



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 12th 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 Wednesday, 11th July, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Senate Condolence Delegation to Ibadan:
The Senate President announced that the Senate delegation to Ibadan, Oyo State, to condole the Government and people of Oyo State on the death of Olubadan, late Oba Yunusa Bankole Oladoja Ogundipe, Arapasowu I, will under take the assignment on Friday, 13th July, 2007. Departure time is 12:00 noon from the local wing of the Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport. The Deputy Senate President, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, will lead the delegation.
4. **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 confirmation of the nominations of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(i)	Mahmud Yayale Ahmed	—	Bauchi State
(ii)	Ojo Maduekwe	—	Abia State
(iii)	Amb. Bagudu M. Hirse	—	Plateau State
(iv)	Aderemi W. Babalola	—	Oyo State
(v)	Senator John James Akpanudoedehe	—	Akwa-Ibom State
(vi)	Halima Tayo Alao	—	Kwara State
(vii)	Arc. Gabriel Aduku	—	Kogi State
(viii)	Igwe Aja-Nwachukwu	—	Ebonyi State
(ix)	H. Odein Ajumogobia	—	Rivers State

- (x) Major-Gen. Godwin Abbe (Rtd.) — Edo State
(Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

5. Privileges of the Floor:

- (i) **Admission of Special Adviser 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 Adviser 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)

Nominees screened for confirmation:

- (i) Mahmud Yayale Ahmed — Bauchi State
(ii) Ojo Maduekwe — Abia State
(iii) Amb. Bagudu M. Hirse — Plateau 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:

Nominees screened:

- (iv) Aderemi W. Babalola — Oyo State
(v) Senator John James Akpanudoedehe — Akwa-Ibom State
(vi) Halima Tayo Alao — Kwara State

- (viii) Igwe Aja-Nwachukwu — Ebonyi State
 (ix) H. Odein Ajumogobia — Rivers State
 (x) Major-Gen. Godwin Abbe (Rtd.) — Edo 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:

- (i) Mahmud Yayale Ahmed — Bauchi State
 (ii) Ojo Maduekwe — Abia State
 (iii) Amb. Bagudu M. Hirse — Plateau State
 (iv) Aderemi W. Babalola — Oyo State
 (v) Senator John James Akpanudoedehe — Akwa-Ibom State
 (vi) Halima Tayo Alao — Kwara State
 (vii) Arc. Gabriel Aduku — Kogi State
 (viii) Igwe Aja-Nwachukwu — Ebonyi State
 (ix) H. Odein Ajumogobia — Rivers State
 (x) Major-Gen. Godwin Abbe (Rtd.) — Edo State

Further 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.*

6. **Adjournment:**

And it being 8.25 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 17th July, 2007 at 10:00 a. m.

Adjourned accordingly at 8.25 p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate