



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6th April, 2005

1. The Senate met at 10,10 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, 5th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Communication from House of Representatives:**



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March 23, 2005

*The Clerk
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

NATIONAL LOTTERY BILL 2005

- The House has adopted the Conference Report on the above Bill,
2. Attached hereto, are the Conference Report and adopted harmonized version of the Bill.
 3. You may wish to process same for further Legislative action, please.

Signed:
Umaru Sani
Clerk, House of Representatives

4. **Communication from Delta State House of Assembly:**

The President read a letter from Delta State House of Assembly as follows:



THE LEGISLATURE
DELTA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
P. M. B. 5028,
ASABA.

Your Ref:

Our Ref: DTMA/TD/6. VOL. IV/10

Date: 8/2/2005

*His Excellency, The Governor of
Delta State, Government House,
Asaba - Delta State.*

*The Clerk of the National Assembly,
National Assembly Complex, Three-
Arms Zone. Garki - Abttja.*

*The Commissioner,
Ministry of Local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs, Asaba,
Delta State.*

Your Excellency,

**STOPPAGE AND RELOCATION OF THE BUILDING OF THE GAS PLANT
AT OLOKOLA IN ONDO STATE AND THE RELOCATION OF
THE CHEVRON TRAINING CENTRE IN WARRI**

At its sitting of Tuesday, 1st February, 2005, the Delta State House of Assembly discussed as a matter of urgent public importance the above-mentioned subject and after due deliberation, it resolved as follows:

"Resolved,

That this honourable House calls on the Executive Governor of Delta State, Chief James Onanefe Ibori, the Senators representing Delta State in the Senate, the Members representing Delta State in the House of Representatives, and all the Royal Fathers of Delta State to:

- (a) Prevail on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, to stop the proposed construction of US 6b Dollars Gas Plant at OLOKOLA in Ondo State by the NNPC, and its Joint Venture Partners, the Chevron Texaco and British Gas and it be relocated to Delta State; and also*
- (b) To forestall the alleged transfer of Chevron Training Centre in Warri, Delta State to Abeokuta in Ogun State".*

2. *I am writing to convey the above resolution of the House for your information and necessary action, please.*

3. *Warmest regards.*

O. J. IYAMU (KSM)
Clerk of the House

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Death of Pope John Paul II:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Joshua Adagba invited the attention of the Senate to the news of the death of Pope John Paul II and invoking Rule 52, he sought and obtained leave of the Senate for the matter to be debated forthwith as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Motion made and Question Proposed: WHEREAS Pope John Paul II, the Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church and Head of State of the Vatican passed away on Saturday, 2nd April, 2005 the Eve of the Feast of Divine Mercy;

WHEREAS the Holy Seer had been on the throne from 1978, for a period of 26 years;

WHEREAS his leadership as a shepherd of the flock was exemplary and whereas he was responsible for the liberation of Poland and the collapse of the iron curtain- the Berlin wall-and therefore the disappearance of communism in Poland and East Germany making way for introduction of democracy in that region;

WHEREAS this leader of over one billion Catholics had traversed the universe by visiting no less than 130 countries including Nigeria to which he paid two visits;

AND WHEREAS in the event of these visits he demonstrated to the world the meaning of what a neighbour is as told in the Good Samaritan;

WHEREAS he prayed with Muslims in the mosque; joined Jews in the synagogue, made petitions at the wailing wall in Jerusalem and prayed for forgiveness for the Holocaust by Nazis;

WHEREAS the Supreme Pontiff upon recovery from nearly three months of hospitalisation visited Mr. Agca, the man who shot him, in prison to demonstrate forgiveness; and

WHEREAS many pilgrims and numerous Heads of State will be attending his funeral on Friday, 8th April, 2005.

Be it resolved by the Senate that :

- (i) the Senate do observe a one-minute in silence in honour of the great religious leader and Head of State;
- (ii) the Senate do commiserate with the Vatican by an appropriate missive; and
- (iii) the Senate do urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to send a delegation to his funeral (*Senator Joshua Adagba*).

