



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12th April, 2005

1. The Senate met at 10.25 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, 7th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:
The Senate President announced that he had received ten letters from the President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:

(i)



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL SUGAR
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ACT 2004 AND FOR
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the National Sugar Development Council Act to abolish the ten percent surcharge on sugar imports and make provisions for alternate funding of the existing National Sugar Development Council.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(ii)



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION TAX ACT 2004
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the Education Tax Act 2004 to abolish the education tax and provide alternate source of funding for the Education Fund and for matters connected therewith,

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(iii)



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE VALUE ADDED TAX
ACT 2004 AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the Value Added Tax Act to, among other things, make it more responsive to the tax reform policies of the Federal Government and to enhance its implementation and effectiveness.

/ hope the Bill wilt receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX
ACT2004 AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the Personal Income Tax to make it more responsive to the tax policies of the Federal Government and to enhance its implementation and effectiveness.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL
AUTOMOBILE COUNCIL ACT 2004 AND FOR
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the National Automotive Council Act to abolish the two percent of the Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value of all imported Fully Built Units (FBU) auto

component spare parts, Completely Knocked Down (CKD) and raw materials brought in for the automotive sub-sector and make provisions for alternate funding of the existing National Automotive Council.

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/ hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPANIES
INCOME TAX ACT 2004 AND FOR MATTERS
CONNECTED THEREWITH**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the Companies Income Tax Act to, among other things, make it more responsive to the tax reform policies of the Federal Government and to enhance its implementation and effectiveness.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Member of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS, EXCISE
TARIFF ETC. (CONSOLIDATED) ACT 2004 AND FOR
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc. (Consolidation) Act to abolish the five percent levy on the Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value of imported sugar.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PETROLEUM
PROFIT TAX ACT 2004 AND FOR MATTERS
CONNECTED THEREWITH

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to amend the Petroleum Profit Tax Act to make it more responsive to the tax reform policies of the Federal Government and to enhance its implementation and effectiveness.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Member of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO



**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

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

Dear Senate President,

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL
INLAND REVENUE SERVICE**

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Bill which seeks to repeal Part I of the Companies Income Tax Act, dissolve the Federal Board of Inland Revenue and establish the Federal Inland Revenue Service as an autonomous parastatal charged with the functions of administering the various Federal tax laws in Nigeria including all the functions that were initially performed by the Federal Board of Inland Revenue and for related matters.

I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of the Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO



PRESIDENT

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 April, 2005

Distinguished Senator Ken Nnamani,
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Senate President,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERS TO REPRESENT
ONDO AND IMO STATES RESPECTIVELY IN THE
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

In the exercise of powers conferred on me by Section 147(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I hereby nominate Mrs. Chinwe Nora OBAJI and Prince Adetokunbo KAYODE for appointment as Ministers representing Imo and Ondo States respectively in the Federal Executive Council.

Mrs. Chinwe Nora Obaji and Prince Adetokunbo Kayode are to fill the vacant positions of their respective States' representatives in the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 147(3) of the 1999 Constitution.

In line with the provision of Section 147(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, I hereby present Mrs. Obaji and Prince Kayode, whose Cvs are attached herewith, for confirmation by the Senate.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

4. **Announcements:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Abu Ibrahim as follows:

(a)



Senator *Abu Ibrahim*

REPRESENTING KATSINA SOUTH FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Aviation
OFFICE ADDRESS: Room 1034-35 Annex 1, National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone P.M.B. 141 Garki - Abuja
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11th April, 2005

*The Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

DEATH OF SENATOR ABU IBRAHIM'S MOTHER

Distinguished Senator Abu Ibrahim has directed me to inform you about the death of his mother. The Senator would also like to seize this opportunity to announce to the Senate officially of the loss of his mother.

To this end, the Distinguished Senator would appreciate if you could excuse him during the mourning period.

*Signed:
I. C. Emesim
For Senator*

(b) *Death of Senator Manassa Daniel;*

The Senate President read a notification on the death of Senator Manassa Daniel as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT

With deep sorrow and total submission to God, I announce the passing on to higher glory of my predecessor in the Senate, Senator Manassa T. B. Daniel, on Thursday 7th April 2005, after a protracted illness.

Senator Daniel was elected to the Senate in October 1983 and again In 1992 to represent Adamawa South Senatorial District. He died at the age of 70.

The burial ceremonies of the late Senator will be held on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of April 2005, at Banjiram in Guyuk Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Announcer

*Signed:
Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina
Deputy Senate Leader*

(c) *Death of the Wife of Former Honourable Speaker (Hon, Ghali Umar Na'Abba):*

The Senate President informed the Senate of the death of the wife of former Honourable Speaker, Hon. Ghali Umar Na'Abba in a ghastly motor accident. He prayed that God grant the family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

He then requested that one minute in silence be observed in honour of the three deceased persons.

One minute in silence accordingly observed.

5. Confirmation of Appointments:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the request by the President, Commander - in-Chief for the Confirmation of the Appointments of four (4) Justices of the Supreme Court (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within one week.

6. Nigerian Football Association (NFA) Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 141):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Nigerian Football Association (NFA) Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Mahmud K. Bello*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Sports and Social Development to report within two weeks.

7. Application of Biometrics Technology Bill 2005 (SB. 121):

Motion made and Questions Proposed: That the Application of Biometrics Technology Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Akin Olasunkammi*).

Debate:

Question put and Negatived.

8. Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Bill 2005 (SB, 152):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator David C. Brigidi*).

Debate:

Debate adjourned.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 13th April, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.30 pm.