



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th 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 Tuesday, 13th December, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. Committee on Communications:
Report on the Screening of Dr. Bashir Gwandu (Kebbi State) as a Commissioner in the Nigeria Communications Commission:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Communications on the screening of Dr. Bashir Gwandu (Kebbi State) as a Commissioner in the Nigeria Communications Commission and approve the recommendation (*Senator Baba Tela*).

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of Report of the Committee on Communications on the screening of Dr. Bashir Gwandu (Kebbi State) as a Commissioner in the Nigeria Communications Commission.

Recommendation:

That the Senate do approve the nomination of Dr. Bashir Gwandu (Kebbi State) as Commissioner in the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC).

Debate:

Question on Committee's Recommendation put and 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 Communications on the screening of Dr. Bashir Gwandu (Kebbi State) as a Commissioner in the Nigeria Communications Commission and approved the recommendation.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Bashir Gwandu (Kebbi State) as a Commissioner in the Nigeria Communications Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Bashir Gwandu (Kebbi State) as a Commissioner in the Nigeria Communications Commission accordingly confirmed.

4. Appropriation Bill, 2006 (SB.268): (*Second Allotted Day*) (*Adjourned Debate, Thursday, 8th December, 2005*):

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions :-

- (i) Senator Tawar U. Wada
- (ii) Senator Ugochukwu Uba
- (iii) Senator Isaiah C. Balat
- (iv) Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw
- (v) Senator Sunday Z. Ambuno
- (vi) Senator James E. Manager
- (vii) Senator Udoma Udo Udoma
- (viii) Senator Victor K. Oyoyo
- (ix) Senator Tunde Ogbeha
- (x) Senator Sani Kamba
- (xi) Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane

Question that the question be now put resolved in the Affirmative.

. ---- Main-Question accordingly put-and-agreed-to ----

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Appropriation to report according to the approved time table

5. Committee on FCT:
Report on FCT Board of Internal Revenue (Establishment) Bill 2005 (SB. 10)

Consideration deferred till next legislative day.

6. Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity:
Report on Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill 2005 (SB. 39):
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the *Report*(Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

{SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE}

- . Consideration of Report of the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity on the Institute of Registered Safety Management Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill 2005.

Clause 1: **Establishment of the Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria etc:**
There is hereby established a body to be known as the Institute of Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria in this Act referred to as the "Institute" which shall be a common seal and may sue and be sued.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw*)

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Safety" in line 1 insert the word "Management" (*Senator Udorna Udo Udoma*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do defer further consideration on the Bill to enable the Committee take further legislative actions on it (*Senator Lawal Shuaibu*).

Question put and 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 Employment, Labour and Productivity on the Institute of Registered Safety Management Professionals of Nigeria (IRSPON) Bill 2005 and approved as follows:

Clause 1 — As Amended

Consideration of the Report stood down to a later date to enable the Committee take further legislative actions.

7. National Agricultural Development Fund Bill, 2005 (SB. 98):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the National Agricultural Development Fund 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 Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to — report-within-four-(4)weeks,

8. Closed Session:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on matters relevant to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate in Closed Session — 1.25 p.m.

Senate in Open Session — 2.25 p.m

9. Adjournment:

And it being 2.30 p.m the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 15th December, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2. 30p. m.

*Sen Nnamara
President of the Senate*