



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd February, 2005

1. The Senate met at 10.00 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, 22nd February, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Complaint Against Newspaper Publication:**
Senator Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, the Senate Majority Leader, invited the attention of the Senate to the publication in the February 23rd, edition of the Daily Trust Newspaper and other newspapers captioned “**NATIONAL CONFAB - Senators Query Wabara**” He explained that the Senate President was not the only Senator that attended the inaugural ceremony of the National Political Reforms Conference. He further stated that the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Deputy Senate President, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senate Majority Leader and a number of other Distinguished Senators and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives also attended the ceremony, and that as part of this government, they were there to honour an official invitation to witness the inauguration ceremony.

He averred that neither the Senate President nor the Senate Leadership was queried by the Senate or any Senator for attending the ceremony. Concluding he stated that the contents of the publication were not correct and should be ignored.

4. **Announcement:**
The Senate President named Senate Delegation to commiserate with the family, the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Governor, the Government and People of Ogun State on the transition of Oba (Dr.) Samuel Oyeade Mofolorunsho Lipede, the “Alake of Egbaland” as follows:

(i)	Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi	—	Leader of Delegation
(ii)	Senator Julius A. Ucha	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Patrick E. Osakwe	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Mohammed S. Daggash	—	Member
(v)	Senator Sani A. Kamba	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Olurunnimbe O. Mamora	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Abiola Ajimobi	—	Member
(viii)	Senator Iyabode Anisulowo	—	Member
(ix)	Senator Olusola Ogunbanjo	—	Member
(x)	Senator Ibikunle Amosun	—	Member

5. **Nigeria Anti-Trust (Enforcement, Miscellaneous Provision) Bill 2005** — *Second Reading:*
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Nigeria Anti-Trust (Enforcement, Miscellaneous Provision) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Commerce to report back within three weeks.

6. **National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Bill 2005:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Bill (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM AND MATTERS CONNECTED WITH IT

Clause 1: Establishment of the Institute:

- (1) There is hereby established an institute to be known as the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (in this Act referred to as "the Institute").
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The Institute has power to own, hold or dispose of property (whether movable or immovable).

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in subclause (3) and insert new subclauses (3) and (4) as follows:

- “(3) The Headquarters of the Institute shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria” (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*) — *Agreed to.*
- “(4) The Institute shall maintain a multi-campus system through out the six geo-political zones of the country with the main campus in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja” (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Clause 2: The Objectives of the Institute:

The objectives of the Institute are to-

- (a) maintain a multi campus system throughout the six-geopolitical zones of the country with one campus in each zone and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in subclause (a) and *insert* a new subclause (a) as follows:

- (a) Provide a tri-pod base upon which the Nigerian Tourism can be nurtured, and sustained for the overall interest of the national economy, by providing trained and qualified manpower for the Hospitality and Tourism in the country (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word “tri-pod” in line 1 (*Senator Tunde Ogbeha*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Another Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Tourism" in line 3, *insert* the word "Industry" (*Senator Akinlabi Olasukanmi*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (b) provide improved and quality services in the hotel, catering, travel and tourism industry by introducing professional, technical and specialized training as well as postgraduate courses in hotel, catering and tourism;
- (c) provide short and long term managerial and supervisory training for the development of specific skills as well as enhance the quality and efficiency of all functionaries in the hotel, catering, travel and tourism industry;

Committee's Recommendation:

Insert a new subclause (d) as follows:

- "(d) Serve as a bridge in the gap which exists between the industry's requirement in technical skill and professional knowledge, on the one hand and theoretical knowledge acquired by students in tertiary Institutions, Polytechnics and Universities on the other hand (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Clause 3:**Functions of the Institute:**

- (1) The Institute shall-
 - (a) co-operate with relevant bodies in developing and updating the national training curriculum for all levels of personnel in the hostel, catering, travel and tourism industry by -
 - (i) organizing and facilitating staff development programmes for teachers and supervisors in Polytechnics and the hotel, catering, travel and tourism industry such as study courses, conferences, lectures, workshops, seminars in the Industry, and
 - (ii) issuing diplomas and certificates of merit and attendance to successful participants in the courses;
 - (b) provide consultancy services in hotel, catering, travel and tourism industry and accept international and reputable consultants to the Institute;
 - (c) provide training for trainers in the hospitality, travel and tourism industry in consultation with the Ministry;
 - (d) in accordance with prescribed standards, monitor, coordinate and regulate the activities of all catering and other training schools for travel and tourism in Nigeria;
 - (e) establish and maintain a library for research on hotel, catering, travel and tourism and matters connected with the industry;
 - (f) establish and maintain a training hotel and encourage the intake of foreign students;
 - (g) undertake and provide for the publication of journals, research papers, books and magazines on hotel, catering and tourism;

- (h) provide a forum at which representatives of both public and organized private tourism practitioners and proprietors of institutions in the hotel, catering and tourism industry meet to exchange ideas and information on developments in the hotel, catering and tourism industry;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the word “in” in line 3, and *insert* the words “and improved training needs” (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (i) for the purpose of quality control, organize seminars and workshop on tourism, hospitality and travel trade practices;
- (j) be the sole authority to grant such permits as may be required under this Act after being satisfied with the quality of the materials;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in subclause (j) (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (k) provide the requisite qualification for persons aspiring to positions of general manager, manager or supervisor in the hospitality, travel trade and tourism enterprises;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the word “qualification” in line 1, and *insert* the word “training” (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (l) ensure that all practitioners in the hospitality and tourism sub sector are certified by the Institute in order to ensure a common standard;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the words “by the institute” in line 2, and *insert* the words “as appropriate” (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (m) keep and maintain a register of hotel, catering, travel and tourism training institutions and regulate the training programmes, subjects, standards, duration, type and cost of those programmes;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the words “the training programmes, subjects, standards, duration, type and cost of those programmes” in line 2 and 3, and *insert* the words “and monitor their training programmes, activities and standards” (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (n) develop a teaming resource centre for the production of audio visual aids, collection and dissemination of teaming materials to all related training institutions in the country;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the word “teaming” in line 1 and 2, and *insert* the word “learning” (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (o) affiliate with any university or hospitality or tertiary institution to offer higher degree programmes in hotel, catering and tourism;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in subclause (o) (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (p) source for funds and technical assistance for the promotion of the

objectives of this Act; and

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in subclause (p) (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

- (q) in conjunction with any professional body, government or organization, carry out the objectives of the Institute.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in subclause (q) (Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Insert a new subclause (2) as follows:

“(2) The Institute shall have power to -

- (a) to grant such permits as may be required under this Act after being satisfied with the quality of the materials;
- (b) affiliate with any university or hospitality or tertiary institution to offer higher degree programmes in hotel, catering and tourism;
- (c) source for funds and technical assistance for the promotion of the objectives of this Act;
- (d) in conjunction with any professional body, government or organisation, carry out the objectives of the Institute;
- (e) create lectureships and other posts and offices and make appointments to them, regulate the Organisation and the management of the Institute;
- (f) enter into such contracts as may be necessary and expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act;
- (g) acquire and hold such movable and immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and for the same purpose, with the approval of the Minister sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise allocate or dispose of any such property;
- (h) demand and receive from any course participant or student of the Institute, such fee as the Council may, from time to time, determine;
- (i) The Institute may, require a person in control of any hotel, catering, travelling or tourism training school to furnish the Institute with such information on any aspect of the school's operation as may appear necessary to enable the Institute carry out any of its functions under this Act *(Senator Effiong D. Bob) — Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Clause 4:

Power of Minister to Give Directives:

The Minister may give to the Institute directives of a general character with respect to the carrying out of the functions of the Institute under this Act and the Institute shall

comply with the directives.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the word "Character" in line 1 and *insert* the word "nature" (*Senator Effiong D. Bob*) — *Agreed to*.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words after the word "Act" in line 2 (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 4 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Clause 5:

Establishment of the Governing Council:

- (1) There is hereby established for the Institute a Governing Council which shall provide the general policy guidelines for the administration of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of the following members-
 - (a) a Chairman, who is a person of proven ability and integrity, and knowledgeable in tourism, training and management matters;
 - (b) one representative, each of the following -
 - (i) the Federal Ministry charged with tourism,
 - (ii) the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation; and
 - (iii) the Federal Ministry of Education;
 - (c) one person who has experience and specialized knowledge in travel trade; or
 - (d) one person who is versed in hotel, catering and tourism matters;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provisions in subclauses (c) and (d) and insert the following:

"Six persons who are versed in hotel, catering, entertainment and tourism matters reflecting the six geo-political zones" (*Senator Ben Obi*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (e) the Director-General of the Industrial Training Fund; and
 - (f) the Director-General of the Institute.
- (3) The Chairman and all the members of the Council shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (4) The Institute shall serve as the Secretariat of the Council.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in subclause (4) and *insert* a new subclause (4) as follows:

"(4) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters contained in the said Schedule" (*Senator Bob Effiong*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 5 as amended stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Question: That further consideration of the Bill be deferred till Thursday, 24th February, 2005 put and agreed to.

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 Culture and Tourism on the Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism and for matters connected therewith and approved as follows:

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Clause 1	—	As Recommended
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Clause 2	—	With Amendments
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Clause 3	—	As Recommended
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Clause 4	—	With Amendment
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Clause 5	—	With Amendment
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Further consideration of the Report deferred till the next legislative day.

**7. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions:
Code of Conduct for Senators**

Consideration deferred till next legislative day.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Thursday, 24th February, 2005 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.50 p.m.

Adolf Wabara
President of the Senate