



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 9th August, 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, 4th August, 2005 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. Announcements:
(a) The Senate President announced the burial arrangement for the late Senator Joshua A. Adagba as follows:

Wednesday, 10th August, 2005 — Valedictory Session

Thursday, 11th August, 2005 — Departure from Abuja to Makurdi — 8.00 a.m.
Return to Abuja — 4.00 p.m.

- (b) *Death of Senator Dalhatu A. Danzomo's Mother*
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Lawal Shuaibu, Senate Minority Leader as follows:

THE SENATE
Federal Republic of Nigeria
OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Senator Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate

9th August, 2005

DEATH OF SENATOR DANZOMO'S MOTHER

It is with deep sense of sorrow that I announce the death of the mother of distinguished Senator Dalhatu Danzomo who passed on to the great beyond yesterday night in his home town in Jigawa State.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Senator Lawal Shuaibu
Minority Leader

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Flood Disaster in Jalingo Town and Environs:
Invoking Rule 42, Senator Zik S, Ambuno, invited the attention of the Senate to the recent flood disaster in Jalingo town and its environs on August 7, 2005. He stated that properties worth millions of naira were lost, while about 100 dead bodies have been recovered from the flood. He therefore sought leave of the Senate to introduce a Motion on the subject as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Question that the Matter be debated put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till Tuesday, 16th August, 2005.

5. Committee on Education:
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Education for the Second Session of this Senate (June 2004 — June 2005) (Senator Joy Emodi).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Ad-hoc Committee on the Demolition of Houses in the Federal Capital Territory:

Consideration of Report deferred till Tuesday, 16th August, 2005.

7. Motion:
Re: Non-Payment of Statutory Allocations due to Local Government Councils in Lagos State: Senator Olorunmibe O. Mamora, informing the Senate of the recent developments on the subject matter, sought and obtained leave of the Senate to stand down the motion (Rule 51).

8. Debate on Address by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the National Reform Conference and the recent Debt Relief granted to Nigeria (*Adjourned Debate: 4th August, 2005*) (*Third Allotted Day*).

The following Senators contributed to the debate on the Address:

- (i) Senator Joy Emodi
- (ii) Senator Nuhu Aliyu
- (Hi) Senator Iyabode Anisulowo
- (iv) Senator Mohammed Ahmed
- (v) Senator Robert B. Koleosho
- (vi) Senator Felix O. Ibru
- (vii) Senator Victor K. Oyofe
- (viii) Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw
- (ix) Senator Isaiah C. Balat
- (x) Senator Abubakar Maikafi
- (xi) Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba
- (xii) Senator I. S. Martyns-Yellowe
- (xiii) Senator Gbenga Oggunniya
- (xiv) Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi
- (xv) Senator Tawar U. Wada

Debate Concluded.

9. National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 (SB. 18):
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the Third Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and passed.

10. Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2005 (HB. 107):

Bill referred to the Committee on Special Duties, including Emergency and Conflict Resolution to report within four weeks.

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

Question put and agreed to.

12. Federal Inland Revenue Services (Establishment) **Bill** 2005 (SB. 175):
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Federal Inland Revenue Services (Establishment) Bill 2005 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Debate concluded.

Question put and agreed to.

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

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

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — 1. 55 p.m.

Open Session — 2.50 p.m.

14. Adjournment:
And its being 2. 55 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 10th August, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.55p.m.