



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 14th 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, 13th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
The Senate President announced that he had received four letters of resignation which he read as follows:
(i) ***Resignation as Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Finance:***



Senator John Azuta- Mbata, JP

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13th April 2005

The President of the Senate, Chairman Selection Committee, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria National Assembly Abuja.

Mr. President,

**RESIGNATION FROM THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE**

The above refers,

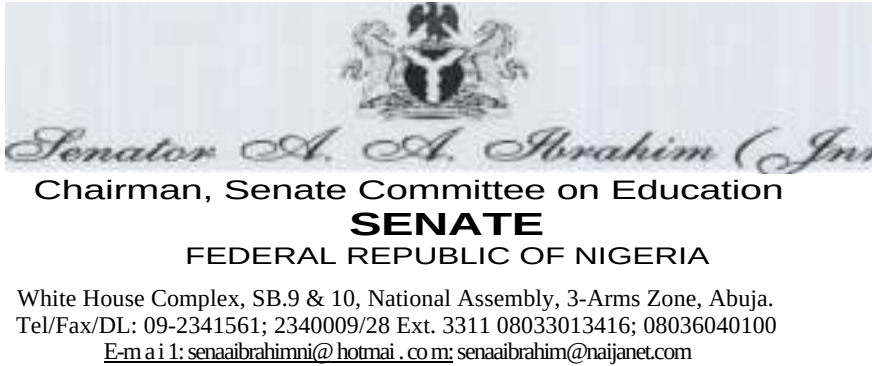
I wish to resign effective Wednesday 13th, April 2005. I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the Senate for the opportunity to serve in this position for nearly two years. And thank all Senators, {particularly Members of the Committee} and Staff for their support and co-operation.

Please accept on behalf of the Senate, the assurances of my utmost regards.

Sincerely,

Signed:
JOHN AZUTA-MBATA, JP

- (ii) *Resignation as Chairman, Committee on Education:*



14th April 2005

The Senate President National Assembly Abuja.

Dear Sir,

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMANSHIP

In view of the on-going issues concerning Education Committee and the need for the Committee to function well, I hereby resign my Chairmanship of the Education Committee to allow its various works to continue. This is because I shall attending Court.

I thank the Senate for the opportunity to serve at that level and hope would be accorded other opportunity (ies) to serve in future.

Best regards,

*Signed:
Senator A. A. Ibrahim (Jnr.)*

- (iii) *Resignation as Vice Chairman, Committee on Petroleum (Upstream):*

13th April 2005

His Excellency, The Senate President National Assembly Abuja.

Yours Excellency,

RESIGNATION OF VICE CHAIRMANSHIP

It is with greatest respect and humility that I wish to resign my vice chairmanship of Petroleum Committee (Upstream) with effect from Thursday, 14th April. 2005.

I thank the President of the Senate, all principal officers and my distinguished colleagues for the opportunity to serve in that capacity. Meanwhile, I wish to formally inform the Semite that the matter is before a competent Court.

*Signed:
Senator Emmanuel O. Okpede*

- (iv) *Resignation as Member, Committee on Education:*



Senator Maccido
(Sokoto North)

14th April 2005

The President of the Senate National Assembly Abuja.

RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

This is to notify your goodself 'and the Senate of my resignation as a Member of the Senate Committee on Education. I find this necessary, consequent upon recent allegation of wrong doing against me and some of my colleagues.

2. *I thank the leadership and the rest of my colleagues for their continued support and understanding. I also thank the Senate for the opportunity to serve.*

Sincerely,

Signed:

Senator B. Maccido

4. 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 — **10.45 a.m.**

Senate Resumed in Open Session — **12.50 p.m.**

5. Presentation of Bills:

(i) The Customs, Excise Tariff, etc. (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2005 (**SB. 176**) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) National Automotive Council (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 179) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) National Institute for Labour Studies Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 173) — *Read the First Time,*

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

Report on the alleged N55m Bribery Allegation:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions on the alleged W55m Bribery Allegation involving the former Honourable Minister of Education and some Members of the National Assembly, (*Senator Olorunnimbe A. Mamora*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

Injunction of Secrecy imposed on the Report(Rule 114).

7. **Adjournment:**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 19th April, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 1.40pm.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate