



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 5th June, 2007

1. The Senate met at 10: 20 a.m. pursuant to the proclamation by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua.



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PROCLAMATION FOR THE HOLDING OF THE
FIRST SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS it is provided in Section 64(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, that the person elected as President shall have power to issue a proclamation for the holding of the First Session of the National Assembly immediately after his being sworn in.

Now THEREFORE, I, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in exercise of the powers bestowed upon me by Section 64(3) aforesaid, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf hereby proclaim that the First Session of the National Assembly shall hold at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 5th June, 2007 in the National Assembly, Abuja.

Given under my hand and the public seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Abuja, this day 30th of May, 2007.

Signed:

UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA

2. At 10.20 a.m. the Clerk to the National Assembly called the Senate to order and informed Senators-Elect that writs had been received in respect of the election held on 14th April, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution. He then proceeded with the roll call of Senators-elect State by State:

ABIA STATE

S/No	Name of Senator-Elect	Senatorial District
1	Nkechi J. Nwaogu	Abia Central
2.	Uche Chukwumerije	Abia North
3.	Eyinnaya H. Abaribe	Abia South

ADAMAWA STATE

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| 4. | Jibril Mohammed Aminu | Adamawa Central |
| 5. | Mohammed Mana | Adamawa North |
| 6. | Grace Folashade J. Bent | Adamawa South |

ANAMBRA STATE

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| 7. | Chief Annie Okonkwo | Anambra Central |
| 8. | Joy Ifeyinwa Emodi | Anambra North |
| 9. | Ikechukwu John Obiora | Anambra South |

AKWA-IBOM STATE

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| 10. | Effiong Dickson Bob | Akwa-Ibom North East |
| 11. | Lady Erne Ufot Ekaette | Akwa-Ibom North South |
| 12. | Aloysious Akpan Etok | Akwa-Ibom North West |

BAUCHI STATE

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| 13. | Mohammed A. Muhammed | Bauchi Central |
| 14. | Sulaiman Mohammed Nazif | Bauchi North |
| 15. | Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed | Bauchi South |

BAYELSA STATE

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|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 16. | Chief Emmanuel Paulker | Bayelsa Central |
| 17. | Chief Nimi Barigha-Amange | Bayelsa East |
| 18. | Heineken Lokpobiri | Bayelsa West |

BENUE STATE

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| 19. | Joseph Iorshagher Akaageerger | Benue North East |
| 20. | Dr. George Akume | Benue North West |
| 21. | David A. B. Mark | Benue South |

BORNO STATE

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| 22. | Kaka Mallam Yale | Borno Central |
| 23. | Maina Ma'aji Lawan | Borno North |
| 24. | Omar A. Hambagda | Borno South |

CROSS RIVER STATE

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|-----|--------------------|---------------------|
| 25. | Gregory I. Ngaji | Cross River Centra] |
| 26. | Victor Ndoma-Egba | Cross River North |
| 27. | Bassey Ewa-Henshaw | Cross River South |

DELTA STATE

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|-----|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 28. | Prof. A. Erhiawarie Eferakeya | Delta Central |
| 29. | Patrick E. Osakwe | Delta North |
| 30. | James Ebiowou Manager | Delta South |

EBONYI STATE

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|-----|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 31. | Julius A. Ucha | Ebonyi Central |
| 32. | Anthony O. Agbo | Ebonyi North |
| 33. | Elder Anyim Chukwu Ude | Ebonyi South |

EDO STATE

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|-----|------------------------|-------------|
| 34. | Elder Odion M. Ugbesia | Edo Central |
| 35. | Alh. Yisa Braimoh | Edo North |
| 36. | Ehigie Edobor Uzamere | Edo South |

EKITI STATE

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| 37. | Engineer Adefemi Kila | Ekiti Central |
| 38. | Ayodele Sylvester Arise | Ekiti North |
| 39. | Sola Akinyede | Ekiti South |

ENUGU STATE

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|-----|-----------------------|-------------|
| 40. | Dr. Chimaroke Nnamani | Enugu East |
| 41. | Chief Ayogu Eze | Enugu North |
| 42. | Ike Ekweremadu | Enugu West |

GOMBE STATE

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|-----|---------------------------|---------------|
| 43. | Barrister Audu Idris Umar | Gombe Central |
| 44. | Kawu Peto Dukku | Gombe North |
| 45. | Tawar Umbi Wada | Gombe South |

IMO STATE

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| 46. | S. N. Anyanwu | Owerri' |
| 47. | Osita B. Izunaso | Orlu |
| 48. | Chris N. D. Anyanwu | Okigwe |

JIGAWA STATE

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|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 49. | Mujitaba Mohammed Mallam | Jigawa South West |
| 50. | Abdulaziz Usman | Jigawa North East |
| 51. | Ibrahim Saminu Turaki | Jigawa North West |

KABUNA STATE

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| 52. | Mohammed Kabir Jibril | Kaduna Central |
| 53. | Caleb Zagi | Kaduna South |
| 54. | Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi | Kaduna North |

KANO STATE

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| 55. | Aminu Sule Garo | Kano North |
| 56. | Mohammed Adamu Bello | Kano Central |
| 57. | Arc. Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya | Kano South |

KATSINA STATE

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| 58. | Ibrahim Mohammed Ida | Katsina Central |
| 59. | Mahmud Kanti Bello | Katsina North |
| 60. | Garba Yakubu Lado | Katsina South |

KEBBI STATE

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|-----|-----------------------|---------------|
| 61. | Mohammed Adamu Aliero | Kebbi Central |
| 62. | Umax Abubakar Argungu | Kebbi North |
| 63. | Abubakar T. Ayuba | Kebbi South |

KOGI STATE

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| 64. | Otaru Salihu Ohize | Kogi Central |
| 65. | Nicholas Y. Ugbane | Kogi East |
| 66. | Smart Adeyemi | Kogi West |

KWARA STATE

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|-----|-----------------------|---------------|
| 67. | Gbemi R. Saraki | Kwara Central |
| 68. | Mohammed I. Ahmed | Kwara North |
| 69. | Chief S. Sule Ajibola | Kwara South |

LAGOS STATE

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|-----|----------------------------|---------------|
| 70. | Munirudeen Adekunle Muse | Lagos Central |
| 71. | Adeleke Olorunnimbe Mamora | Lagos East |
| 72. | Ganiyu O. Solomon | Lagos West |

NASARAWA STATE

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|-----|--------------------------|----------------|
| 73. | Patricia Naomi Akwashiki | Nasarawa North |
| 74. | Suleiman A. Adokwe | Nasarawa South |
| 75. | Abubakar D. Sodangi | Nasarawa West |

NIGER STATE

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| 76. | Dahiru A. Kuta | Niger East |
| 77. | Nuhu Aliyu | Niger North |
| 78. | Zaynab A. Kure | Niger South |

OGUN STATE

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|-----|------------------------------|--------------|
| 79. | Iyabo Olusola Obasanjo-Bello | Ogun Central |
| 80. | Ramoni Olalekan Mustapha | Ogun East |
| 81. | Felix Kolawole Bajomo | Ogun West |

ONDO STATE

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| 82. | Gbenga Ogunniya | Ondo North |
| 83. | Dr. Bode Olajumoke | Ondo East |
| 84. | H. O. Ehinlanwo | Ondo South |

OSUN STATE

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| 85. | Simeon Olasunkanmi Oduoye | Osun Central |
| 86. | Iyiola Omisore | Osun East |
| 87. | Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke | Osun West |

OYO STATE

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| 38. | Teslim Kolawole Folarin | Oyo Central |
| 39. | Andrew Abidemi Babalola | Oyo North |
| 90. | Adekunle Kamorudeen Adedibu | Oyo South |

PLATEAU STATE

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|-----|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 91. | Chief Major S. W. Gogwim | Plateau Central |
| 92. | Dr. Gyang Dalyop Dantong | Plateau North |
| 93. | John Nanzip Shagaya | Plateau South |

RIVERS STATE

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|-----|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 94. | George Thomson Sekibo | Rivers East |
| 95. | Lee Ledogo Maeba | Rivers South East |
| 96. | Wilson Asinobi Ake | Rivers West |

SOKOTO STATE

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|-----|------------------------|--------------|
| 97. | Abubakar Umar Gada | Sokoto East |
| 98. | Ahmed Muhammad Maccido | Sokoto North |
| 99. | Umaru Dahiru | Sokoto South |

TARABA STATE

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|------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 100. | Dahiru Bako Gassol | Taraba Central |
| 101. | Amb. Anthony George Manzo | Taraba North |
| 102. | Joel DanJami Ikenya | Taraba South |

YOBE STATE

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|------|------------------------|------------|
| 103. | Dr. Bukar Abba Ibrahim | Yobe East |
| 104. | Ahmad Ibrahim Lawal | Yobe North |
| 105. | Adamu Garba Talba | Yobe South |

ZAMEARA STATE

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|------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 106. | Sahabi Alh. Ya'u | Zamfara North |
| 107. | Ahmed Rufa'i Sani | Zamfara West |
| 108. | Hassan Mohammed Gusau | Zamfara Central |

FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

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| 109. | Usman Jibrin Wowo | Federal Capital Territory |
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3. Election of Senate President:

Senator Lee Ledogo Maeba, Senator-elect (*Rivers East Senatorial District*) nominated Senator David A. B. Mark, Senator-elect, (*Benue South Senatorial District*). The nomination was seconded by Senator Patrick E. Osakwe, Senator-elect, (*Delta North Senatorial District*).

Senator David A. B. Mark, Senator-elect, (*Benue South Senatorial District*) accepted his nomination.

Senator-elect Suleiman Mohammed Nazif (*Bauchi North Senatorial District*) nominated Senator-elect George Akume (*Benue North West Senatorial District*). The nomination was seconded by Senator Caleb Zagi (*Kaduna South Senatorial District*).

Senator-elect George Akume (*Benue North West Senatorial District*) accepted his nomination.

Senator-elect Dahiru A. Kuta (*Niger East Senatorial District*) nominated Senator Nuhu Aliyu, Senator-elect (*Niger North Senatorial District*). The nomination was seconded by Senator-elect Bala A. Mohammed (*Bauchi South Senatorial District*).

Senator Nuhu Aliyu, Senator-elect (*Niger East Senatorial District*) accepted his nomination but later declined.

Senator-elect S. W. Godwin (*Plateau Central Senatorial District*) nominated Senator Gbemisola R. Saraki, Senator-elect (*Kwara Central Senatorial District*). The nomination was seconded by Senator Mohammed I. Ahmed, Senator-elect (*Kwara North Senatorial District*).

Senator Gbemisola R. Saraki, Senator-elect (*Kwara Central Senatorial District*) accepted her nomination but later declined.

In the absence of further nominations, the Clerk to the National Assembly declared further nominations closed.

Thereafter, the Clerk to the National Assembly conducted election into the Office of the Senate President:

Name	No. Of Votes
Senator David Mark, Senator-elect (<i>Benue South Senatorial District</i>)	— 68
Senator-elect George Akume (<i>Benue North West Senatorial District</i>)	- 39
Abstention	_____ i
Absent	- i
Total	- <u>109</u>

Senator David Mark, Senator-elect — (*Benue South Senatorial District*):

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| 1. Abaribe, Eyinnaya H. | 2. Adedibu, Adekunle Kamorudeen |
| 3. Adeleke, Isiaka Adetunji | 4. Adeyemi, Smart |
| 5. Agbo, Anthony. O. | 6. Ake, Wilson Asinobi |
| 7. Akinyele, Sola | 8. Aminu, Jibril Mohammed |
| 9. Anyanwu, Chris N. D. | 10. Anyanwu, S. N. |
| 11. Arise, Ayodele Sylvester | 12. Babalola, Andrew Abidemi |
| 13. Bajomo, Felix Kolawole | 14. Barigha-Amange, Nimi |
| 15. Bello, Mahmud Kami | 16. Bent, Grace Folashade |
| 17. Bob, Effiong Dickson | 18. Chukwumerije, Uche |
| 19. Dahiru, Umaru | 20. Eferakeya, A. Erhiawarie |
| 21. Ehinlanwo, H. O. | 22. Ekaette, Erne Ufot |
| 23. Ekweremadu, Ike | 24. Emodi, Joy Ifeyinwa |
| 25. Etok, Aloysious Akpan | 26. Ewa-Henshaw, Bassey |
| 27. Eze, Ayogu | 28. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole |
| 29. Gassol, Daliiru Bako | 30. Hambagda, Omar. Abubakar |
| 31. Ida, Ibrahim Mohammed | 32. Ikenya, Joel Danlami |
| 33. Izunaso, Osita B. | 34. Kila, Adefemi |
| 35. Lado, Garba Yakubu | 36. Lawal, Ahmad Ibrahim |
| 37. Lokpobiri, Heineken | 38. Maccido, Ahmad Muhammed |
| 39. Maeba, Lee Ledogo | 40. Mamora, Adeleke Olorunnimbe |
| 41. Mana, Mohammed | 42. Manager, James Ebiowou |
| 43. Mark, David. A. B | 44. Muse, Munirudeen Adekunle |
| 45. Mustapha, Ramoni Olalekan | 46. Ndoma-Egba, Victor |
| 47. Ngaji, Gregory. I. | 48. Nwaogu, Nkechi |
| 49. Obasanjo-Bello, Iyabo Olusola | 50. Obiora, Ikechukwu John |
| 51. Oduoye, Simeon Olasunkanmi | 52. Ogunniya, Gbenga |
| 53. Ohize, Otaru Salihu | 54. Okonkwo, Annie |
| 55. Olajumoke, Bode | 56. Omisore, Iyiola |
| 57. Osakwe, Patrick. E. | 58. Paulker, Emmanuel |
| 59. Sekibo, George Thomson | 60. Sodangi, Abubakar D. |

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| 61. Solomon, Ganiyu. O | 62. Ucha, Julius A. |
| 63. Ude, Elder Anyim Chukwu | 64. Ugbane, Nicholas Yahaya |
| 65. Umar, Audu Idris | 66. Usman, Abdulaziz |
| 67. Wada, Tawar Umbi | 68. Wowo, Usman Jibril |

Senator-elect George Akume — (Benue North West Senatorial District):

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| 1. Adokwe, Suleiman. A. | 2. Ahmed, Mohammed I. |
| 3. Ajibola, S. Sule | 4. Akaageerger, Joseph Iorshagher |
| 5. Akume, George | 6. Akwashiki, Patricia Naomi |
| 7. Aliero, Mohammed Adamu | 8. Aliyu, Nuhu |
| 9. Argungu, Abubakar Umar | 10. Ayuba, Abubakar Tanko |
| 11. Bello, Mohammed Adamu | 12. Braimoh, Alh. Yisa |
| 13. Dantong, Gyang Dalyop | 14. Dukku, Kawu Peto |
| 15. Gada, Abubakar Umar | 16. Garo, Aminu Sule |
| 17. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim | 18. Gogwim, S. W. |
| 19. Gusau, Hassan Mohammed | 20. Ibrahim, Bukar Abba |
| 21. Jibril , Mohammed Kabir | 22. Kure, Zaynab |
| 23. Kuta, Dahiru. A. | 24. Lawan, Maina Ma'aji |
| 25. Makarfi, Ahmad Mohammed | 26. Mallam, Mujitaba Mohammed |
| 27. Manzo, G. Anthony | 28. Mohammed, Bala Abdulkadir |
| 29. Muhammed, Mohammed A. | 30. Nazif, Sulaiman Mohammed |
| 31. Sani, Ahmed Rufa'i | 32. Saraki, Gbemi R. |
| 33. Shagaya, John Nanzip | 34. Talba, Adamu Garba |
| 35. Turaki, Ibrahim Saminu | 36. Ugbesia, Odion |
| 37. Uzamere, Ehigie Edobor | 38. Ya'u, SahabiAlh. |
| 39. Zagi, Caleb | |

Abstained

1. Yale, Kaka Mallam

Absent

1. Nnamani, Chimaroke

4. Election of Deputy Senate President:

Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane, Senator-elect, (*Kogi East Senatorial District*) nominated Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Senator-elect (*Enugu West Senatorial District*). The nomination was seconded by Senator James E. Manager, Senator-elect (*Delta South Senatorial District*).

Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Senator-elect (*Enugu West Senatorial District*) accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Clerk to the National Assembly declared Senator Ike Ekweremadu as Deputy President of Senate pursuant to Rule 3(2)(c) of the Rules of the Senate.

5. Oaths of Allegiance, and Oath of Office (Senate President):

The Clerk to the National Assembly called on Senator Lee L. Maeba and Patrick E. Osakwe to conduct the Senate President to the Table to take and subscribe to the Oaths as required by law.

6. Oaths of Allegiance, and Oath of Office (Deputy Senate President):

The Clerk to the National Assembly also called on Senator Nicholas Y. Ugbane and Senator James E. Manager to conduct the Deputy Senate President to the Table to take and subscribe to the Oaths as required by law.

7. Oaths of Allegiance and Membership (Senators-Elect):

The following Senators-elect took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance and Membership as required by law:

1.	Abaribe, Eymnaya H.	—	<i>Abia South</i>
2.	Adedibu, Adekunle Kamorudeen	—	<i>Oyo South</i>
3.	Adeleke, Isiaka Adetunji	—	<i>Lagos East</i>
4.	Adeyemi, Smart	—	<i>Kogi West</i>
5.	Adokwe, Suleiman. A.	—	<i>Nasarawa South</i>
6.	Agbo, Anthony. O.	—	<i>Abia South</i>
7.	Ahmed, Mohammed I.	—	<i>Kwara North</i>
8.	Ajibola, S. Sule	—	<i>Kwara South</i>
9.	Akaageerger, Joseph Iorshagher	—	<i>Benue North-East</i>
10.	Ake, Wilson Asinobi	—	<i>Abia South</i>
11.	Akinyele, Sola	—	<i>Ekiti South</i>
12.	Akume, George	—	<i>Benue North West</i>
13.	Akwashiki, Patricia Naomi	—	<i>Nasarawa North</i>
14.	Aliero, Mohammed Adamu	—	<i>Kebbi Central</i>
15.	Aliyu, Nuhu	—	<i>Niger North</i>
16.	Aminu, Jibril Mohammed	—	<i>Adamawa Central</i>
17.	Anyanwu, Chris N. D.	—	<i>Okigwe</i>
18.	Anyanwu, S. N.	—	<i>Owerri</i>
19.	Arise, Ayodele Sylvester	—	<i>Ekiti North</i>
20.	Argungu, Abubakar Umar	—	<i>Kebbi North</i>
21.	Ayuba, Abubakar Tanko	—	<i>Kebbi South</i>
22.	Babalola, Andrew Abidemi	—	<i>Oyo North</i>
23.	Bajomo, Felix Kolawole	—	<i>Ogun West</i>
24.	Barigha-Amange, Nimi	—	<i>Bayelsa East</i>
25.	Bello, Mahmud Kanti	—	<i>Katsina North (Daura Zone)</i>
26.	Bello, Mohammed Adamu	—	<i>Kano Central</i>
27.	Bent, Grace Folashade	—	<i>Adamawa South</i>
28.	Bob, Effiong Dickson	—	<i>Akwa-Ibom North East</i>
29.	Braimoh, Alh. Yisa	—	<i>Edo North</i>
30.	Chukwumerije, Uche	—	<i>Abia North</i>
31.	Dahiru, Umaru	—	<i>Sokoto South</i>
32.	Dantong, Gyang Dalyop	—	<i>Plateau North</i>
33.	Dukku, Kawu Peto	—	<i>Gombe North</i>
34.	Eferakeya, A. Erhiawarie	—	<i>Delta Central</i>
35.	Ehinlanwo, H. O.	—	<i>Ondo South</i>
36.	Ekaette, Erne Ufot	—	<i>Akwa-Ibom North South</i>
37.	Emmanuel, Paulker	—	<i>Bayelsa Central</i>
38.	Emodi, Joy Ifeyinwa	—	<i>Anambra North</i>
39.	Etok, Aloysious Akpan	—	<i>Akwa-Ibom North West</i>
40.	Ewa-Henshaw, Bassey	—	<i>Cross River South</i>
41.	Eze, Ayogu	—	<i>Enugu North</i>
42.	Folarin, Teslim Kolawole	—	<i>Oyo Central</i>
43.	Gada, Abubakar Umar	—	<i>Sokoto East</i>
44.	Garo, Aminu Sule	—	<i>Kano North</i>
45.	Gassol, Dahiru Bako	—	<i>Taraba Central</i>
46.	Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim	—	<i>Kano South</i>
47.	Gogwim, S. W.	—	<i>Plateau Central</i>
48.	Gusau, Hassan Mohammed	—	<i>Zamfara Central</i>
49.	Hambagda, Omar Abubakar	—	<i>Borno South</i>
50.	Ibrahim, Bukar Abba	—	<i>Yobe East</i>
51.	Ida, Ibrahim Mohammed	—	<i>Katsina Central</i>

52.	Ikenya, Joel Danlami	—	<i>Taraba South</i>
53.	Izunaso, Osita B.	—	<i>Orlu</i>
54.	Jibril, Mohammed Kabir	—	<i>Kaduna Central</i>
55.	Kila, Adefemi	—	<i>Ekiti Central</i>
56.	Kure, Zaynab	—	<i>Niger South</i>
57.	Kuta, Dahiru. A.	—	<i>Niger East</i>
58.	Lado, Garba Yakubu	—	<i>Katsina South</i>
59.	Lawal, Ahmad Ibrahim	—	<i>Yobe North</i>
60.	Lawan, Maina Ma'aji	—	<i>Borno North</i>
61.	Lokpobiri, Heineken	—	<i>Bayelsa West</i>
62.	Maccido, Ahmad Muhammed	—	<i>Sokoto North</i>
63.	Maeba, Lee Ledogo	—	<i>Rivers South-East</i>
64.	Makarfi, Ahmad Mohammed	—	<i>Kaduna North</i>
65.	Mallam, Mujitaba Mohammed	—	<i>Jigawa South-West</i>
66.	Mamora, Adeleke Olorunnibe	—	<i>Lagos East</i>
67.	Mana, Mohammed	—	<i>Adamawa North</i>
68.	Manager, James Ebiowou	—	<i>Delta South</i>
69.	Manzo, G. Anthony	—	<i>Taraba North</i>
70.	Mohammed, Bala Abdulkadir	—	<i>Bauchi South</i>
71.	Muhammed, Mohammed A.	—	<i>Bauchi Central</i>
72.	Muse, Munirudeen Adekanle	—	<i>Lagos Central</i>
73.	Mustapha, Ramoni Olalekan	—	<i>Ogun East</i>
74.	Nazif, Sulaiman Mohammed	—	<i>Bauchi North</i>
75.	Ndoma-Egba, Victor	—	<i>Cross River North</i>
76.	Ngaji, Gregory. I.	—	<i>Cross River Central</i>
77.	Nwaogu, Nkechi	—	<i>Abia Central</i>
78.	Obasanjo-Bello, Iyabo Olusola	—	<i>Ogun Central</i>
79.	Obiora, Ikechukwu John	—	<i>Bauchi North</i>
80.	Oduoye, Simeon Olasunkanmi	—	<i>Osun Central</i>
81.	Ogunniya, Gbenga	—	<i>Ondo North</i>
82.	Ohize, Otaru Salihu	—	<i>Kogi Central</i>
83.	Okonkwo, Annie	—	<i>Anambra Central</i>
84.	Olajumoke, Bode	—	<i>Ondo East</i>
85.	Omisore, Iyiola	—	<i>Osun East</i>
86.	Osakwe, Patrick. E.	—	<i>Delta North</i>
87.	Sam", Ahmed Rufa'i	—	<i>Zamfara West</i>
88.	Saraki, Gbemi Ruqayyat	—	<i>Kwara Central</i>
89.	Shagaya, John Nanzip	—	<i>Plateau South</i>
90.	Sekibo, George Thomson	—	<i>Rivers East</i>
91.	Sodangi, Abubakar D.	—	<i>Nasarawa West</i>
92.	Solomon, Ganiyu O.	—	<i>Lagos West</i>
93.	Talba, Adamu Garba	—	<i>Yobe South</i>
94.	Turaki, Ibrahim Saminu	—	<i>Jigawa North-West</i>
95.	Ucha, Julius A.	—	<i>Ebonyi Central</i>
96.	Ude, Elder Anyim Chukwu	—	<i>Ebonyi South</i>
97.	Ugbane, Nicholas Yahaya	—	<i>Kogi East</i>
98.	Ugbesia, Odion	—	<i>Edo Central</i>
99.	Umar, Audu Idris	—	<i>Gombe Central</i>
100.	Usman, Abdulaziz	—	<i>Jigawa North-East</i>
101.	Uzamere, Ehigie Edobor	—	<i>Edo South</i>
102.	Wada, Tawar Umbi	—	<i>Gombe South</i>

103.	Wowo, Usman Jibril	—	Federal Capital Territory
104.	Yale, Kaka Mallam	—	Borno Central
105.	Ya'u, SahabiAlh.	—	Zamfara North
106.	Zagi, Caleb	—	Kaduna South

8. Remarks by Senate President:

A SPEECH PRESENTED BY SENATOR DAVID ALEC MENU BONA VENTURE MARK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SWEARING-IN AS THE SENATE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ON JUNE 5, 2007.

Distinguished Colleagues, Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria I feel highly honoured to be called upon you to take the mantle of leadership of the 6th Senate of the Federal Public of Nigeria today. I have tremendous respect for this hallowed Chamber and I am totally committed to sustaining that. My dear Colleagues I am deeply humbled and count it a great honour to be overwhelmingly elected by you as the Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria I am even more humbled that you consider worthy to be reposed with such tremendous confidence as the first among equals at such a critical moment in the history of our National Assembly. It is a rare privilege and a unique call continue to serve to our people.

The Senate, and indeed the entire National Assembly, is a very strategic and important arm of government. No country can effectively operate a robust democracy without a viable and virile legislature. We have responsibility to make laws for the peace, order and good governance of our people and also act as a check on the other arms of government. The concept of oversight functions which the National Assembly is constitutionally empowered to carry out on the other arms of government must be sustained.

Distinguished Colleagues, surely, I cannot succeed in my new assignment without your unalloyed support and cooperation. I therefore wish to seize this opportunity to extend my hand of fellowship to you all and seek your support and usual genuine advice from time to time irrespective of our political and ideological leanings. The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is one and it shall remain one, united family.

It is our collective responsibility to protect the institution and make it the pride of all. In the same vein, it is my vision that the Senate must collaborate with the other arms of government and other democratic institutions so that jointly we can help to strengthen and deepen our present democratic experience for the good of our country. And we can do this easily without compromising our legislative authority and independence. If public confidence in the Senate must be sustained and strengthened, I call on all of us to rise to the challenges of our collective mandate and demonstrate honest and transparent leadership qualities and exemplary conducts at all times in the discharge of our duties. This Senate unarguably is made up of men and women of proven integrity with track records of accomplishment in various fields of endeavour. We are best suited to help sharpen the future destiny of this great country. We must galvanize and synchronize our energies towards the pursuit of the good of all Nigerians while shunning corrupt tendencies.

Distinguished Colleagues, there is no legislature any where in the world that will succeed if it does not maintain harmonious relationship with other arms of government, particularly the Executive and there is no Executive anywhere in the world practicing democratic governance that would succeed without maintaining a cordial, respectful, mutual, admirable relationship with the legislature. The legislature is the difference between dictatorship and democratic governance. We make the difference.

Finally, I thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me to lead this Senate to higher glory. We would do this by achieving stability in the Senate. We have to put our house in order first before we can carry out the necessary responsibilities reposed on us by the Constitution. Please be assured that with your support and cooperation and by the grace of God Almighty, I shall not disappoint this Senate and the Nation. We have collective responsibilities. You all know that the easiest thing people do is to criticize but the most challenging thing is to come out with ideas that can move the nation from one point to the next.

I want to assure you and the entire country that my tenure will provide a focused and purposeful leadership that will invigorate the Senate and build bridges of understanding amongst the diverse segments of the Nigerian society.

/pray that the Good Lord gives us the courage to speak the truth all the times and the wisdom to judge fairly and with the fear of God.

Long live the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

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Thank you all.

Senator David Mark
President of the Senate

9. Adjournment:

And it being 2.10 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 6th June, 2007 at 12:00 noon.

David A. B. Mark
President of the Senate