



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11th July, 2007

1. The Senate met at 11: 05 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, 10th July, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Confirmation of Nominees for Ministerial Appointment:**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President for the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(i)	Abba Sayyadi Ruma	—	Katsina State
(ii)	Senator Akinlabi Olasunkanmi	—	Osun State
(iii)	Mrs. Ekpiwhre Grace	—	Delta State
(iv)	Aishatu Jibril Dukku	—	Gombe State
(v)	John Ogar Odey	—	Cross River State
(vi)	Bode Augusto	—	Lagos State
(vii)	Fidelia Akubata Njeze (Mrs)	—	Enugu State (<i>Senate Majority Leader</i>).

Question put and agreed to.

4. **Privileges of the Floor:**
(i) *Admission of Special Assistant to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, on National Assembly Matters:*
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit the Special Assistant to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, on National Assembly Matters, Senator Florence Ita-Giwa to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(ii) *Admission of Ministerial Nominees:*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Ministerial nominees to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Ministerial Nominees)

Debate:

Nominees screened for confirmation:

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| (i) | Abba Sayyadi Ruma | — | Katsina State |
| (ii) | Senator Akinlabi Olasunkanmi | — | Osun State |
| (iii) | Mrs. Ekpiwhre Grace | — | Delta State |
| (iv) | Aishatu Jibril Dukku | — | Gombe State |

Motion made and Question Proposed: And it being 1.45 p.m. the Senate Majority Leader moved that the Chairman do report progress {*Rule 13(3)*}.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

Extension of Time of Sitting:

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

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume the public screening of the Ministerial nominees (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Screening resumed:

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| (v) | John Ogar Odey | — | Cross River State |
| (vi) | Bode Augusto | — | Lagos State |
| (vii) | Fidelia Akubata Njeze (Mrs) | — | Enugu State |

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Chairman do report progress (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole conducted a public screening of the underlisted Ministerial nominees:

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| (i) | Abba Sayyadi Ruma | — | Katsina State |
| (ii) | Senator Akinlabi Olasunkanmi | — | Osun State |
| (iii) | Mrs. Ekpiwhre Grace | — | Delta State |

(iv)	Aishatu Jibril Dukku	—	Gombe State
(v)	John Ogar Odey	—	Cross River State
(vi)	Bode Augusto	—	Lagos State
(vii)	Fidelia Akubata Njeze (Mrs)	—	Enugu State

Screening of Ministerial nominees to resume next legislative day.

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

5. Adjournment:

And it being 5.45 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 12th July, 2007 at 10:00 a. m.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.45 p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate