



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29th November, 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, 24th November, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. **Message from the President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from the President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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THIRD SESSION

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November 23, 2005.

—The-Senate-President-, ----- — —
Senate Chambers, National
Assembly Complex, Three
Arms Zone, Asokoro - Abuja.

Dear Senate President,

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation and for matters connected therewith.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of the Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours Sincerely,

*Signed: OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO*

4. Announcement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the pupils of Community Nursery and Primary School, Asokoro, Abuja who came to observe Senate proceedings from the gallery.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Death of the Son of the National Chairman of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP):

Invoking Rules 42 and 52, the Deputy Senate President, Senator Ibrahim Mantu invited the attention of the Senate to the death of the son of the National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in a ghastly plane crash. He sought and obtained leave of the Senate to introduce a Motion on the subject as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance to be debated forthwith.

That whereas the Senate received with shocks the tragic death of Alhaji Shuaibu Ali, son of the National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in a plane crash at the Kaduna Airport on Monday, 28th November, 2005;

Whereas the death of Alhaji Shuaibu Ali was a great loss to his immediate family, the PDP family and the nation.

Be it resolved:

That the Senate do write a letter of condolence to the National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Dr. Ahmadu AH, commiserating with him on the death of his son (*Senator Ibrahim Nasiru Mantu*).

Debate:

Prayer

Question: That the Senate do write a letter of condolence to the National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Dr. Ahmadu Ali, commiserating with him on the death of his son — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That me Senate do write a letter of condolence to the National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Dr. Ahmadu Ali, commiserating with him on the death of his son *Res/033/05*.

6. Presentation of Bill:

Theatre Arts Professionals (Regulatory Council of Nigeria, etc.) Bill, 2005 (SB. 264) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:

Report on Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 149):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (*Senator Felix Ibru*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SCHEME FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment to Section 29 (2):

The Federal Government shall pay into the Redemption Funds established under subsection (1) of this Section an amount equal to 7% (or such other higher sum as may from time to time be reviewed by the Commission) of the total monthly wage payable to employees in the Public Service of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision under the amendment and retain the provision of the extant Act (Senator Felix Ibru) — Agreed to.

Clause 2 Amendment to Section 71(1):

All retirement saving account holders (including persons who are legally and entitled to pension under the old Act or any other legally recognized pension law) who have contributed for a number of years to a licensed pension fund administrator or is ordinarily entitled to pension — shall be guaranteed minimum pension (as that of those retiring on the same position) which shall reflect realistic current living standards in the country, and shall be reviewable every (3) years to bring it in conformity with what the pension would have been entitled to if he were to have just disengaged/retired from the services or as may be when specified from time to time by the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision under the amendment and retain the provision of the extant Act (Senator Felix Ibru) — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 and approved as follows:

Clause 1 — As recommended

Clause 2 — As recommended

Question that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted, resolved in the Affirmative.

8. Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Bill 2005 (SB.253):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes to report within four (4) weeks.

9. Privileges of the Floor:

Admission of Hon. Kate Hoey, Member of Parliament from United Kingdom:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to enable it admit Hon. Kate Hoey, Labour Member of Parliament for Vauxhall, South London, U. K. to the floor of the Senate (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Hon. Kate Hoey admitted accordingly.

10. State of the Nation Address Bill 2005 (SB. 199):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the State of the Nation Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs to report within four (4) weeks.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn **till** Wednesday, 30th November, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.10 p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate