*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Calendar accordingly adopted.

9. Nigerian Congressional Medal of Honour Award Bill 2008 (SB.48):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Congressional Medal of Honour Award and for Related Purposes 2008 be read the Second Time (*Senator Anthony Agbo*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Interior to report within four (4) weeks.

10. National Court of Arbitration for Sports Bill 2008 (SB. 88):

Rising on Rule 89, Senator Adego E. Eferakeya sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to withdraw the Bill.

Bill accordingly withdrawn.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 27th May, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:05 p.m.

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