Debate;

Recommendation (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a one-minute in silence in honour of the great religious leader and Head of State — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (ii);

Question: That the Senate do commiserate with the Vatican by an appropriate missive — *Agreed to.*

Recommendation (iii):

Question; That the Senate do urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to send a delegation to his funeral—*Negated.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do observe a one-minute in silence in honour of the great religious leader and Head of State;
- (ii) That the Senate do commiserate with the Vatican by an appropriate missive (*S. Res. 12/05*).

One minute in silence accordingly observed in honour of the late Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church.

6. Committee on Aviation:

Report on Investigation of the Public Safety and the VIP Closures of the Nnamdi Aikiwe International Airport, Abuja:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the Report of the **Committee** on Aviation on the Investigation of the Public; Safety and the VIP Closures of the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja and approve the recommendations (*Senator Christopher Nshii*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Report, by leave of Senate, withdrawn for representation within two weeks.

7. Closed Session:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on matters crucial to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate in Closed Session — 11. 45 a.m.

Senate in Open Session — 1.05 p.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Closed Session, discussed the signing of the Appropriation Bill 2005 by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

8. Committee on Niger-Delta:

Screening of Presidential Nominees:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta on the screening of nominees for appointment as Members of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and approve the recommendations (*Senator John K. Bambaifa*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta on the screening of Nominees as Members of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

Debate:

Recommendations:

(A) *Nominees recommended for confirmation by the Committee:*

(i) Mr. Wilberforce B. Juta (North East Zone) — Part-Time Member —
Agreed to.

(ii) Prince Emmanuel U.N. Assor (*Imo State*) — Part-Time Member —
Agreed to.

(iii) Hon. Matthew A. Iduoriyekemwem (*Edo State*) — Part-Time Member —
Agreed to.

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| (iv) | Omotehinse Ibukimola Olasinmibo (<i>Ondo State</i>) | — | Part-Time Member —
<i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (B) | <i>Nominee not recommended for Confirmation by the Committee;</i>
Hon. (Lady) Victoria Nnenna Akanwa (<i>Abia State</i>) | — | Part-Time Member —
<i>Agreed to.</i> |

Chairman to report Progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta on the screening of the Presidential Nominees for appointment as Members of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and approved as follows:

(A) Nominees recommended for Confirmation:

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| (i) | Mr. Wilberforce B. Juta (North East Zone) | — | Part-Time Member |
| (it) | Prinee Emmanuel U.N. Assor (<i>Imo State</i>) | — | Part-Time Member |
| (Hi) | Hon. Mathew A. Iduoriyekemwem (<i>Edo State</i>) | — | Part-Time Member |
| (iv) | Omotehinse Ibukunola Olasinmibo (<i>Ondo State</i>) | — | Part-Time Member |

(B) Nominee not recommended for Confirmation:

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| Hon. (Lady) Victoria Nnenna Akanwa (<i>Abia State</i>) | — | Part-Time Member |
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Question: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved, resolved in the Affirmative.

Confirmation of Nominees:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Wilberforce B. Juta (North East Zone) as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC)"? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr Wilberforce B. Juta accordingly confirmed as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prince Emmanuel U. N. Assor (Imo State) as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC)"? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prince Emmanuel U. N. Assor accordingly confirmed as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Mathew Aigbuhenze Iduoriyekemwen (Edo State) as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC)"? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Mathew Aigbuhenze Iduoriyekemwen accordingly confirmed as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Omotehinse Ibukunola Olasinmibo (Ondo State) as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC)"? — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Omotelunse Jbukunoia Olasinmibo accordingly confirmed as a Part-Time Member of the Governing Board of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

9. Adjournment:

*Motion made and Question Proposed: **That the** Senate do **adjourn till** Thursday, **7th April**, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Majority Leader).*

Adjourned accordingly at 1.55 p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate