



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 27th September, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10:20 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, 26th September, 2006 and approved same.
By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

22 September, 2006

Senator Ken Nnamani,
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja

Dear President of the Senate,

I refer to my letter Ref. PRES/134 dated August 16, 2006 in respect of payment for Power Sector Projects and funding of additional two days of the National Population Census 2006. Since the Bill was inadvertently denominated in US dollars, I write to withdraw the Bill to enable me incorporate it in the 2007 Appropriation Bill.

Accept, Mr Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed:
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

4. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Other Related Matters:**
The Senate President named the following as members:

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| (i) | Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba | (South South) | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator Nuhu Aliyu | (North Central) | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Victor K. Oyofe | (South South) | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Darlington E. Ajoku | (South East) | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Isaiah C. Balat | (North West) | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Tunde Ogbeha | (North Central) | — | Member |
| (vii) | Senator Rufai Hanga | (North West) | — | Member |
| (viii) | Senator Mohammed Abba Aji | (North East) | — | Member |
| (ix) | Senator Felix Ogunwale | (South West) | — | Member |
| (x) | Senator Titus Olupitan | (South West) | — | Member |
| (xi) | Senator Julius Ucha | (South East) | — | Member |
| (xii) | Senator David C. Brigidi | (South South) | — | Member |
| (xiii) | Senator Tawar U. Wada | (North East) | — | Member |

Committee to report within four (4) weeks.

5. **Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission:**
Report on Screening of Nominee:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission, on the screening of Hon. Sir Chimaobin Nwakanma (Abia State), as Commissioner in the National Population Commission, and approved the recommendation” (Senator Nicholas Ugbane).

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 on National Identity Card and National Population Commission.

Recommendation:

“That the Senate do confirm the nomination of Hon. Sir Chimaobin Nwakanma (Abia State) as a Commissioner in the National Population Commission”.

Debate:

Nominee Recommended for Confirmation:

Hon. Sir Chimaobin Nwakanma (Abia State) — *Agreed to.*

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 National Identity Card and National Population Commission on the Screening of Hon. Sir Chimaobin Nwakanma (Abia State) and approved the recommendation.

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

Confirmation:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of *Hon. Sir Chimaobin Nwakanma (Abia State)* as a Commissioner in the National Population Commission” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

The nomination of *Hon. Sir Chimaobin Nwakanma (Abia State)* as a Commissioner in the National Population Commission accordingly confirmed.

6. **Conference Report on the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria Bill 2006 (SB 258):**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and adopt the Conference Report on the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria Bill 2006 (*Senator Jibril Aminu*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Presented and Laid.

Question: That the Senate do adopt the Conference Report — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

7. **Committee on Science and Technology:**
Report on the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) Bill 2006 (SB. 103):

Consideration of Bill deferred to a later date.

8. **Trustee Investment Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 (SB. 285):**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Trustee Investment Act (Amendment) Bill 2006 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Capital Market to report within one week.

9. **National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment) Bill 2006 (SB. 336):**
Motion made and Question Proposed: That the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment) Bill 2006 be read the Second Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters to report within two weeks.

10. **Privilege of Floor:**
Admission of the Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters:
Motion made and Question proposed: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17 to admit Senator (Mrs) Florence Ita-Giwa, the Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Admission of the Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Motion made and Question proposed: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17 to admit Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, the Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Extension of Time of Sitting:

Motion made and Question proposed: That the Senate do sit, this day, beyond the appointed time for the termination of the Senate (*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 receive briefing from the Executive Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Briefing by the Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)

Debate:

Chairman to report Progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole received briefings from the Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mallam Nuhu Ribadu on the Commission's investigations of corruption in the States and Local Government Councils in the Country. The Chairman took and responded to questions from Senators.

11. Adjournment:

And it being 2.40pm, the Senate President adjourned the Senate.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.40 p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate