



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18th 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, 17th July, 2007 and approved same.

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



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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July 18, 2007

*The President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

My Dear Brother,

CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEE

In accordance with Section 147(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I hereby submit the name of Mr Olatunde Emmanuel Oduşina as the Ministerial nominee for Ekiti State.

Mr Olatunde Emmanuel Oduşina replaces Hon. Oluwaropo Amos Adesanya, JP who had earlier been nominated to replace Prince Dayo Adeyeye. A copy of Mr Olatunde's CV is attached.

Please accept, as usual, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Most Sincerely,

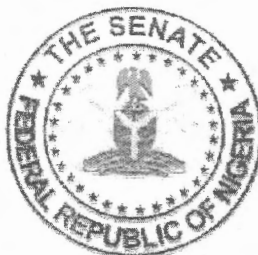
Signed:
UMARU MUŞA YAR'ADUA

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4. Announcements:

(i) *Death of the Senior Wife of Senator Hassan Mohammed:*

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Sahabi Alhaji Ya'u as follows:



Senator Sahabi Alhaji Ya'u
Zamfara North Senatorial District
Zamfara State

July 18, 2007

*The Senate President,
National Assembly
Abuja.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT: DEATH OF THE SENIOR WIFE OF
SENATOR HASSAN MOHAMMED**

With deep sorrow but with total submission to the will of Almighty Allah, I wish to inform you of the death last night of the senior wife of Senator Hassan Mohammed representing Zamfara Central.

The Islamic burial rites have been performed this morning 18th of July, 2007.

May God grant her Aljanat Firdaus.

Yours Sincerely,

*Signed:
Senator Sahabi Ya'u*

- (ii) The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Pupils of Al-Ilmu International Nursery and Primary School, Kubwa, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

5. **Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Act (Amendment) Bill 2007 (SB. 05):**

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Act (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the Second Time — *(Senate Majority Leader)*.

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and committed to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Debate:

Clause 1: **Amendment of Cap. N123:**
The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Act is amended by deleting from Section 1(2)(cc) the words "three persons" in line 1 and substituting same with the words "six persons" instead thereof.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the words "six persons" in line 3, *insert* the following:

"One person representing each of the six geo-political zones" (*Senator Iyiola Omisore*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negated.

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

Clause 2: **Citation:**
This Act may be cited as the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) (Amendment) Act 2007.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Majority Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN THE PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Bill for an Act to amend the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Act and Other Related Matters and approved as follows:

Clause 1 — As Recommended

Clause 2 — As Recommended

Question; that the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and passed.

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:

(i)	Ahmed Garba Bichi	—	Kano State
(ii)	Mohammed Ahmed Gusau	—	Sokoto State
(iii)	Abdulrahman Hassan Gimba	—	Niger State
(iv)	Sharafa Tunji Ishola	—	Ogun State
(v)	Emeka John Okechukwu	—	Anambra State

(vi)	Tijjani Yahaya Kaura	—	Zamfara State
(vii)	Ibrahim Tukar El-sudi	—	Taraba State
(viii)	Mrs. Diezani K. Alison-Madueke	—	Bayelsa State
(ix)	Chief Charles Chukwuemeka Ugwu	—	Imo State
(x)	Agada Anthony Jerry	—	Benue State
(xi)	Hassan Alhaji Haruna	—	Jigawa State
(xii)	Dr. Adamu Ahmed	—	Kaduna State
(xiii)	Hon. Oluwaropo Amos Adesanya, JP	—	Ekiti State
(xiv)	Ibrahim Dasuki Nakande	—	ANPP
(xv)	Mrs. Saudatu Usman Bungudu	—	ANPP

(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 and Senator El-Jibril Doguwa 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) Ahmed Garba Bichi — 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:

Nominees screened:

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| (ii) | Mohammed Ahmed Gusau | — | Sokoto State |
| (iii) | Abdulrahman Hassan Gimba | — | Niger 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:

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| (i) | Ahmed Garba Bichi | — | Kano State |
| (ii) | Mohammed Ahmed Gusau | — | Sokoto State |
| (iii) | Abdulrahman Hassan Gimba | — | Niger State |

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

Question put and agreed to.

Sitting Suspended — 2. 45 p.m.

Sitting Resumed — 4. 20 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.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Screening resumed:

Nominees screened:

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| (iv) | Sharafa Tunji Ishola | — | Ogun State |
| (v) | Emeka John Okechukwu | — | Anambra State |
| (vi) | Tijjani Yahaya Kaura | — | Zamfara State |
| (vii) | Mrs. Diezani K. Alison-Madueke | — | Bayelsa State |
| (viii) | Chief Charles Chukwuemeka Ugwu | — | Imo State |
| (ix) | Agada Anthony Jerry | — | Benue State |
| (x) | Mrs. Saudatu Usman Bungudu | — | ANPP |

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:

(iv)	Sharafa Tunji Ishola	—	Ogun State
(v)	Emeka John Okechukwu	—	Anambra State
(vi)	Tijjani Yahaya Kaura	—	Zamfara State
(vii)	Mrs. Diezani K. Alison-Madueke	—	Bayelsa State
(viii)	Chief Charles Chukwuemeka Ugwuh	—	Imo State
(ix)	Agada Anthony Jerry	—	Benue State
(x)	Mrs. Saudatu Usman Bungudu	—	Zamfara State (ANPP)

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 9:15 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 19th July, 2007 at 10:00 a. m.

Adjourned accordingly at 9:15 p.m.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate