



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th July, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10: 55 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, 12th July, 2007 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Messages from Mr President:**
The Senate President informed the Senate that he had received two letters from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which he read as follows:

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

July 11, 2007

*The Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone
Abuja.*

Dear Sir,

PRESENTATION OF AMENDMENT BILL

I hereby present, for formal consideration and passage into law by the Senate, the attached Draft Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2007.

The Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act by increasing the membership of the Board from three to six.

It is my hope that this Bill will receive the kind prompt attention of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Signed:
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

(B)



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

July 16, 2007

The Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone
Abuja.

Ex. and dear brother,

CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEES

In accordance with Section 147(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I hereby submit the following names, with their Cvs, for confirmation by the Senate as Ministers:

S/No.	Name	State
1.	Agada Anthony Jerry	Benue
2.	Hassan Alhaji Haruna	Jigawa
3.	Dr. Adamu Ahmed	Kaduna
4.	Michael Kaase Aondoakaa (SAN)	Benue
5.	Adenike Grange	Lagos
6.	Ibrahim Dasuki Salihu	Plateau (ANPP)
7.	Saudatu Usman Bungudu	Zamfara (ANPP)

and Hon. Oluwaropo Amos Adesanya, JP, is to replace Prince Dayo Adeyeye from Ekiti State.

While I trust your prompt confirmatory action, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Signed:
UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

4. Announcement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the underlisted who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings:

- (i) Members of the Legislative Arm, Oredo Local Government Council, Benin City, Edo State; and
- (ii) Students of the University of Nigeria Students Bar Association (UNSBA), Enugu Campus.

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Skills Acquisition and Development Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2007 (SB. 01) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Act (Amendment) Bill 2007 (SB. 05) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Confirmation of Nominees for Ministerial Appointment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume the consideration of the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, for confirmation of the nominations of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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| (i) | Senator Sanusi Mohammed Daggash | — | Borno State |
| (ii) | Shamsudeen Usman | — | Kano State |
| (iii) | Kayode Adetokunbo Adeyinka | — | Ondo State |
| (iv) | Adamu Maina Waziri | — | Yobe State |
| (v) | Hassan Mohammed Lawal | — | Nassarawa State |
| (vi) | Fatima Balaraba Ibrahim | — | Kebbi State |
| (vii) | Dr. Aliyu Modibbo Umar | — | Gombe State |
| (viii) | Dr. Idi Aliyu Hong | — | Adamawa State |
| (ix) | Ahmed Garba Bichi | — | Kano State |
| (x) | Mohammed Ahmed Gusau | — | Sokoto State |
| (xi) | Abdulrahman Hassan Gimba | — | Niger State |
| (xii) | Sharafa Tunji Ishola | — | Ogun State |
| (xiii) | Emeka John Okechukwu | — | Anambra State |
| (xiv) | Tijjani Yahaya Kaura | — | Zamfara State |
| (xv) | Ibrahim Tukar El-sudi | — | Taraba State |

(Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

7. 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, Senator Mohammed Abba Aji and Hon. Mohammed Wakil 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)

Point of Order:

Rising on Rules 15 and 18, Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon drew the attention of the Senate to the front page publication of **The Guardian Newspaper** of Sunday, 15th July, 2007 captioned "*Opposition Trails Ministerial Nominees*".

Chairman to report progress (Pursuant to Rule 15).

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

Matter of Privilege:

Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon informed the Senate that the front page publication of the Guardian newspaper of Sunday, 15th July, 2007 captioned "*Opposition Trails Ministerial Nominees*" in which the newspaper quoted him as faulting the Senate screening process of the Ministerial nominees was false.

He therefore moved that:

- (i) the Senate do note that the said newspaper publication of The Guardian newspaper of Sunday, 15th July, 2007 is not a true reflection of his views on the on-going Senate screening process of Ministerial nominees; and
- (ii) the Senate do condemn the newspaper publication (*Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon*).

Debate:**Prayer (i):**

That the Senate do note that the said newspaper publication of The Guardian newspaper of Sunday, 15th July, 2007 is not a true reflection of his views on the on-going Senate screening process of Ministerial nominees — *Agreed to*.

Prayer (ii):

That the Senate do condemn the newspaper publication — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do note that the said newspaper publication of The Guardian newspaper of Sunday, 15th July, 2007 is not a true reflection of his views on the on-going Senate screening process of Ministerial nominees; and
- (ii) That the Senate do condemn the newspaper publication (*S. Res/08/07*).

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 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Ministerial Nominees)

Nominees screened for confirmation:

- (i) Senator Sanusi Mohammed Daggash — Borno State
- (ii) Shamsudeen Usman — Kano 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:

Nominee screened:

(iii) Kayode Adetokunbo Adeyinka — Ondo State

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

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

(i) Senator Sanusi Mohammed Daggash — Borno State

(ii) Shamsudeen Usman — Kano State

(iii) Kayode Adetokunbo Adeyinka — Ondo State

The public screening exercise would resume when the Senate reconvenes.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend sitting to resume at 4:00 p. m. (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Sitting Suspended — 2. 15 p.m.

Sitting Resumed — 4. 45 p. m.

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

Question put and agreed to.

Screening resumed:

Nominees screened:

(iv) Adamu Maina Waziri — Yobe State

(v) Hassan Mohammed Lawal — Nassarawa State

(vi) Fatima Balaraba Ibrahim — Kebbi State

(vii) Dr. Aliyu Modibbo Umar — Gombe State

(viii) Dr. Idi Aliyu Hong — Adamawa 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)	Adamu Maina Waziri	—	Yobe State
(ii)	Hassan Mohammed Lawal	—	Nassarawa State
(iii)	Fatima Balaraba Ibrahim	—	Kebbi State
(iv)	Dr. Aliyu Modibbo Umar	—	Gombe State
(v)	Dr. Idi Aliyu Hong	—	Adamawa State

Further screening of the 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.*

8. Adjournment:

And it being 8:40 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 18th July, 2007 at 10:00 a. m.

Adjourned accordingly at 8:40 p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate