



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20th April, 2005

1. The Senate met at 10.05 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, 19th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Company Income Tax Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.178) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Value Added Tax Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.180) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Bill 2005 (SB.170) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iv) Information Technology Bill 2005 (SB.184) — *Read the First Time.*

4. **Confirmation of Appointments:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief for the confirmation of appointments of Mrs. Chinwe Nora Obaji and Prince Adetokunbo Kayode as Ministers of the Government of the Federation representing Imo and Ondo States respectively in accordance with section 147(2) and (3) of the 1999 Constitution (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Request for confirmation of appointments accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole to be considered on Tuesday, 26th April, 2005 [Rule 118(b)].

5. **Confirmation of Appointment:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief for the Confirmation of appointment of Professor Akinyemiju Akindoyemi as Director-General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies to replace Major-General M.C. Osahor in accordance with Section 154(I) of the 1999 Constitution (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Request for confirmation of appointment accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs to report within one week [Rule 118(a)].

6. Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Bill 2005 (SB.152) (Adjourned Debate)
(Wednesday, 13th April, 2005) (Third Allotted Day):

Resumed Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to report within eight weeks.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 26th April, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 1.30pm.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate