



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 15th February, 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, 10th February, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Minor changes in the Membership of some Senate Committees:**
The Senate President announced some minor changes in the membership of some Senate Committees as follows:

S/No.	Name:	Committee	Designation
(i)	Senator Ben Obi	Senate Services	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane	Senate Services	Vice Chairman
(iii)	Senator Akinlabi Olasunkanmi	Education	Vice Chairman
(iv)	Senator Mohammed Ahmed	Special Duties	Chairman
(v)	Senator Emmanuel O. D. Okpede	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Vice Chairman

4. **Personal Explanation:**
Senator John K. Bambaifa explained that the inability of the Committee on Niger-Delta to report as ordered was caused by the numerous petitions received by the Committee in respect of the Presidential nominees as Chairman and Members of the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC). He urged the Senate to grant the Committee additional five legislative days within which to conclude the assignment and report to the Senate.

Committee granted additional five legislative days to conclude the assignment and report to the Senate.

5. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Indigenization Bill, 2005 (SB.154) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Constituency Project (Recognition and Implementation) Bill, 2005 (SB.155) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) Traditional Medicine Practice Bill, 2005 (SB.156) — *Read the First Time.*

6. President Pro-Tempore:

At 11.00 a.m. Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina noted that the Senate President (who was in the Chair) had been invited to attend to some Urgent National Matters and in view of the absence of the Deputy Senate President moved that a President Pro-Tempore be elected to preside over Senate proceedings in line with the provisions of Senate Rule 27.

Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida was unanimously elected President Pro-Tempore.

7. Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes:

Advance Fee Fraud (Amendment) Bill, 2005 (SB. 70):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes on Advance Fee Fraud (Amendment) Bill, 2005 and approve the recommendation (*Senator Lawal Shuaibu*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Debate:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill for an Act to amend the Advance Fee Fraud (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE)

(Mr President resumed the Chair at 11.45 a.m.)

Debate:

Question that further consideration of the Bill be deferred till Thursday, 17th February, 2005 — put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President reported that the Senate in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes on the Advance Fee Fraud (Amendment) Bill 2005 and recommitted it to the Committee for further legislative action.

8. Pension Reforms Act (Amendment) Bill 2005:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Pension Reforms Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Umaru I. Tsauri*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters to report within two weeks.

9. National Storage and Preservation Centre Bill 2005 (SB. 143):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the National Storage and Preservation Centre Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senator Titus Olupitan*).

Debate:

Extension of Time of Sitting:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do sit beyond the time appointed for the termination of the sitting of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Further Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to report within two weeks.

10. Closed Session:

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

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — **2.35 p.m.**

Open Session — **3. 55 p.m.**

11. Adjournment:

And it being 3. 55 p.m. the President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 16th February, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.55 p.m.

Adolf Wabara
President of the Senate