



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11th October, 2005

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, 6th October, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcement: Letter of Appreciation:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Senator Bala Adamu which he read as follows:



Senator Bala
(Bauchi Central)

28th September, 2005.

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

Dear Senate President,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I wish to, on behalf of myself and the entire members of my family, to thank the President of the Senate, the Principal Officers and the Distinguished Senators for finding time to attend my wedding fatiha which took place on the 24th of September, 2005 at Kano.

Your Excellency, words alone cannot express my appreciation and gratitude, but only to pray that God in His infinite mercy will continue to guide, protect and bless the entire Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Amen.

*Signed:
Senator Bala Adamu*

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Incidents of Armed Banditry in Sabon Birni, Issa and Goronyo Local Government Areas of Sokoto State:

Invoking Rule 42, Senator Sule Yari Gandi invited the attention of the Senate to the incidents of armed banditry in Sabon Birni, Issa and Goronyo Local Government Areas of Sokoto State. He sought leave of the Senate to introduce a Motion on the subject as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Question that the matter be debated put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till next legislative day {Rule 42(2)}.

5. Presentation of Bill:

Export Produce (Federal Powers) Bill 2005 (SB.243)— *Read the First Time.*

6. Power Sector Development (Special Programme on Energy):

Request by Mr President, Commander-in-Chief for National Assembly endorsement;

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the request be referred to a Special Committee comprising three members from each of the Committees on Appropriation; Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy and Finance, to be presided by the Chairman, Committee on Appropriation to examine and make recommendations to the Senate within seven (7) days (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

7. Confirmation of Appointments:

(a) *Report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy on the Screening of Engr, Abimbola Odubiyi:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy on the screening of Engineer Abimbola Odubiyi (*South West Zone*) as a Member of the Board of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (*Senator Mahmud K. Bello*).

Question put and agreed to.

— *Report-presented and Laid:*

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of Report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy on the screening of Engineer Abimbola Odubiyi (*South West Zone*) as a Member of the Board of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Recommendation:

"That the Senate do approve the confirmation of Engineer Abimbola Odubiyi as a Commissioner representing the South West Zone on the Board of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission".

*Nominee recommended for confirmation:
Engineer Abimbola Odubiyi — 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 Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy on the screening of Engineer Abimbola Odubiyi (*South West Zone*) as a Member of the Board of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission and approved the recommendation therein.

Question: That the report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Appointment:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the Nomination of Engineer Abimbola Odubiyi (*South West Zone*) as a Member of the Board of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engineer Abimbola Odubiyi (South West Zone) as a Member of the Board of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission accordingly confirmed.

- (b) *Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on the Screening of Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on **the** screening of Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku as a Commissioner representing Jigawa State in the Federal Character Commission (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Deputy 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 Governmental Affairs on the screening of Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku as a Commissioner representing Jigawa State in the Federal Character Commission

Recommendation: _____
That the Senate do approve the confirmation of Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku as a Commissioner representing Jigawa State in the Federal Character Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku — *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 Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on the screening of Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku as a Commissioner representing Jigawa State in the Federal Character Commission and approved the recommendation therein.

Question: That the report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Appointment:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the Nomination of Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku as a Commissioner representing Jigawa State in the Federal Character Commission — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Abdulmumini M. Hassan Zareku as a Commissioner representing Jigawa State in the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

8. Widows Protection Bill 2005 (SB.189):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Widows Protection Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (Senator Iyabode Anisulowo).

Debate:

Bill referred to the Committee of Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters for consideration and advise, and to report within two weeks.

9. Sale of Government Houses Registration Bill 2005 (SB.117):

Consideration of Bill deferred.

10. Border Communities Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 147):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Border Communities Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 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 States and Local Government Administration to report within two weeks.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn **till** Wednesday, 12th October, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.15 p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate