



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 19th 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 Thursday, 14th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcements:**
The Senate President read three letters as follows:
(i) ***Letter of Appreciation:***



SENATE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, Abuja

14th April, 2005.

Distinguished Senators and Colleagues,

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to seize this opportunity to thank all of you for finding time to grace the grand reception organized in my honour, as the newly elected Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, by the Government and good people of Enugu State.

I must say that your physical presence was a great source of moral support and equally made the occasion colourful. I trust that we will all use the same spirit to work together for the benefit of our great nation.

It is also my prayer that the good Lord will equip us with the strength, knowledge and courage to effectively carry out the obligations expected of us.

Once more, accept my heart-felt appreciation and deepest gratitude.

Senator Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate



(ii) **Resignation as Member,
Committee on Education:**

Senator Chris Adighije Ph.D.

Vice Chairman Senate Committee on: Water Resources, Ethics, Code of Conduct & Public Petitions
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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19th April, 2005

*Your Excellency,
The Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

Dear Senate President,

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SAGA:
APOLOGY AND RESIGNATION

I wish to refer to the unfortunate incidence of the past few weeks and hereby tender my most sincere and unreserved apology to the Senate (Individually and collectively).

My role, no doubt, has inflicted pain and embarrassment to this distinguished Senate for which I deeply regret.

Accordingly, I do resign my membership of the Education Committee.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:

Chris Adighije



(iii) **Death of Senator Amah C.
Iwuagwu:**

SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Amah C. Iwuagwu
Chairman, Sub-Committee on Appropriation

17th April, 05

Your Excellency,

DEATH OF SENATOR AMAH C. IWUAGWU

I write on behalf of the Iwuagwu's family to inform you of the above subject, which sad event happened in the early hours of Sunday, 17th April 2005, in the United States of America.

The burial arrangement will be communicated to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

Nosiri Donald U.

Legislative Aide

4. Demise of Late Senator Amah C. Iwuagwu (1955 - 2005):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas it is with a heavy heart that we receive the death of Distinguished Senator Amah Iwuagwu, the Senator representing Imo East Senatorial District of Imo State who died in John Hopkins Hospital, Washington DC.

WHEREAS Late Senator Amah C. Iwuagwu was born in 1955 and trained as an economist at the prestigious Harvard University in Boston Massachusetts.

WHEREAS you may all be aware Late Senator Amah C. Iwuagwu has been ill-disposed for a while, but little did we know that we shall not be seeing him again in this Chamber and be privileged to listen to his very articulate contributions to Senate debates.

WHEREAS Senator Amah Iwuagwu's ingenuity in economic matters began to manifest when he was Special Assistant to the former Finance Minister, Dr. Kalu Idika, and later as member of a Presidential Implementation Committee under former Head of State, General Abdulsalami Abubakar.

WHEREAS in the book, the **Law Maker** written by Chris Anyanwu, late Senator Amah Iwuagwu stated that his ambition as a Senator was to make Legislations that would sustain economic growth and Political Stability in Nigeria. As we mourn him today, may these wishes remain our guiding principles as Distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and

WHEREAS this Senate will certainly miss his incisive economic analysis and contribution as Member of the Senate Committee on Appropriation, his depth of knowledge on intricate budgetary matters will always be remembered. Late Senator Iwuagwu was amiable, humble and interacted well with his colleagues. We shall miss him.

Be it resolved:

- (i) that a letter of condolence be sent to his family, the government and people of Imo State.
- (ii) that the Senate in accordance with our tradition do observe one minute in silence in honour of our departed colleague.
- (iii) that the Senate do adjourn sitting until the next legislative day in honour of late Senator Amah Iwuagwu (*Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida*).

Prayer i:

That a letter of condolence be sent to his family, the government and people of Imo State— *Agreed to.*

Prayer ii:

That the Senate in accordance with our tradition do observe one minute in silence in honour of our departed colleague— *Agreed to.*

Prayer iii:

That the Senate do adjourn sitting until the next legislative day in honour of late Senator Amah Iwuagwu
— *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) that a letter of condolence be sent to his family, the government and people of Imo State.
- (ii) that the Senate in accordance with our tradition do observe one minute in silence in honour of our departed colleague; and
- (ii) that the Senate do adjourn sitting until the next legislative day in honour of Late Senator Amah C. Iwuagwu (*S. Res. 13/05*).

One minute in silence accordingly observed.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 10.45 a.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate