



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 24th February, 2005

1. The Senate met at 10.30 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 23rd February, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted as amended.
3. Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:
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

PRES/134

22 February, 2005

*The Distinguished Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Asokoro, Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

REVISED BILL FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE NIGERIA
DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (NDIC)
ACT No. 22 OF 1988

I wish to forward the attached Bill as a replacement for the one earlier submitted by the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation and currently before the Senate for consideration and passage into law.

The Bill, among other things, continues the establishment of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation for the purpose of insuring all deposit liabilities of licensed banks and other financial institutions,

While I hope that the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed) **OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO**

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Bomb Explosions in Kaduna:

Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida invited the attention of the Senate to the explosions at the Dalet Barracks, 1 Division of the Nigerian Army, Kaduna and sought the leave of the Senate to introduce a motion on the subject matter as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance. He urged the Senate to suspend Rule 52 to enable the matter to be debated forthwith.

Question that the matter be debated forthwith put and agreed to,

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas explosions from Dalet Barracks, 1 Division of the Nigerian Army were heard on Wednesday, 23rd February, 2005 at about 5.00 p.m;

WHEREAS the explosions were suspected to be from the Military Armoury;

WHEREAS the explosions, similar to that which occurred in Lagos two years ago, caused a lot of confusion, pandemonium and commotion amongst the citizenry of the Barracks and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS preliminary reports indicated that there was no loss of life but properties of great values were damaged.

Be it resolved:

That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Defence and Army and Senators from Kaduna State — Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida, Senator Muhktar Aruwa and Senator Isaiah C. Balat — to investigate the explosions and report to the Senate on Tuesday, 1st March, 2005 (*Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida*).

Debate:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Question be now put (*Senator Tunde Ogbeha*).

Question that the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question on main Motion put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Defence and Army and Senators from Kaduna State — Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida, Senator Muhktar Aruwa and Senator Isaiah C. Balat — to visit Kaduna and carry out an investigation on the explosions and report to the Senate on Tuesday, 1st March, 2005 (5. **Res. 07/05**).

5. Presentation of **Bill:**

***Police Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 160)* — Read the First Time.**

6. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.01):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (*Senator Oserheimen Osunbor*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and laid.

7. One Hundred Years of Humanitarian Services, Special Centennial Congratulatory Message to Rotary International!

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas Rotary, the first of its kind in the world, is an international service organization of business and professional leaders united world wide for the purpose

of providing humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world;

WHEREAS Rotary, having been first established in Chicago, Illinois, USA on 23rd February, 1905, was 100 years old yesterday;

WHEREAS Rotary, with its Foundation - the Rotary Foundation - has, within the 100 years of its existence, planned and executed a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programmes that touch on people's lives both world-wide and locally in Nigeria;

WHEREAS Rotary initiated Polio Plus in 1985 with the objective of immunizing the children of the world against polio virus and thereby handing over to the world a polio free society by the year 2005 in celebration of its centennial;

WHEREAS Rotary has, since 1985, committed about US\$ 600 million towards the polio eradication project world-wide, and has in so doing reduced the number of polio endemic countries from 125 to only 6 and the polio cases in Nigeria from three hundred and fifty thousand to ten thousand by December, 2004;

WHEREAS Nigeria, with four (4) Rotary Districts - Districts 9110, 9120, 9130, and 9140 - is very active and the leading African country in Rotary activities;

WHEREAS Nigeria has been, and continues to be, a major beneficiary from Rotary and its humanitarian programmes, Polio eradication included; and

WHEREAS Rotary's involvement in Polio eradication in Nigeria encompasses social and resource mobilization, volunteer services on the field, active participation in core group Committee meetings, and supervision in manpower development; all of which have contributed significantly to Federal Government's giant strides and remarkable achievements in Polio eradication;

Be it resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do acknowledge the achievements of Polio Plus world-wide in general and Nigeria in particular, with special reference to its Polio eradication project; and
- (ii) That the Senate President, on behalf of the Senate, do send a special centennial congratulatory message to Rotary International through the Centennial District Governor 9110 (*Senator I. S. Martyns-Yellowe*).

Debate;

Prayer (i):

Question: That the Senate do acknowledge the achievements of Polio Plus world-wide in general and Nigeria in particular, with special reference to its Polio eradication project — *Agreed to.*

Prayer (ii):

Question: That the Senate President, on behalf of the Senate, do send a special centennial congratulatory message to Rotary International through the Centennial District Governor 9110 — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do acknowledge the achievements of Polio Plus world-wide in general and Nigeria in particular, with special reference to its Polio eradication project; and
- (ii) That the Senate President, on behalf of the Senate, do send a special centennial congratulatory message to Rotary International through the Centennial District Governor 9110 (*S. Res. 08/05*).

8. Election of President Pro-Tempore:

At 12.05 p.m. Senator Udoma Udo Udoma noted that the Deputy Senate President (who was in the Chair) had been invited to attend to some urgent national assignment. He therefore moved that a President Pro-Tempore be elected to preside over Senate proceedings in line with the provision of Senate Rule 27.

Senator Dcdhatu S. Tctftda was unanimously elected President Pro-Tempore.

9. National Lottery Bill 2005 (SB.125):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for further amendments on the National Lottery Bill 2005(*Acting Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Ordered that the President's letter be referred to the Conference Committee on the National Lottery Bill 2005 to report within one week.

10. Committee on Culture and Tourism:

National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Bill 2005 (SB. 02):
(*Adjourned consideration*) (Wednesday, 23rd February 2005):

(SENATE RESUMED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Clause 6: Tenure of Office:

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a person appointed member of the Council and not being an ex-officio member, shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his appointment and may be re-appointed for a further term of three years and no more.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out all the words after the word "year" in line 4 (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (2) Any member of the Council not being an ex-officio member may resign his appointment by letter addressed to the Minister for that purpose.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in sub-clause (2) (Senator Udoma Udo Udoma).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (1) of this section, the Minister may require any member to vacate his office if the member's continued membership would adversely affect the Institute.

Committee's Recommendation:

- (i) *Leave out the words "the Minister may require any" in lines 1 and 2, and insert the article "a" (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.*

- (ii) *Immediately after the word "member" in line 2, leave out the word "to" (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.*

- (Hi) *Leave out all the words after the word "if" in line 2 (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.*

- (iv) *Insert new subclause (3) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) as follows:*

- "(a) he resigns his appointment as a member of the Council by a notice, under his hand, addressed to the President; or
- (b) he becomes of unsound mind; or
- (c) he becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with his creditor; or
- (d) he is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty or corruption; or
- (e) he becomes incapable of carrying on the functions of his office either arising from an infirmity of mind or body; or

(f) the President is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the public for the person to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect" (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 6 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Clause 7:

Remuneration:

A member of the Council not being an ex-officio member shall be paid such remuneration and allowance as the President may, from time to time, direct.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the word "President" in line 2, and insert the words "Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission" instead thereof (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*) — Agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "direct" in line 2 and insert the word "recommend" instead thereof (*Senator Udoma Udo Udoma*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 7 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Question: That further consideration of the Bill be deferred till a later date put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President Pro-Tempore reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole, resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Culture and Tourism on the Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism and for matters connected therewith and approved as follows:

Clause 6 — With Amendment

Clause 7 — With slight Amendment

Further consideration of Bill deferred.

11. Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:

Code of Conduct for Senators:

Consideration deferred till next legislative day.

12. Adjournment:

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

Adjourned accordingly at 1.05 p.m.

Adolf Wabara
President of the Senate

CORRIGENDA

- |, In the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday 23rd February, 2005.
(a) At page 673 under item 3 "Complaint Against Newspaper Publications"

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- (i) Immediately after the word "Newspaper" in line 2 *insert* the word "and other Newspapers";
- (ii) *Leave out* the word "Senators" in line 3 and *insert* the word "Senator"
- (Hi) Immediately after the word "correct" in line 11 *insert* the words "and should be ignored"
- (b) At page 674 under "Senate in the Committee of the Whole", *leave out* the word "Hospital" in line 2 and *insert* the word "Hospitality"