



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th November, 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, 15th November, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President read a letter jointly endorsed by Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida and Senator Isaiah C. Balat as follows:

15th November, 2005

Distinguished Senator Ibrahim Nasiru Mantu,
*Deputy Senate President,
Chairman,
Joint Committee on Constitutional Review*

WITHDRAWAL OF THE NAME OF SENATOR AHMED S. ARUWA

FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (JCCR)

You will recall that during the last National Assembly, Distinguished Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida represented Kaduna State in the Joint Committee for Constitutional Review (JCCR).

In the recently constituted Joint Committee on Constitutional review, Senator Dalhatu Tafida was also nominated to represent Kaduna State. But due to his busy schedule, that position was ceded to Senator Ahmed S. Aruwa.

However, in view of the now emerging facts that Senator Ahmed S. Aruwa who is supposed to represent Kaduna State has not been attending the meetings of the JCCR. The two other Senators from Kaduna namely - Senators Dalhatu S. Tafida and Isaiah Balat from Kaduna have agreed and decided to withdraw Senator Ahmed S. Aruwa from membership of the JCCR to be immediately replaced by Distinguished Senator S. Tafida.

Please effect this change accordingly.

(Signed)
Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida

(Signed)
Senator Isaiah Balat

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4. Presentation of Bill:

National Christian Pilgrims Commission Bill 2005 (SB.259) —*Read the First Time.*

5. Confirmation of Appointment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider and refer to the appropriate Committee the request by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief for the Confirmation of the Appointment of Engr. Salih Adeshina Egberongbe as Commissioner representing Lagos and Ogun States in the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters to report within one week.

6. Nigeria Hajj Commission Bill 2005 (SB.258):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Nigeria Hajj Commission Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Nasiru I. Mantu*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs to report within two weeks.

7. Suspension of Senate Proceedings:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend the items on the Order Paper to enable the Senate receive briefings from the Hon. Minister of Finance on the Debt Relief granted Nigeria by the Paris Club of Creditors (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

8. Privileges of the Floor:

Admission of the Hon. Minister of Finance:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17 to enable the Hon. Minister of Finance be admitted to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to. Hon. Minister of Finance accordingly admitted. Briefing by the Honorable Minister of

Finance:

The President recounted the circumstances that lead to the Honourable Minister's invitation to the Senate and requested her to make her submission.

In response the Honourable Minister refuted the allegation published in the National Newspapers that the Federal Government had already paid the sum of \$6.4b to the Paris Club of Creditors. She reiterated that the Federal Government was awaiting the passage of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill by the National Assembly.

10. Conference Committee:

Report on Federal High Court Amendment Bill 2005 (SB. 162):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal High Court Amendment Bill 2005 (*Senator Oserheimen A. Osunbor*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Question: That the Senate do adopt the Conference Committee Report, *resolved in the Affirmative.'*

11. Committee on Judiciary, Human Right and Legal Matters:

Report on Chartered Cost and Executive Accountant Bill 2005 (SB. 31):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Right and Legal Matters on the Chartered Cost and Executive Accountant Bill 2005 (Senator Oserheimen A. Osunbor).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Recommendation :

That whilst commending the interest of the initiators and sponsor of the Bill, its passage in its present form cannot be supported. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Bill be withdrawn.

Question: That the Senate do adopt the Committee Report, *resolved in the Affirmative. Bill accordingly withdrawn.*

12. Committee on Commerce:

Report on Consumer Protection Bill 2005 (SB. 26):

Consideration of report deferred to a later date.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 17th November, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 1.35 p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate