



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 26th 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 Wednesday, 20th April, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Privileges:**
Senator Olatokunbo O. Ogunbanjo invited the attention of the Senate to the uncomplimentary remarks made by Senator Nuhu Aliyu and Senator Ibrahim U. Tsauri on Wednesday, 20th April, 2005 while contributing to the Debate on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Bill 2005 and which were reported in the Hansard and widely published in some National Dailies. He stated that such remarks impugned the integrity of Senators individually and the Senate collectively. He therefore urged that the two Senators be ruled out of order.

Debate:

The Senate President advised that Senators be more careful with their choice of words.

4. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.185) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) National Sugar Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.183) — *Read the First Time.*

5. **Committee on Retreat Communique:**
Report of the Committee on Senate Retreat:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Retreat Communique (Senator Ibrahim U. Tsauri).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

6. **Petroleum Research Centre Bill 2005 (SB.29):**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Petroleum Research Centre Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (Senator I. S. Martyns-Yellowe).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to report within four weeks.

7. Police Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.160):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Police Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Mohammed S. Ohiare*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Police Affairs to report within four weeks.

8. National Park Service Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB.134):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the National Park Service Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abubakar Maikafi*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Culture and Tourism to report within one week.

9. Closed Session:

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

Question put and agreed to.

Senate in Closed Session — **1.00pm**

Senate Resumed in Open Session — **2.25pm**

10. Adjournment:

And it being 2.25 pm the Senate adjourned till Wednesday, 27th April, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.25pm.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate