



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th May, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10:35 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, 15th May, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President named Senator Emmanuel A. Agboti as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Appropriation, Public Accounts and Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to investigate the disbursement and administration of funds appropriated by the National Assembly for INEC to conduct the April 2007 General Elections.
4. **Presentation of Bill:**
 - (i) Agricultural Producing States Ecosystem Development Commission Bill 2007 (SB. 362) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) Investment and Securities Bill 2007 (HB. 273) — *Read the First Time.*
5. **Confirmation of Nomination:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nomination of Ms. Ifueko Omoigui as the Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to Committee on Finance to report within three days.
6. **Confirmation of Nominations:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief, for the confirmation of the nominations of the following nominees, as members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission.
 - (i) Rafiu A. Lawal-Rabana — Kwara State
 - (ii) Lady Debbie N. Obodoukwu-Iregbu — Imo State (*Senate Majority Leader*).
Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within one week.

7. Committee on Anti-Corruption:

Report on the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Anti-Corruption, on the screening of the following nominees, as members of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and approve the recommendations:

(i)	Senator Adejo A. Ogiri	—	North Central
(ii)	Alhaji A. R. K. Saba	—	South West
(iii)	Dr. U. Angulu	—	North Central
(iv)	Chief (Mrs.) Julie Onum-Nwariaku	—	South-East
(v)	Rtd. A.I.G. (Dr.) Mrs. Rose Abang-Wushishi	—	South-South
(vi)	Sir (Chief) Simeon O. Oguntimehin, OON	—	Chartered Accountant
(vii)	Ahmed Abdulahi B/Magaji (a youth)	—	North West (Senator Isaiah C. Balat).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Establishment and Public Service Matters on the screening of nominees as members of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Debate:

Report recommitted to the Committee for further legislative action.

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 Anti-Corruption on the screening of members of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and recommitted the Report to the Committee for further legislative action.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

8. Statistics Bill 2007 (SB. 255):

Report of the Conference Committee on the Statistics Bill 2007 (SB. 255):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Statistics Bill 2007 (*Senator Gbemi R. Saraki*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Question; that the Report be adopted, resolved in the Affirmative.

9. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**
Report on the Public Procurement Bill 2007 (SB. 151):

Consideration deferred to the next legislative day.

10. **Committee on Finance:**
Report on the Petroleum Profit Act (Amendment) Bill 2007 (SB. 177):

Consideration deferred to the next legislative day.

11. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**
Report on the UNESCO Bill 2007 (HB. 96):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the UNESCO Bill 2007 (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NIGERIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2007

Short Title: This Act may be cited as the Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO Act, 2007.

Clause 1: Establishment of the Commission:

- (a) There is established a body known as Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO (in this Act referred to as "the Commission").
- (b) The Commission shall be responsible to the President through the Minister of Education.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 1 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- "(1) There is established a body to be known as the Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO (in this Act referred to as "the Commission") which:
- (a) shall be a body corporate with a perpetual succession and common seal; and
- (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name" (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*) —
Agreed to.

Question that Clause 1 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Membership of the Commission:

The Commission shall consist of —

- (a) a President who shall be the Minister of Education;
- (b) a part-time Chairperson who shall be a distinguished Nigerian in any of the fields of Education, Administration, Science, Social Sciences, Information and Culture and the following other members that is;
- (c) four representatives of the Federal Ministry of Education;

- (d) one representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (e) two representatives from National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure;
- (f) two representatives from National Assembly;
- (g) two representatives from the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture;
- (h) one representative from the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Youth Development;
- (i) one representative of National Library of Nigeria;
- (j) one representative from the National Commission for Mass Literacy Adult and Non-Formal Education;
- (k) one representative from the Federal Ministry of Health and Human Services;
- (l) one representative from the Federal Capital Territory;
- (m) one representative from the Ministry of Finance;
- (n) one representative from the National Planning Commission;
- (o) one representative from each of the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria;
- (p) two representatives from the Universities;
- (q) one representative from the Nigerian Academy of Sciences;
- (r) one representative from the Nigerian Union of Teachers;
- (s) one representative from the National Youth Council of Nigeria;
- (t) one representative from the Nigerian Council of Women Societies;
- (u) two representatives from NGO; and
- (v) the Secretary-General.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 2 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"The Commission shall consist of:

- (a) a Chairman who shall be a distinguished Nigerian in any of the fields of education, administration, science, social sciences, information and Culture;
- (b) one representative each from the Federal Ministries of:
 - (i) Education;
 - (ii) Foreign Affairs,
 - (iii) Women Affairs and Youth Development,
 - (iv) Health & Human Services,
 - (v) Federal Capital Territory,
 - (vi) Finance;
 - (vii) Information and National Orientation;

- (viii) Culture and Tourism;
- (c) one representative each from:
 - (i) National Library;
 - (ii) National Commission for Mass Literacy and Non-formal Education;
 - (iii) National Planning Commission;
 - (iv) the six geo-political zones of Nigeria;
 - (v) the Nigerian Academy of Science;
 - (vi) the Nigerian Union of Teachers;
 - (vii) the National Youth Council of Nigeria;
 - (viii) the Nigerian Council of Women Societies;
- (d) one representative each from:
 - (i) National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure;
 - (ii) National Assembly (one each from the Senate and House of Representatives).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Subclause 2(d) (ii) (Senator Farouk B. Bunza).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (iii) Nigerian Universities Commission;
- (iv) a coalition of Non-governmental Organisations;

Another Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "coalition" and insert the word "representative" instead thereof (Senator Udoma Udo Udoma).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (e) full-time Secretary-General

Further Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "Secretary-General" and insert the words "Executive Secretary" and wherever it appears instead thereof (Senator Jibril M. Aminu).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

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

Clause 3:**Staff of the Commission and their Remuneration:**

- (i) The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces on the recommendation of the Minister of Education.
- (ii) The Executive Secretary of the Commission shall be the Executive Secretary.
- (iii) The Executive Secretary shall hold office in the first instance for a period of six years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of six years as the President Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces may determine.

- (iv) The Commission may appoint a Deputy Executive Secretary and such other persons to be officers and servant of the Commission to assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions.
- (v) The remuneration and tenure of office of the Executive Secretary and other officers and servants of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission;
- (vi) Notwithstanding the provision of Subsection (iv) of this section, the Deputy Executive Secretary or any of the other officers and servant of the Commission may be appointed by the Commission by way of transfer or secondment from the Public Service of the Federation.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 3 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- "(i) The Executive Secretary shall be a senior Civil Servant not below the rank of a Director from the Federal Ministry of Education appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister for Education.

Amendment Proposed:

Revert to the provision of the Principal Bill (*Senator Tawar U. Wada*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (ii) The Executive Secretary shall be the Chief Executive and the Accounting Officer of the Commission.
- (iii) The Executive Secretary shall hold office for a period of five years.

Another Amendment Proposed:

Revert to the provision of the Principal Bill and *leave out* the word "six" and *insert* the word "four" wherever it appears instead thereof (*Senator Udoma Udo Udoma*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (iv) The Commission may appoint a Deputy Executive Secretary not below the rank of a Deputy Director and such other officers and staff of the Commission to assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions.

Further Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "not below the rank of a Deputy Director" (*Senator Udoma Udo Udoma*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (v) The remuneration and tenure of office of the officers and staff of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission;

Further Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "Commission after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission" and *insert* the words "Salaries and Wages Commission in line with Federal Civil Service Guidelines" instead thereof (*Senator Farouk B. Bunza*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (vi) Notwithstanding the provision of Subsection (iv) of this section, the Deputy Executive Secretary or any of the other officers or staff of the Commission may be appointed by the Commission by way of transfer or secondment from the Public Service of the Federation" (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

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

Clause 4: Functions of the Commission:

The functions of the Commission are as follows:

- (a) the Commission is to involve in UNESCO's activities; the various ministerial departments, agencies, institutions, organisations and individuals working for the advancement of education, culture and information;
- (b) coordinate, mobilize and execute all UNESCO activities and particularly for see the formulation and execution of its programs in Nigeria;
- (c) co-operate with non-governmental organisations, institutions and individuals concerned in Nigeria to achieve UNESCO's aims and objectives;
- (d) encourage participation of national, governmental and non-governmental institutions and various individuals in the formulation and execution of UNESCO's programmes so as to secure for the organization, all the intellectual, scientific artistic;
- (e) disseminate information on the objectives, programme and activities of UNESCO's and endeavour or arouse public interest in them;
- (f) participation in the planning and execution of activities entrusted to UNESCO which are undertaken with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Fund for Population , activities and other international programmes;
- (g) participate in the search for candidates for UNESCO posts financed under the Regular Programme or from extra-budgetary sources, and in the placement of UNESCO fellowship holder;
- (h) participation with other National Commission in joint studies on matters of interest to UNESCO upon due approval by the Federal Government of Nigeria;
- (i) undertake on their own initiative other activities related to the general objective of UNESCO;
- (j) the Commission in collaboration with UNESCO Regional Office and centres shall foster regional, sub-regional and bilateral co-operation in education, the sciences, culture and information, particularly through th joint formulation and execution of programmes. This co-operation may bear upon the preparation, implementation and evaluation of projects and may take the form of joint surveys, seminars, meetings and conferences and exchanges of information, materials and visits.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 4 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"(1) The Commission shall:

- (a) be involved in UNESCO's activities in the various ministerial departments, agencies, institutions, organisations and individuals working for the advancement of education, culture and information;
- (b) coordinate, mobilize and execute all UNESCO activities and particularly supervise the formulation and execution of its programmes in Nigeria;
- (c) co-operate with non-governmental organisations, institutions and individuals concerned in Nigeria to achieve UNESCO's aims and objectives;
- (d) encourage participation of national, governmental and non-governmental institutions and various individuals in the formulation and execution of UNESCO's programmes so as to secure for the organisation, all the intellectual, scientific artistic or administrative assistance that it may require;

- (e) disseminate information on the objectives, programmes and activities of UNESCO and arouse public interest in them;
 - (f) participate in the planning and execution of activities entrusted to UNESCO which are undertaken with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Fund for Population, activities and other international programmes;
 - (g) participate in the search for candidates for UNESCO's posts financed under the Regular Programme or from extra-budgetary sources, and in the placement of UNESCO fellowship holder;
 - (h) participate with other National Commission in joint studies on matters of interest to UNESCO upon due approval by the Federal Government;
 - (i) undertake on their own initiative other activities related to the general objectives of UNESCO;
- (2) The Commission shall, in collaboration with UNESCO's Regional Offices and Centres, foster regional, sub-regional and bilateral co-operation in education, the sciences, culture and information, particularly through the joint formulation and execution of programmes. This co-operation may bear upon the preparation, implementation and evaluation of projects and may take the form of joint surveys, seminars, meetings and conferences and exchanges of information, materials and visits" (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 4 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5:

Sources of Income:

- (1) Source of income shall be from the Federal Government of Nigeria Allocation based on budget proposals, submitted by the Commission and approved by the National Assembly of Nigeria.
- (2) Funds derived from organization! institutions interested in the work of UNESCO in Nigeria.
- (3) Funds derived from UNESCO programme source as financial contribution to its work in Nigeria,

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 5 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- "(1) income shall be sourced from the Federal Government's allocation based on budget proposals submitted by the Commission and approved by the National Assembly.
- (2) Funds derived from organisations or institutions interested in the work of UNESCO in Nigeria.
- (3) Funds derived from UNESCO programmes as financial contribution to its work in Nigeria" (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 5 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6:

Expenditure:

The Commission shall disburse its funds as follows —

- (i) the cost of administration of the Commission;
- (ii) for reimbursing members of the Board or of any Committee set up by Commission for such expenses authorized by the Commission in accordance with the rates approved by the Federal Government;

- (iii) payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration, pensions, allowances and gratuities payable to the officers and servants of the Commission. No payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorized as aforesaid) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emolument from the Government of the Federation or of a state or Local Government;
- (iv) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Commission;
- (v) for and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 6 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"The Commission shall disburse funds for:

- (a) the cost of administration of the Commission;
- (b) reimbursing members of the Board or of any Committee set up by Commission for such expenses authorized by the Commission in accordance with the rates approved by the Federal Government;
- (c) payment of salaries, fees or other remunerations, pensions, allowances and gratuities payable to the officers and staff of the Commission and no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorized in paragraph (b)) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emolument from the Government of the Federation or of a state or Local Government;
- (d) the maintenance of any property vested in the Commission; and
- (e) the purposes connected with all or any of its functions under this Act" (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7:

Miscellaneous:

- (1) Service in the Commission shall be approved services for the purpose of the Pensions Act and accordingly officers and other persons employed in the Commission shall be entitled to pensions gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed under an Act of Nigeria. Nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other retirement benefit in respect of that office.
- (2) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation other than the power to make regulations is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 7 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- "(1) Service in the Commission shall be approved services for the purpose of the Pensions Act and accordingly officers and other persons employed in the Commission shall be entitled to pensions, and other retirement benefits as are prescribed under Pensions Act 2004 of Nigeria and nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension, or other retirement benefit in respect of that office.
- (2) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act 2004, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation other than the power to make regulations is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Commission" (*Senator Felix O. Ibru*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the figures "2004" (Senator Udoma Udo Udoma).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 7 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8:**Audited Accounts:**

- (1) The Commission shall not later than 31st October of each year submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Commission).
- (2) The Commission shall keep proper accounts in respect of each financial year (and proper records in relation thereto) and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines submitted by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 8 and insert the following instead thereof:

- "(1) The Commission shall not later than 31st October of each year submit to the Minister for Education an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Commission).
- (2) The Commission shall keep proper accounts in respect of each financial year (and proper records in relation thereto) and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list of auditors and in accordance with the guidelines submitted by the Auditor-General of the Federation" *(Senator Felix O. Ibru) — Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9:**Annual Report:**

The Commission shall submit to the Federal Government through the Executive Secretary not later than 30th June of each year, a report in such form as he may direct, on the activities of the audited accounts of the Commission together with the Auditor-General's report.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 9 and insert the following instead thereof:

"The Commission shall submit to the Federal Government through the Executive Secretary not later than 30th June of each year, a report in such form as he may direct, on the activities of the audited accounts of the Commission together with the Auditor-General's report" *(Senator Felix O. Ibru) — Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10:**Interpretation:**

In this Act, the word -

"Commission" means The Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO;

"Secretary-General" means the Executive Secretary of the Commission;

"Functions" include duties and powers of the Commission;

"Minister" means the Minister of Education;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 10 and insert the following instead thereof:

"In this Act—

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 "Commission" means The Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO established under section 1(1) of this Act;

Question, That the word "Commission" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister for Education;

Question, That the word "Minister" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Question, That the word "President" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Executive Secretary" means the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Commission appointed under section 3 (3) of this Act;

Question, That the word "Executive Secretary" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 10 as recommended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO Bill 2007 and approved as follows.

Clause 1	—	As Recommended
Clauses 2 — 3	—	As Amended
Clauses 4 — 6	—	As Recommended
Clause 7	—	As Amended
Clauses 8 — 10	—	As Recommended
Long Title	—	As Recommended

Question, that the Senate do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill be read the Third Time (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and passed.

12. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Report on the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (SB. 262):

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (Senator Jibril M. Aminu).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Point of Order:

Rising on Rule 10, Senator Farouk B. Bunza invited the attention of the Senate to the lack of quorum in the Senate.

The Senate President Ordered a roll call count.

PRESENT	—	27
ABSENT	—	<u>78</u>
		<u>105</u>
DECEASED	—	3
PRESIDING OFFICER	—	<u>1</u>
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Having failed to meet the mandatory one-third majority of all the Members of the Senate, the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 17th May, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT

1. Senator Zik Sunday Ambuno	2. Senator Jibril Mohammed Aminu
3. Senator Clement Kolawole Awoyelu	4. Senator Isaiah Chawai Balat
5. Senator Farouk Bello Bunza	6. Senator Mohammed Sanusi Daggash
7. Senator Daisy U. Ehanire-Danjuma	8. Senator Oladapo Hosea Ehinlanwo
9. Senator Joy I. Emodi	10. Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw
11. Senator Haruna Garba	12. Senator Omar A. Hambagda
13. Senator Felix Ovuduroye Ibru	14. Senator Sani A. Kamba
15. Senator Isa Maina	16. Senator Adeleke O. Mamora
17. Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba	18. Senator Ben Obi
19. Senator Olatokunbo O. Ogunbanjo	20. Senator Emmanuel O. Okpede
21. Senator Fred Injinia Orti	22. Senator Daniel I. Sarror
23. Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida	24. Senator Udoma Udo Udoma
25. Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane	26. Senator Usman K. Umar
27. Senator Tawar U. Wada	

ABSENT

1. Senator Iya Abubakar	2. Senator Bala Adamu
3. Senator Chris Adighije	4. Senator Timothy A. Adudu
5. Senator Tokunbo Afikuyomi	6. Senator Emmanuel A. Agboti
7. Senator Mohammed Ahmed	8. Senator Mohammed Abba-Aji
9. Senator Simeon S. Ajibola	10. Senator Abiola Ajimobi
11. Senator Eze D. Ajoku	12. Senator Shehu U. Albishir
13. Senator Mamman B. Ali	14. Senator Nuhu Aliyu
15. Senator Ibikunle Amosun	16. Senator Veronica I. Anisulowo
17. Senator Yushau M. Anka	18. Senator Ifeanyi G. Araraume
19. Senator Mukhtar M. Aruwa	20. Senator John Azuta-Mbata
21. Senator Mahmud K. Bello	22. Senator Effiong D. Bob
23. Senator John K. Brambaifa	24. Senator David C. Brigidi
25. Senator Uche Chukwumerije	26. Senator Umaru Dahiru
27. Senator John M. Danboyi	28. Senator Usman S. Danboyi

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| 29. Senator Saidu M. Dansadau | 30. Senator Dalha A. Dan-zomo |
| 31. Senator Ittak B. Ekarika | 32. Senator Ike Ekweremadu |
| 33. Senator Teslim K. Falorin | 34. Senator Hayatu B. Gwarzo |
| 35. Senator Rufai S. Hanga | 36. Senator Abdul-Azeez A. Ibrahim |
| 37. Senator Abu Ibrahim | 38. Senator Mohammed Ibrahim |
| 39. Senator James O. Kolawole | 40. Senator Robert B. Koleosho |
| 41. Senator Idris I. Kuta | 42. Senator Lee L. Maeba |
| 43. Senator Abubakar Maikafi | 44. Senator James E. Manager |
| 45. Senator Nasiru I. Mantu | 46. Senator David Mark |
| 47. Senator Ibiapoye S. Martins-Yellowe | 48. Senator Abubakar S. Mohammed |
| 49. Senator Isa Mohammed | 50. Senator Gregory I. Ngaji |
| 51. Senator Cosmas G. Niagwan | 52. Senator Christopher C. Nshii |
| 53. Senator Francis A. Nzeribe | 54. Senator Musiliu O. Obanikoro |
| 55. Senator Jonathan T. Ogbaha | 56. Senator Gbenga Ogunniya |
| 57. Senator Felix K. Ogunwale | 58. Senator Mohammed S. Ohiare |
| 59. Senator Fidelis C. Okoro | 60. Senator Akinlabi Olanikanmi |
| 61. Senator Bode Olowoporoku | 62. Senator Titus O. Olupitan |
| 63. Senator Iyiola Omisore | 64. Senator Patrick E. Osakwe |
| 65. Senator Oserheimen A. Osunbor | 66. Senator Victor K. Oyofe |
| 67. Senator Gbemisola R. Saraki | 68. Senator Lawal Shuaibu |
| 69. Senator Abubakar D. Sodangi | 70. Senator Rufus I. Spiff |
| 71. Senator Baba Tela | 72. Senator Umaru I. Tsauri |
| 73. Senator Ugochukwu B. Uba | 74. Senator Julius A. Ucha |
| 75. Senator Adolf Wabara | 76. Senator Bello M. Yusuf |
| 77. Senator Lawan J. Zarami | 78. Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina |

Adjourned accordingly at 1.45 p.m.

Ken Nnamani, GCON
President of the Senate