



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13th April, 2005

1. The Senate met at 10.15 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, 12th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President notified Senators that the Government and people of Enugu State would be organising a civic reception in his honour and read as follows:

The Government and People of Enugu State are scheduled to organize a Reception in honour of His Excellency, the President of the Senate. The event will hold on Saturday, 16th April, 2005 at Enugu, Enugu State.

All Distinguished Senators are enjoined to confirm whether they shall attend or not. The Chamber Assistants will provide you with the relevant forms which should be filled and returned before the end of sitting today.

Signed:
Senator Ben Obi
Chairman, Senate Services Committee

4. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Code of Conduct Bureau Inspection Procedure Bill 2005 (SB.171) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.172) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) Nigeria Investment Fund Bill 2005 (SB.174) — *Read the First Time.*

5. **Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission:**
Report on Screening of Nominees:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission on the Screening of nominees as Commissioners in the National Population Commission and approve the recommendations (*Senator Hosea O. Ehinlanwo*).

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 National Identity Card and National Population Commission on the Screening of Nominees as Commissioners in the National Population Commission.

Debate:

Recommendations:

Nominees recommended for Confirmation by the Committee:

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| (i) | Alhaji Yusuf Yunusa Sankara (Jigawa State) | — | Commissioner, National Population Commission —
<i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii) | Alhaji Abdul-Lateef Aderemi Gbadamosi (Oyo State) | — | Commissioner, National Population Commission —
<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 National Identity Card and National Population Commission on the screening of Presidential Nominees as Commissioners in the National Population Commission and approved the nominations as follows:

- (i) Alhaji Yusuf Yunusa Sankara (Jigawa State)
- (ii) Alhaji Abdul-Lateef Aderemi Gbadamosi (Oyo State)

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 Alhaji Yusuf Yunusa Sankara (Jigawa State) as a Commissioner in the National Population Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Yusuf Yunusa Sankara accordingly confirmed as Commissioner in the National Population Commission.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Abdul-Lateef Aderemi Gbadamosi (Oyo State) as a Commissioner in the National Population Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Abdul-Lateef Aderemi Gbadamosi accordingly confirmed as Commissioner in the National Population Commission.

6. Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Bill 2005 (SB. 152) (Second Allotted Day) (Adjourned Debate Tuesday, 12th April, 2005):

Resumed Debate:

Debate adjourned.

7. Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 169):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Oserheimen A. Osunbor*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rules 79 and 81 and resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill forthwith (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURT OF APPEAL ACT,
CAP C36 LFN 2004 AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap C36 LFN 2004:

The Court of Appeal Act is hereby amended in Section 1 by substituting the word “fifty” with the word “Seventy” thereof.

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill put and Agreed to.

Clause 2: Citation:

This Act may be cited as the Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Act, 2005.

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill put and Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate, in the Committee of the Whole considered the Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 and approved same without amendment.

Question, that the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole, resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill be read the Third Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read Third Time and Passed.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 14th April, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 12.05 p.m.

