



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 7th April, 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, 6th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
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

14 March, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF FOUR (4)
JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA**

Following the retirement of Hon. Justices. O. Uwaifo, CON; Hon. Justice A. I. Iguh, CON; and Hon. Justice U. Mohammed, CON as Justices of the Supreme Court on 7th January, 2005, 13th December, 2004 and 20th February, 2005 respectively, the National Judicial Council, on the advice of the Federal Judicial Service Commission, has forwarded to me candidates to succeed the retired Supreme Court Justices as follows:

S/No.	Name	Current Designation	State of Origin	Zone
1.	Hon. Justice W.S.N. Onnoghen (to replace Hon. Justice S.O. Uwaifo)	Justice of the Court of Appeal	Cross River	South-South
2.	Hon. Justice Mahmud Mohammed (to replace Hon. Justice U. Mohammed, CON)	Justice of the Court of Appeal	Taraba	North-East
3.	Hon. Justice I. F. Ogbuagu (to replace Hon. Justice I. Iguh, CON)	Justice of the Court of Appeal	Abia	South-East

In addition, on the advice of the Federal Judicial Service Commission, the National Judicial Council has also recommended the nomination of Hon. Justice A. M. Mukhtar(Female), Justice of die Court of Appeal, for special consideration on the basis of seniority in the Court of Appeal and to satisfy the call for appointment of a female Justice to the Supreme Court Bench.

By the provision of Section 321, subsection (2) of the 1999 Constitution, the appointment of a Justice of the Supreme Court shall be made by we on the recommendation from the National Judicial Council subject to confirmation by the Senate. In line with this provision, the National Judicial Council met on 8th and 9th December, 2004 and 17th January, 2005 and found the candidates suitable for appointment as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. In this connection, I attach herewith copies of letters Ref. Nos.CJN/PFRN/A. 1/II/310 of 23rd February, 2005 and FJSOA. 7 1/111/670 of 22nd December, 2004 from the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chairman, National Judicial Council for ease of reference.

Accordingly, I seek die Senates confirmation of the appointments of Hon. Justice W.S.N. Onnoghen (South-South), Hon. Justice A.M. Mukhtar (Nortli-West), Hon. Justice Mahmud Mohammed (North-East) and Hon. Justice 1. F. Ogbuagu (South-East) as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

I look forward to your early action.

Yours sincerely,

signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

Presentation of Bill:

Nigerian Football Association (NFA) Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 141) — *Read the First Time.*

Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report of the Committee on Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences (Amendment) Bill2005 (SB.01):

Consideration of Report deferred.

Regulation and Exercise of Powers of Delegated Legislation (Miscellaneous Provision etc) Bill 2005:

Motion nude and Question proposed: That the Regulation and Exercise of Powers of Delegated Legislation. (Miscellaneous provision etc) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator I. S. Martyns Yellowe*).

Debate.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read die Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and

7. **Adjournment:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 12th April, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*),

Adjourned accordingly at 11.45 a.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate