



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd November, 2005

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1. The Senate met at 10: 20 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, 17th 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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17 November, 2005.

Senator Ken Nnamahi -----  
President of the Senate,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

Dear President of the Senate,

### **2006 BUDGET**

*I do crave the indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot of Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at 1100 hours to formally address the Joint Session of the National Assembly on Budget 2006.*

*Moreover, as we have discussed all along the principles and concept of the orientation of the budget while it was in preparation, my address will be to publicly verbalize these points that all the leadership of the National Assembly have agreed with me in the course of preparation of the budget.*

*While I thank you for your understanding, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours Sincerely,*

Signed: **OLUSEGUN  
OBASANJO**

**4. Announcement:**

- (i) **The** Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Senator I. S. Martyns-Yellowe which he read as follows:



**THE SENATE Federal  
Republic of Nigeria**  
**SENATOR I. S. MARTYNS-YELLOWE (MD)**  
*Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment & Ecology*

**CHANGE OF DATE OF ACTIVITIES MARKING MY 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

*I wish to inform you, that the activities making my 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday (The public lecture and public presentation of my biography) originally slated for 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2005, will now take place on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2005.*

*The change of date is necessitated by the fact that the Anglican Communion in Nigeria is honoring three (3) very important personalities in Nigeria — **Chief Ernest Shonekan, Gen. T. Y. Danjuma, and His Excellency, Sir (Dr) Peter Odili** on **the** same date 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2005 in Abuja.*

*As you are aware, **His Excellency, Sir(Dr) Peter Odili** is the Chief host of my Port Harcourt celebration. In deference to him in particular and also to the other two (2) distinguished Nigerians, the change of date has become inevitable.*

*The new date of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of November, is agreeable to His Excellency, and has been accepted by him. The Venue remains the **Hotel Presidential**, in Port Harcourt and the time: 11: a.m.*

*you will understand, and grace the occasion with your esteemed presence.*

*Distinguished Senators, who wish to travel to Port Harcourt, should please indicate directly to me **in** my office, room 415 of the main building so that adequate arrangement for their reception in Port Harcourt could be made.*

*Yours sincerely*

*(Signed)*  
*Senator I. S. Martyns-Yellowe*  
*(Rivers West)*

- (ii) The Senate President announced the presence of students of New Horizons College, Minna, Niger State to watch Senate proceedings from the gallery.

**5. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Mohammed Ibrahim, Chairman, Senate Committee on Aviation, referred to the directive of the Senate on 25th October, 2005 to the effect that Committees on Aviation and Special Duties do investigate the Bellview Flight No. 210 crash of 22nd October, 2005 and report to the Senate within four weeks. He stated that the period of four weeks ended the previous day.

He informed the Senate that the Committee had been to Lagos and the site of the crash. He further stated that from the point of view of all concerned and because of the technicality involved in the investigations, he urged the Senate to grant the Committee additional four weeks to enable it conclude the assignment and report as ordered.

*By leave of Senate, Committee granted additional four weeks to conclude the assignment and report.*

**6. Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2005 (SB. 226):**

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Debate:*

**Point of Order.**

Rising on a Point of Order, Senator Arthur F. Nzeribe drew the attention of the Senate to the effect that Rule 77(3) had not been complied with in respect of the Bill.

*Point of Order sustained.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

That the Senate do refer the Bill to the appropriate Committee while the financial compendium/background information be made available to the Committee within three weeks (*Senate Majority Leader*).

*Question: That the amendment be made put and negatived.*

*Further consideration of the Bill deferred.*

**7. Examination Mal-practices Prohibition Bill 2005 (SB. 124):**

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Examination Mal-practices Prohibition Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator James E. Manager*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Education to report within four (4) weeks.*

**8. Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Bill 2005 (SB. 146):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to a later date.*

**9. Committee on Commerce:**

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

*Consideration of Report deferred to a later date.*

**10. Adjournment:**

*Motion made and Question Proposed:* That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 24th November, 2005 at **10.00 a.m.**

*Adjourned accordingly at 1.20 p. m.*

**Ken Nnamani**  
*President of the Senate*