



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30th 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, 29th 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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November 28, 2005.

*The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers, National
Assembly Complex, Three
Arms Zone, Abuja.*

Dear Senate President,

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF THE
NIGERIAN COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

In the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 8(1) and 8(4) of the Nigerian Communication Commission Act 2003, I wish to present, for confirmation by the Senate, Dr. Bashir Gwandu from Kebbi State (North-West Zone) to be appointed as a Commissioner to replace Mallam Abdulrahman Ado, who was recently appointed Vice Chairman on the newly constituted Electricity Regulatory Commission.

I attach herewith Dr. Gwandu's Curriculum Vitae, please.

Accept, Mr Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

4. Announcement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Members of the Nigerian Universities Accounting Students Association, Benson Idahosa University, who had come to observe Senate proceedings from the gallery.

5. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 265) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Office of the Auditor- General of the Federation Bill 2005 (SB. 266) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Cooperation, Integration in Africa and NEPAD:

Report on Oversight Responsibilities:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Cooperation, Integration in Africa and NEPAD on its oversight responsibilities (*Senator Robert B. Koleosho*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 166):

Approval of Clean Copy and Third Reading:

By leave of Senate, consideration of Bill stood down till next legislative day.

8. Budget Implementation, Transparency and Accountability Bill 2005 (SB. 158 and SB. 159):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Budget Implementation, Transparency and Accountability Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abu Ibrahim*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

9. Fire (Precaution and Control Bill 2005(HB. 59)

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Fire (Precaution and Control) 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 Housing and Urban Development to report within four (4) weeks.

10. 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 — 12.05 p. m.

Senate in Open Session • — 12.45 p. m.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 1st December, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.50p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate