



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6th December, 2005

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 Thursday, 1st December, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. Announcement:
Joint Conference Committee on National Park Service Act (Amendment) Bill 2005:
The Senate President announced the membership of the Conference Committee on National Park Service Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 as follows:

(i)	Senator Iyiola Omisore	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Patrick E. Osakwe	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Umaru Dahiru	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Mohammed Ibrahim	—	Member
(v)	Senator Abubakar Maikafi	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Julius A. Ucha	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Effacing D. Bob	—	Member
4. Privileges of the Floor:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(d) to enable it admit to the floor of the Senate, Senator (Dr.) Ahmadu Ali, the Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senator (Dr.) Ahmadu Ali accordingly admitted.
5. Joint Session:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend plenary sitting to sit with the House of Representatives in a Joint Session, to receive an address from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on the 2006 Budget (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Sitting Suspended — **10: 40 a. m.**

Sitting Resumed — **12: 30 p. m.**

6. Consideration of the Appropriation Bill 2006 (Time Table):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do examine and approve the Time Table for the consideration of the Appropriation Bill 2006 as follows:

S/N	ACTIVITY	ALLOTTED TIME
1	Presentation of the Appropriation Bill 2005 by Mr President, Commander-in-Chief, at a Joint Session of the National Assembly — <i>First Reading</i> .	Tuesday, 6th December, 2005.
2	Debate on Mr President's Speech/General Principles of the Appropriation Bill 2006 — <i>Second Reading</i> .	Wednesday, 7th — 14th December, 2005 (4 days).
3	Ministerial and Departmental Budget Defence before Appropriation Sub-Committees	Thursday, 15th — 20th December, 2005 (2 days)
4	SENATE ON RECESS	Wednesday, 21st December, 2005—16th January, 2006 (11 days).
	Continuation of the Ministerial and Departmental Budget Defence before Appropriation Sub-Committees	Tuesday, 17th— Thursday, 26th January, 2006 (6 days).
	Submission of Reports by the Sub-Committees to the Appropriation Committee	Friday, 27th — Wednesday, 1st February, 2006 (4 days).
	Collation of Reports by five Appropriation Committee	Thursday, 2nd — Monday, 6th February, 2006 (6 days).
8	Consideration by Appropriation Committee	Tuesday, 7th February, 2006 (1 day).
	Report to the Committee on Supply	Wednesday, 7th February, 2006 (1 day).
10	Third Reading and Passage of the Appropriation Bill 2006.	Thursday, 9th February, 2006 (1 day).

*(Senate Majority **Leader**)'."*

Debate:

Question put and agreed to. Draft Time

Table accordingly adopted.

Submission of Budget Breakdown;

Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina drew the attention of the Senate to the manner in which the 2006 Budget breakdown was submitted. He noted that the standard practice of presenting budget breakdown was that all the proposals for all Ministries were put into one booklet in view of the cross references between various departments that were apparent during consideration.

Consequently, he urged the Senate to revert the submission to the Budget Office **for** compliance in line with the established standard practice since 1999 and to produce enough number of copies to be circulated to all members of the National Assembly and the Secretariat.

Submission sustained by the Senate.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 7th December, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.40 p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate