



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11th January, 2005

1. The Senate met at 10.25 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, 22nd December, 2004 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Remarks by the President on the reconvening of the Senate:**



**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
RT. HON. (DR) ADOLPHUS WABARA ON THE RESUMPTION
OF SENATE SESSION ON TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2005

Distinguished Senators,

I note with sublime satisfaction the pervading spirit of renewed zeal and refreshing enthusiasm that exudes from the faces of each and every one of us seated here today. I am even the more reassured of the prospects of better legislations that will have more meaningful impact on the generality of the electorate, emanating from this hallowed chambers in this year 2005.

Distinguished Colleagues, I wish to most warmly welcome you all back from your Christmas recess and more importantly congratulate you for witnessing yet another year of promise and hope. I thank the good Lord Almighty for His divine mercies upon our lives through out the past year 2004 and most especially, for seeing us through the festive period.

I have no doubt that you exploited the opportunities presented by the yuletide to interact closely with your respective constituencies with a view to having a first hand knowledge of their agitations and needs. In the year 2004 we were confronted with several challenges, however, I am of the strong belief that we are better

Nigerians this year which we all must assiduously strive to fulfill by pursuing obligations as law makers.

The pursuit of our oversight functions shall be reinvigorated and more thorough. The fall out of the oversight tours we embarked on last year has been most revealing and is indeed being applauded by the general public. We must therefore continue to ensure that the government of the people is actually run for the larger benefit of the people.

The immediate task ahead of us now is to see that the 2005 Appropriation bill is passed into Law in the earliest possible time. We had thought that this would have been achieved before embarking on the Christmas recess but for additional inputs sought by the executive. I am however convinced that we can effectively work out a final document by the end of January. We operate an economy where the standard of living of the majority of our citizens is directly tied to the early passage and implementation of the National Budget. We must therefore be seen to conscientiously contribute to the more enhanced living standard of our people. I expect that work at the different committees will be expedited to enable us reach a final conclusion.

I am very hopeful that this bubbling zest I see today will translate to the outcome of more quality bills and a much better performance of the entire Senate in the year 2005.

On behalf of the leadership of the Senate, I wish you all most Distinguished Colleagues and your families a most prosperous New Year.

Thank you and may God bless us all.

RT. HON. (DR) ADOLPHUS WABARA
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

4. Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

The Senate President announced that he had received four letters from the President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:

(i)



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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4 January, 2005

The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Senate President,

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE BORDER COMMUNITIES
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACT. 2003

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, a Bill which seeks to amend the Border Communities Development Agency, 2003 to provide for, among other things:

- (a) a more acceptable source of funding for the Agency and reduce financial burden on the Federal Government, member-States and border Local Governments in the funding of the Agency;

- (b) the tenure of members of the Board; and
- (c) the removal from office of members of the Board and the Executive Secretary of the Agency should the need to do so arise at any time before the 'expiration of their tenure.

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I hope the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

5 January, 2005

*The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

NIGERIA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY TRANSPARENCY
INITIATIVE BILL 2004

I forward herewith, for consideration and passage into law by the Senate, a Bill for an Act to make provision for the establishment of the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) and for other matters connected therewith.

While I hope that the Bill will receive prompt attention of Distinguished Members of the Senate, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

(iii)



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

January 6, 2005

*The President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

ISSUANCE OF TREASURY BILLS

I write to inform you of our intention to issue 90-day Treasury Bills in the amount of ₦65 billion as bridging funding to close the budget deficit for the 2004 fiscal year. The Treasury Bills would be open to subscription to all except the Central Bank of Nigeria.

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As you would be aware, we have been expecting the return of the recovered (looted) funds from Switzerland. Our discussions with the Swiss authorities are now at an advanced stage and the funds are now expected to be released around end of January 2005. This amount was already programmed into the 2004 budget as a financing item. Our plan is to redeem the bills with the recovered funds once we receive them.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

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PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

6 January, 2005

*The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear President of the Senate,

ALLOCATION OF REVENUE (FEDERATION ACCOUNT ETC.) BILL, 2004

Please find attached herewith a copy of the Allocation Revenue, etc, Bill 2004 for consideration and process into an Act for my signature. You will observe from Section 2 sub-Section 5 at page 5 that the horizontal formula proposed does not include "equality of local government". This is deliberate. As you are aware, there has been such unhealthy competition among States of the Federation in the creation of local governments without any regard for constitutional requirements. It is believed that the situation is being fuelled by the fact that "equality of local government" which has to do with the number of local governments in a State is currently being reckoned with in the distribution of local government allocation. It is, therefore, thought that if "equality of local government" is removed from the formula, creation of additional local government may become unattractive to the States. This is why I have removed "equality of local government" from the formula and the percentage allocated to 'equality' now re-distributed among the other indices of the formula.

I will appreciate expeditious treatment of this draft bill.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

5. Communications from the House of Representatives:

(A)



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*The Clerk,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly
Abuja.*

POWER SECTOR REFORM BILL, 2004 (HB.78)

At its sitting on Thursday, 15th December, 2004, the House of Representatives passed the above Bill, and constituted an eight-member Conference Committee to resolve areas of disagreement on the Bill, as passed by the two Chambers. The Conferees are:

- (i) *Hon. Abdullahi Idris Umar*
- (ii) *Hon. C.N. Ughanze*
- (iii) *Hon. Musa A. Ibeto*
- (iv) *Hon. Chidi Duru*
- (v) *Hon. Caleb Zagi*
- (vi) *Hon. Bala Ibn Na' Allah*
- (vii) *Hon. Andrew Uchendu*
- (viii) *Hon. Sanusi Sadiq Anwo*

2. *Kindly bring the notice of the passage and the constituted Conference Committee to the attention of the Senate.*

3. *A copy of the Bill signed by me and endorsed by Hon. Speaker. as provided for in Order XII 10(5) of the Rules of the House is attached, please.*

*Signed:
Umaru Sani
Clerk, House of Representatives*

(B)



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*The Clerk,
Senate,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

TREATY ON WEST AFRICAN GAS PIPELINE PROJECT (RATIFICATION)

AND ENFORCEMENT) BILL, 2004 (HB.126)

The House of Representatives has ratified the Bill for An Act to Enable Effect to be given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Treaty on the West African Gas Pipeline Project and for Matters Connected Therewith, and transmits same to the Senate for concurrence.

2. *Kindly bring the notice of the passage and request for concurrence to the attention of the Senate.*
3. *A copy of the Bill signed by me and endorsed by the Hon. Speaker, as provided for in Order XII 10(5) of the Rules of the House is attached, please.*

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Signed:

Umaru Sani

Clerk, House of Representatives

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10th January, 2005

TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2004 (HB. 102).

At its sitting on Thursday, 16th December, 2004, the House of Representatives passed the above Bill, and constituted a six - member Conference Committee to resolve areas of disagreement on the Bill as passed by the two Chambers. The conferees are:

- (i) *Hon. Obeten O. Obeten*
- (ii) *Hon. Alex Nwofe*
- (iii) *Hon. Bala Ibn Na' Allah*
- (iv) *Hon. Solomon Agidani*
- (v) *Hon. Jonathan Eze*
- (vi) *Hon. Ayo Adeseun*

2. *Kindly bring the notice of the passage and the constituted Conference Committee to the attention of the Senate.*
3. *A copy of the Bill signed by me and endorsed by the Hon. Speaker as provided for in Order XII 10(5) of the Rules of the House is attached, please.*

Signed:

Umaru Sani

Clerk, House of Representatives

6. Petition:

Attempt by a Private Business Concern to take over the Roundabout Play ground, Gbagada, Lagos:

Senator Adeleke O. Mamora presented a petition on behalf of Gbagada Grassroot Sports Association Obalende Garage, Iyana Oworo Bariga, Lagos. The Petitioners alleged that a Business Concern forcefully took over the roundabout playground, Gbagada, Lagos, on 7th December, 2004 by bringing in about 250 armed mobile policemen who barricaded and supervised the fencing of the playground. The Petitioners further claimed that the playground has over the years served the people of Gbagada, Bariga, Araromi, Oworonsoki, Ogudu, Ifako, Soluyi, Ojota, Anthony Village and many other adjoining communities for recreational, religious, social, political, educational and commercial activities and therefore the take over of this choice, centrally and strategically located playground by the private Business Concern will bring

an untold hardship to the teeming masses of the good and law abiding citizen of these communities.

The Petitioners therefore sought the intervention of the Senate to stop the Business Concern from taking over the land.

Petition ordered to lie upon the Table and referred to the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions.

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Tsunamis Disaster:

Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba invited the attention of the Senate to the Tsunami disaster which devastated some South-East Asian Nations and part of Africa. He stated that the effect of the earthquake which caused the disaster left 160,000 persons reported killed, 5 million displaced and over 300,000 still reported missing.

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Senator Ndoma-Egba sought the leave of the Senate to move a motion as a Matter of Urgent Importance (Rule 42(2)).

Matter to stand till next legislative day.

8. Presentation of Bill:

Nigerian Institute of Animal Science Bill 2004 (HB. 03) — *Read the First Time.*

9. Committee on Appropriation and Finance:

Approval of Virement of the sum of ₦6,734,077,610.53 —Federal Ministry of Works (Pursuant to Section 3 of the Appropriation Act 2004):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That whereas the National Assembly in the Year 2004 Appropriation Act provided for the sum of ₦42,561,764,298.30 for Federal Highway Projects;

Whereas the Federal Ministry of Works having sought the leave of the National Assembly for re-allocation of the sum of ₦6,734,000,000 from the following:

- (a) ₦4.168 billion from 52 Nos new project in order to effectively fund the on-going capital projects after deducting ₦381,142,370.63 which is required to fund their engineering design in accordance with due process guidelines;
- (b) ₦2.566 billion partly or fully from 40 Nos projects which are either completed, non-performing, stalled or terminated;
- (c) WHEREAS the House of Representatives has approved the virement of the sum of ₦6,734,077,610.53 (Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Seventy-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Ten Naira, Fifty-Three Kobo) only and referred same to the Senate for concurrence,

Be it resolved:

That the request of the Honourable Minister of Works for the Virement of the sum of ₦6,734,077,610.53 (Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Seventy-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Ten Naira, Fifty-Three Kobo) only which was hitherto meant for the projects mentioned in preamble (a) and (b) above be approve and re-assigned for the projects summarized below:

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Amount (₦)</i>
1.	North-West Zone	₦796,786,093.08
2.	North-East Zone	₦611,328,272.72
3.	North-Central Zone	₦793,867,162.20
4.	South-South Zone	₦2,082,919,235.81
5.	South-East Zone	₦1,461,541,036.67
6.	South-West Zone	₦987,635,810.05
	Total	₦6,734,077,610.53 (Senator John Azuta-Mbata).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the request of the Honourable Minister of Works for the Virement of the sum of ₦6,734,077,610.53 (Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Seventy-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Ten Naira, Fifty-Three Kobo) only which was hitherto meant for the projects mentioned in preamble (a) and (b) above be approve and re-assigned for the projects summarized below:

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	Total	₦6,734,077,610.53 (S. Res.01/05).	

10. Report of the Committee on Rules and Business:

Senate Calendar from January — June 2005:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Rules and Business on the Senate Calendar from January — June 2005 (*Senator Umaru I. Tsauri*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

CALENDAR:

SENATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR, JANUARY 2005 - JUNE 2005.

S/No	Title	Remarks
1.	Tuesday 11th January to Thursday 13th January 2005	Senate in Session (3 days)
2.	Friday 14th January to Monday 24th January 2005	Sallah Break (7 days)
3.	Tuesday 25th January to Wednesday 23 rd March 2005	Senate in Session (41 days)
4.	Thursday 24th March to Wednesday 30th March 2005	Easter Break (5 days)
5.	Thursday 31st March to Friday 29th April 2005	Senate in Session (22 days)
6.	Sunday 1st May	Workers Day (May Day)
7.	Monday 2nd May 2005	Eid-El Maulud (1 day)
8.	Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 27th May 2005	Senate in Session (19 days)
9.	Sunday 29th May 2005	Democracy Day
10.	Monday 30th May to Thursday 2nd June 2005	Senate in Session (4 days)
11.	Thursday 2nd June 2005	End of Second Session
	Total No. of Sitzings	89

Debate:

Senate noted the proposed Calendar and urged the Committee on Rules and Business to take cognisance of the information and the observations made by Senators in the implementation of the proposed Calendar.

11. Report of the Committee on Rules and Business:

Schedule of Legislative Business in the Senate:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Rules and Business on the Schedule of Legislative Business in the Senate from January — June 2005 (*Senator Umaru I. Tsauri*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS IN THE SENATE

TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY TO TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2005

Order Paper	Date	Title	Sponsor	Action
108	Tue. 11/1/05	Presentation of Bill:		
	(i)	Nigeria Institute of Animal Science (Disciplinary Tribunal) Bill, 2004 (HB: 3).	Senate Majority Leader	First Reading
	(ii)	Motion: Request for Virement of N6, 734, 077, 610. 53 by the Federal Ministry of Works.	Senator John Azuta-Mbata	Presentation a n d consideration
	(iii)	Consideration of Reports: Report of the Committee on Rules and Business on the Calendar and the Schedule of Legislative Business in the Senate from January to June 2005.	Senator Umaru Tsauri	Presentation a n d consideration
	(iv)	Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on the Appropriation Bill, 2005.	Senator John Azuta-Mbata	Presentation a n d consideration
	(v)	Report of the Committee on States and Local Government Administration on the Political Crisis Anambra State.	Senator Iyabode Anisulowo	Consideration
	(vi)	Consideration of Bill: Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill 2004 (SB: 133).	Senator Farouk Bello	Second Reading
109	Wed.12/1/05	Presentation of Bills:		
	(i)	National Commission for Polytechnic Bill, 2004 (SB: 132).	Senate Majority Leader	First Reading.
	(ii)	National Ecological Agency Bill, 2004 (SB: 128).	Senator Martyns -Yellowe and 8 others	First Reading

	(iii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on International Crime Court (Ratification and Committee Jurisdiction) Statute of Rome Bill, 2004 (HB: 8).	Senator Aminu	Jibril	Report of the Committee
110	Thur.13/1/05	Presentation of Bills:	Senator Gbemi		First Reading
	(i)	Existing Vacancies (Publication) Bill, 2004.	F. Saraki		
	(ii)	Petroleum and Minerals Technology Development Fund Act 2004 (SB: 99).	Senate Majority Leader		First Reading
	(iii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Democratic Committee Republic of Sao Tome & Principe Joint Development of Petroleum and	Senator Aminu	Jibril	Report of the Committee

Other Resources in areas of the exclusive Economic Zone of the Two States (Enactment) Bill, 2004 (HB: 12).

Fri.14 — 24/1/05

Sallah Break:

11	Tue. 25/1/05	Presentation of Bill:			
1	(i)	Plateau State Unity and Reconciliation (Establishment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 139).	Senate Majority Leader		First Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: National Health (Management etc) Bill, 2003 (SB: 30).	Senator Martyns Yellowe		Second Reading
11	Wed. 26/1/05	Presentation of Bill:			
2	(i)	Treaty Establishing the Gulf of Guinea Commission (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2004 (SB: 102).	Senate Majority Leader		First Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: National Storage and Preservation Centre Bill 2004 (SB: 143).	Senator Olupitan	Titus	Second Reading
11	Thur. 27/1/05	Consideration of Bill:			
3	(i)	Election Campaign Finance Regulation Bill, 2004 (SB: 116).	Senator Chukwumerije	Uche	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on the Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Bill, 2004 (HB: 140).	Senator J. Azuta Mbata		Presentation and Consideration
11	Fri. 28/1/05	Committee Meetings:			
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11 5	Mon. 31/1/05	Committee Meetings:		
	Tue. 1/2/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Office of the Accountant General of the Federation Bill, 2003 (SB: 42)	Senator Felix Ogunwale	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences.	Senator O. Osunbor	Presentation and Consideration
11 7	Wed. 2/2/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Public Servant (Promotion and Entitlement) Bill, 2004 (SB:31).	Senator Joshua Adagba	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticide in International Trade (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2004 (HB 18).	Senator Jibril Aminu	Presentation and Consideration

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118	Thur. 3/2/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Contract Award Regulation Bill, 2004 (SB: 51).	Senator J. K. Brambaifa	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Niger-Delta.	Senator J. K. Brambaifa	Presentation and Consideration
119	Fri. 4/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
120	Mon. 7/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
121	Tue. 8/2/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Advance rent Bill, 2004 (SB.142).	Senator Titus Olupitan	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Culture and Tourism on National Institute for Hospitality Consideration and Tourism (SB: 23).	Senator Bob Effiong	Presentation and Consideration
122	Wed. 9/2/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution Bill, 2004 (SB: 65).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Financial Institution on Dishonoured Cheques (Offences) Bill, 2004 (SB: 110).	Senator Zik Ambuno	Consideration

123	Thur.10/2/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: Nigeria Anti-Trust (Enforcement, Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 2004 (SB: 77).	S e n a t o r s Martyns Yellowe and Dalhatu Tafida	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Health on National Health Bill, 2003 (SB: 14).	Senator Gbenga Ogunniya	Presentation a n d Consideration
124	Fri.11/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
125	Mon. 14/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
126	Tue. 15/2/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: Nigeria Tourism Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 74).	Senator Gbemi F. Saraki	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes on National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Decree 48 (1989) (SB: 18) (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 18).	Senator Lawal Shuaibu	Second Reading
127	Wed. 16/2/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2001(SB: 53).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading

	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on Convention Against Torture and Cruel Committee Inhuman Punishment (Ratification & Enforcement) Bill, 2004 (HB 11).	Senator Jibril Aminu	Report of the Committee
128	Thur. 17/2/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: Federal Medical Centre Bill, 2005 (SB.93).	S e n a t o r s Martyns - Yellowe and Dalhatu Tafida	Second reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on Tenure of Consideration Office Bill, 2004 (SB: 123).	Senator Felix O. Ibru	Presentation a n d Consideration
129	Fri.18/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
130	Mon.21/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
131	Tue. 22/2/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: Professional Private Security Practitioners Bill, 2004 (SB: 94).	S e n a t o r s Martyns - Yellowe and Dalhatu Tafida	Second Reading

	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Commerce on Consumer Protection Council (SB. 26).	Senator Ibikunle Amosun	Presentation a n d Consideration
132	Wed. 23/2/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: National Information Technology Development Agency Bill, 2004(SB: 103).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on Police tax Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2003(SB: 36).	Senator David Mark	Presentation a n d Consideration
133	Thur. 24/2/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: Protective Helmets (Mandatory Use) Bill, 2004 (SB: 104).	Senator Gbemi F. Saraki	Second reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Labour and Productivity on the Establishment of Board of Consideration Registered Safety Professionals of Nigeria (BORSPON) Bill, 2004 (SB: 39).	Senator B. Ewa- Henshaw	Presentation a n d Consideration
134	Fri. 25/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
135	Mon.28/2/05	Committee Meetings:		
136	Tue. 1/3/05 (i)	Consideration of Bill: Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Bill, 2004 (SB: 115).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
	(ii)	National Agency for Occupational Safety and Health (Establishment etc) Bill, 2004 (SB: 73).	Senator Gbemi F. Saraki	Second Reading

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13 7	Wed. 2/3/05 (i)	Consideration of Bills: Sale of Federal Government Houses Regulation Bill, 2004 (SB: 117).	Senator T. U. Wada	Second Reading
	(ii)	Legal Aid Act CAP 205 1990 (Amendment) Bill 2004 (SB: 75).	Senator Gbemi F. Saraki	Second Reading
13 8	Thur. 3/3/05 (i)	Consideration of Bills: Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2004 (SB: 120).	Senator Felix O. Ibru	Second Reading
	(ii)	University of Abuja College of Medicine Bill, 2004 (SB: 92).	Senators Martyns Yellowe and Dalhatu Tafida	Second Reading
13 9	Fri. 4/3/5	Committee Meetings:		
14 0	Mon. 7/3/05	Committee Meetings:		

14	Tue. 8/3/05	Consideration of Bills:		
1	(i)	Application of Biometric Technologies Bill 2004 (SB: 121).	Senator A. Olasunkanmi	Second Reading
	(ii)	Ambulance Services Bill, 2004 (SB: 86).	Senator Saidu Mohammed	Second Reading
14	Wed. 9/3/05	Consideration of Bill:		
2	(i)	Plateau State Unity and Reconciliation (Establishment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 139).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on States and Local Government Administration on National Boundary Commission (SB: 96).	Senator Iyabode Anisulowo	Presentation and Consideration
14	Thur. 10/3/05	Consideration of Bills:		
3	(i)	Federal Capital Territory (Establishment etc) Bill, 2004 (SB: 127).	Senator Isa Maina	Second Reading
	(ii)	National Ecological Agency Bill, 2004 (SB: 128).	Senators Martyns Yellowe and 8 Others	Second Reading
14	Fri. 11/3/05	Committee Meetings:		
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14	Mon. 14/3/05	Committee Meetings:		
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14	Tue. 15/3/05	Consideration of Bills:		
6	(i)	Citizen Residency Rights Bill, 2004 (Sb: 135).	Senator Jonathan Zwingina and 3 others	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Environment on the Harmonisation of all Bills on Environment.	Senator Martyns Yellowe	Presentation and Consideration
14	Wed. 16/3/05	Consideration of Bills: Petroleum Research Centre Bill, 2004 (SB: 29).	Senator Martyns-Yellowe	Second Reading
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	(ii)	High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja (Number of Judges) Bill, 2004 (SB: 107).	Senator James Manager	Second Reading
14	Thur. 17/3/05	Consideration of Bills:		
8	(i)	Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Amendment etc) Bill, 2004 (SB: 138).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Labour and Productivity on Trade Disputes (Essential Service) Act CAP 433 LFN.	Senator B. Ewa-Henshaw	Presentation and Consideration

14 9	Fri. 18/3/05	Committee Meetings:		
15 0	Mon. 21/3/05	Committee Meetings:		
15 1	Tue 22/3/05	Consideration of Bills:		
	(i)	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Promulgation) (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 137).	Senator Uba Ugochukwu	Second Reading
	(ii)	Oil Pipelines, Electrical Plants, Telephone and Postal Matter etc Bill, 2004 (SB: 108).	Senator James Manager	Second Reading
15 2	Wed. 23/3/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Nigerian Football Association Act (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 141).	Senator Kanti Bello	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Association of Consideration Chartered Cost and Executive Accountant Bill 2003 (SB: 37).	Senator O. Osunbor	Presentation and Consideration
15 3	Thur. 24/3/05	Consideration of Bills:		
	(i)	Handicapped Persons (Public Buildings) Special Facilities Bill, 2004 (HB: 31).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
	(ii)	Public Officers Protection (Amendment) Bill 2004 (SB: 122).	Senator Patrick Osakwe	Second Reading
	Fri.25-30/3/05	Ester Break:		
15 4	Tue. 29/3/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Petroleum Minerals Technology Development Fund Act, 2004 (SB: 99)	Senators Lee Maeba and E. Agboti	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Communication on Universal Service Agency Bill, 2004 (SB: 56).	Senator Baba Tela	Presentation and Consideration

15 5	Wed. 30/3/05	Consideration of Bill: Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticide in International Trade Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2004 (HB: 18).	Senate Majority Leader	Report of the Committee
	(ii)	Freedom of Information Bill, 2004 (HB: 6).	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
15 6	Thur. 31/3/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Petroleum and Minerals Technology Development Fund Act 2004 (SB: 99)	Senate Majority Leader	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Governmental Affairs on Nigeria National Consideration Volunteer Service (SB.12).	Senator Ken Nnamani	Presentation and Consideration
15 7	Fri. 1/4/05	Committee Meetings:		
15 8	Mon 4/4/05	Committee Meetings:		
15 9	Tue. 5/4/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Report of the Committee on National Population and ID Card on National Consideration Population Commission Act, CAP 270 (1988) (SB: 19).	Senator Hosea Ehinlanwo	Presentation and Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology on National Oil Spill Detection Consideration Response Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 53).	Senator Martyns Yellowe	Presentation and Consideration
16 0	Wed. 6/4/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Examination Malpractices (Prohibition) Bill 2004 (SB: 124).	Senator James Manager	Second reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotic and Financial Crimes on Money Laundering Consideration (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (SB:)	Senator Felix Ibru	Presentation and Consideration
16 1	Thur. 7/4/05	Consideration of Bill:		
	(i)	Federal Road Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (SB: 112).	Senator Christ Adighije	Second Reading

(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on Institution for Consideration Democratic Studies in Nigeria Bill, 2004 (SB: 119).	Senator Ibru	Felix	Presentation and Consideration
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16 2	Fri. 8/4/205	Committee Meetings:
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16 3	Mon. 11/4/05	Committee Meetings:
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16 4	Tue. 12/4/05	Consideration of Bill:
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(i)	National Commission for Polytechnic Bill, 2004 (SB: 132).	Senate Leader	Majority	Second Reading
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(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Information on Nigeria Press Council Bill, 2003 (SB: 25).	Senator Wada	T. U.	Presentation and Consideration
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16 5	Wed. 13/4/05	Consideration of Report:
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(i)	Report of the Committee on Culture and Tourism on National Institute for Hospitality Consideration and Tourism (SB: 23).	Senator Effiong	Bob	Presentation and Consideration
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16 6	Thur. 14/4/05	Consideration of Report:
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(i)	Existing Vacancies (Publication) Bill, 2004.	Senator F. Saraki	Gbemi	Second Reading
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(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on FCT on the FCT Primary Education Board Bill 2003 (SB. 9).	Senate Leader	Majority	Presentation and Consideration (committee of the Whole)
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16 7	Fri. 15/4/5	Committee Meetings:
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16 8	Mon. 16/4/05	Committee Meetings:
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16 9	Tue. 19/4/05	Consideration of Bills:
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(i)	Nigeria Institute of Animal Science (Disciplinary Tribunal) Bill, 2004 (HB:).	Senate Leader	Majority	Second Reading
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(ii)	Indecent Bodily Exposure (Prohibition) Bill 2 0 0 4 (SB:130)	Senator Olupitan	Titus	Second Reading
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17 0	Wed. 20/4/05	Consideration of Bill:
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	(i)	Road Safety Amendment Bill, 2004 (SB: 57).	Senator Adighije	Christ	Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Works on the Infrastructure Concession Regulation Consideration Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 (SB: 66).	Senator Kuta	Idris	Presentation and Consideration
17 1	Thur. 21/4/05	Consideration of Bill:			
	(i)	Treaty Establishing the Gulf of Guinea Commission (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2004 (SB: 102).	Senate Majority Leader		Second Reading
	(ii)	Consideration of Report: Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotic and Financial Crimes on Advance Fee Fraud Consideration and other related offences (Amendment) Bill 2004 (SB: 70).	Senator Shuaibu	Lawal	Presentation and Consideration

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17 2	Fri. 22/4/05	Committee Meetings:			
17 3	Mon. 25/4/05	Committee Meetings:			
17 4	Tue. 26/4/05	Consideration of Report:			
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD on the Agreement on the Establishment of the West African Monetary Zone (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2004 (SB: 71).	Senator Koleosho	R.	Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: Secret Cult and Cult Related Activities (Prohibition Act) 2003 (SB: 45).	Senator Ucha	Julius	Second reading
17 5	Wed. 27/4/05	Consideration of Report:			
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on the National Farm Consideration Settlement and Youth Empowerment Agency Bill, 2004 (SB: 72).	Senator Olowoporoku	Bode	Presentation and Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: Graduate Employment Severance Allowance Trust Fund Bill, 2004 (SB:).	Senator Ajimobi	Abiola	Second reading

17 6	Thur. 28/4/05	Consideration of Report:		
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Judiciary Human Rights and Legal Matters on Customary Court for the FCT Abuja.	Senator O. Osunbor	Presentation and Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: Regulation and Control of the exercise of Powers of Delegated Legislation.	Senator Martyns Yellowe	Second Reading
17 7	Fri. 29/4/05	Committee Meetings:		
	Mon. 2/5/05	Eid-El Maulud:		
17 8	Tue. 3/5/05	Consideration of Report:		
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Down Stream) on Adequate Consideration Compensation Relief to Victims of Petroleum Production and Other Oil Related Act Mishap 2003 (SB: 38).	Senator Agboti Emmanuel	Presentation and Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: Unclaimed Dividends Trust Fund (SB.95).	Senate Majority leader	Second Reading

17 9	Wed. 4/5/05	Consideration of Report:		
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on Agricultural Consideration Development Fund, Agricultural Marketing Bill, 2004 (SB: 40).	Senator Bode Olowoporoku	Presentation and Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2003 (SB; 98).	Senator Majority Leader	Second Reading
18 0	Thur. 5/5/05	Consideration of Report:		
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources on Petroleum Inspectorate Commission (PIC) Bill, 2004 (SB: 41).	Senator E. Agboti	Presentation and Consideration

	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: Environmental Task Fund Management Agency Bill, 2004 (SB: 101).	Senator Maeba	Lee	Second Reading
18 1	Fri. 6/5/05	Committee Meetings:			
18 2	Mon. 9/5/05	Committee Meetings:			
18 3	Tue. 10/5/05	Consideration of Report:			
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Marine Transport on Maritime Development Bank Bill 2003(SB: 42).	Senator Ugochukwu Uba		Presentation and Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: FCT High Court, Number of Judges Bill, 2004 (SB: 107).	Senator Manager	James	Second Reading
18 4	Wed. 11/5/05	Consideration of Report:			
	(i)	Report of the Committee on Communication on Mobile Phones(Restricted Places and Consideration Circumstances) Bill, 2004 (SB: 54).	Senator Bab Tela		Presentation and Consideration
	(ii)	Consideration of Bill: Swimming Development Bill, 2004 (SB.119).	Senator Manager	James	Second Reading

(Senator Umaru I. Tsuari).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Report adopted as guide for the Legislative Programme of the Senate for the remaining part of the Session.

12. Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance:

Appropriation Bill 2005:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on the 2005 Appropriation Bill (SB. 129) and approve the recommendations”

Time Table

S/N.	Title	Date
1	Distribution of Mr President's letter with additional Budget figures	11th January, 2005
2	Consideration of (1) above by the Committees	11-13th January, 2005

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| 3 | Submission of Committee Reports to the Appropriation and Finance Committee (in writing or physically) | 13th January, 2005 |
| 4 | Incorporation of the new Budget figures into the Main Budget: (Appropriation and Finance Committee) | 13th to 26th January, 2005 |
| 5 | Resumption of Plenary Sessions after Committee work on Budget and Sallah holidays | 25th January, 2005 |
| 6 | Report of the Appropriation and Finance Committee to the Senate for consideration and approval. | 27th January, 2005 |

(Senator John Azuta-Mbata).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

13. Report of the Committee on States and Local Government Administration:

Political Crises in Anambra State:

Rising on Senate Rule 53(5), Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina informed the Senate that there was an action pending in the Supreme Court on the Anambra crisis. He further stated that a notice signed by the Attorney-General of Anambra State on the pendency of the said action had been served. He therefore concluded that the consideration of the Report of the Committee on States and Local Government on Anambra crisis would constitute a breach of the Rules of the Senate.

Ruling: Senate President, sustained the point of Order and consideration of the Report accordingly deferred (*Ruling from the Chair No. 01/2005*).

14. Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill 2004 (SB. 133) — Second Reading.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill 2004 (SB. 133) be read the Second Time (*Senator Farouk Bello Bunza*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Financial Institutions to report back within four weeks.

15. 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.

Senate in Closed Session: — 12. 50 p.m.

Senate in Open Session: — 1.30 p.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in Closed Session deliberated upon matters crucial to the workings of the Senate including approval of virement of funds from Budgetary provisions for Legislative Aides for the payment of certain liabilities.

16. Suspension of Plenary Session:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend Plenary Session from 11th January to 25th January, 2005 to enable Standing Committees deliberate on the 2005 Appropriation Bill in line with the amendments sent by Mr President (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

17. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 25th January, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 1.50 p.m.

Adolf Wabara
President of the Senate