



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11th June, 2019

1. The Senate met at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to the proclamation by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Your Excellency,

**PROCLAMATION FOR THE HOLDING OF THE
FIRST SESSION OF THE 9th NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS it is provided in Section 64(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended) 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 Muhammadu Buhari, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in exercise of the powers bestowed upon me by Section (64) aforesaid, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf hereby proclaim that the First Session of the Ninth (9th) National Assembly shall hold at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th June, 2019 in the National Assembly, Abuja.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Abuja, this 30th Day of May, 2019.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)*

Muhammadu Buhari
*President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces
Federal Republic of Nigeria*

2. At 10.04 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 elections held on 23rd February, 2019 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.	Orji, Theodore Ahamefule	Abia Central
2.	Kalu, Orji Uzor	Abia North
3.	Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt	Abia South

ADAMAWA STATE

4.	Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed	Adamawa Central
5.	Ishaku, Elisha Cliff	Adamawa North
6.	Yaroe, Binos Dauda	Adamawa South

AKWA-IBOM STATE

7.	Akpan, Albert Bassey	Akwa-Ibom North East
8.	Ekpenyong, Christopher Stephen	Akwa-Ibom North West
9.	Eyakenyi, Akon Etim	Akwa-Ibom South

ANAMBRA STATE

10.	Ekwunife, Uche Lilian	Anambra Central
11.	Oduah, Stella Adaeze	Anambra North
12.	Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi	Anambra South

BAUCHI STATE

13.	Jika, Dauda Halliru	Bauchi Central
14.	Bulkachuwa, Adamu Muhammad	Bauchi North
15.	Gumau, Lawal Yahaya	Bauchi South

BAYELSA STATE

16.	Diri, Douye	Bayelsa Central
17.	Degi, Eremienyo Biobaraku Wangagra	Bayelsa East
18.	Ewhrudjakpo, Lawrence O.	Bayelsa West

BENUE STATE

19.	Suswam, Gabriel Torwua	Benue North East
20.	Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa	Benue North West
21.	Moro, Patrick Abba	Benue South

BORNO STATE

22.	Shettima, Kashim	Borno Central
23.	Kyari, Abubakar Shaib	Borno North
24.	Ndume, Mohammed Ali	Borno South

CROSS RIVER STATE

25.	Onor, Sandy Ojang	Cross River Central
26.	Okoro, Rose Okoji	Cross River North
27.	Bassey, Gershom Henry	Cross River South

DELTA STATE

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| 28. | Orno-Agege, Ovie Augustine | Delta Central |
| 29. | Nwaoboshi, Peter Onyeluka | Delta North |
| 30. | Manager, James Ebiowou | Delta South |

EBONYI STATE

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| 31. | Ogba, Joseph Obinna | Ebonyi Central |
| 32. | Egwu, Samuel Ominyi | Ebonyi North |
| 33. | Nnachi, Ama Michael | Ebonyi South |

EDO STATE

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| 34. | Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford | Edo Central |
| 35. | Alimikhena, Francis Asekhame | Edo North |
| 36. | Urhoghide, Matthew Aisagbonriodion | Edo South |

EKITI STATE

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| 37. | Bamidele, Opeyemi Micheal | Ekiti Central |
| 38. | Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji | Ekiti North |
| 39. | Adeyeye, Clement Adedayo | Ekiti South |

ENUGU STATE

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| 40. | Nnamani, Chimaroke Ogbonna | Enugu East |
| 41. | Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey | Enugu North |
| 42. | Ekweremadu, Ike | Enugu West |

FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

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| 43. | Tanimu, Philip Aduda | F.C.T |
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GOMBE STATE

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| 44. | Goje, Mohammed Danjuma | Gombe Central |
| 45. | Alkali, Saidu Ahmed | Gombe North |
| 46. | Amos, Bulus Kilawangs | Gombe South |

IMO STATE

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| 47. | | Imo North |
| 48. | Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis | Imo East |
| 49. | | Imo West |

JIGAWA STATE

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| 50. | Hadeija, Hassan Ibrahim | Jigawa North-East |
| 51. | Sankara, Danladi Abdullahi | Jigawa North-West |
| 52. | Mohammed, Sabo | Jigawa South-West |

KADUNA STATE

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| 53. | Sani, Uba | Kaduna Central |
| 54. | Kwari, Suleiman Abdul | Kaduna North |

55. La'ah, Danjuma Tella Kaduna South

KANO STATE

56. Shekarau, Ibrahim Kano Central
57. Barau, Ibrahim Jibrin Kano North
58. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim Kano South

KATSINA STATE

59. Birkiya, Abdullahi Kabir Katsina Central
60. Ahmed, Babba Kaita Katsina North
61. Mandiya, Bello Katsina South

KEBBI STATE

62. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero Kebbi Central
63. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar Kebbi North
64. Na'allah, Bala Ibn Kebbi South

KOGI STATE

65. Yakubu, Oseni Kogi Central
66. Isah, Jibrin Kogi East
67. Melaye, Dino Kogi West

KWARA STATE

69. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim Kwara Central
68. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman Kwara North
70. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa Kwara South

LAGOS STATE

71. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade Lagos Central
72. Osinowo, Sikiru Adebayo Lagos East
73. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan Lagos West

NASARAWA STATE

74. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko Nasarawa North
75. Akwashiki, Godiya Nasarawa South
76. Adamu, Abdullahi Nasarawa West

NIGER STATE

77. Umaru, David Niger East
78. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi Niger North
79. Bima Enagi, Muhammad Niger South

OGUN STATE

80. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja Ogun Central
81. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni Ogun East
82. Odebiyi, Akinremi Tolulope Ogun West

ONDO STATE

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| 83. | Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo | Ondo Central |
| 84. | Boroffice, Robert Ajayi | Ondo North |
| 85. | Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola | Ondo South |

OSUN STATE

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|-----|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 86. | Bashiru, Surajudeen Ajibola | Osun Central |
| 87. | Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba | Osun East |
| 88. | Oriolowo, Adelere Adeyemi | Osun West |

OYO STATE

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| 89. | Folarin, Teslim Kolawole | Oyo Central |
| 90. | Buhari, Abdulfatai | Oyo North |
| 91. | Balogun, Kola Ademola | Oyo South |

PLATEAU STATE

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| 92. | Dimka, Hezekiah Ayuba | Plateau Central |
| 93. | Gyang, Dung Istifanus | Plateau North |
| 94. | Longjan, Ignatius Datong | Plateau South |

RIVERS STATE

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| 95. | Sekibo, George Thompson | Rivers East |
| 96. | Mpigi, Barinada, | Rivers South-East |
| 97. | Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn | Rivers West |

SOKOTO STATE

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| 98. | Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi | Sokoto East |
| 99. | Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda | Sokoto North |
| 100. | Shehu, Tambuwal Abubakar | Sokoto South |

TARABA STATE

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| 101. | Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf | Taraba Central |
| 102. | Isa, Shuaibu Lau | Taraba North |
| 103. | Bwacha, Emmanuel | Taraba South |

YOBE STATE

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| 104. | Gaidam, Ibrahim Alhaji | Yobe East |
| 105. | Lawan, Ahmad Ibrahim | Yobe North |
| 106. | Bornai, Ibrahim Mohammed | Yobe South |

ZAMFARA STATE

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| 107. | Mohammed, Hassan | Zamfara Central |
| 108. | Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi | Zamfara North |
| 109. | Lawali, Hassan Anka | Zamfara West |

3. Election of Senate President:

Senator-elect Abdullahi A. Yahaya (*Kebbi North*) nominated Senator-elect Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*). The nomination was seconded by Senator-elect Adeola O. Solomon (*Lagos West*).

Senator-elect Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) accepted his nomination.

Senator-elect Elisha C. Ishaku (*Adamawa North*) nominated Senator-elect Mohammed Ali Ndume (*Borno South*). The nomination was seconded by Senator-elect Mpigi, Barinada (*Rivers South-East*).

Senator-elect Mohammed Ali Ndume (*Borno South*) accepted his nomination.

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

Name	No. of Votes
Senator-elect Ahmad I. Lawan (<i>Yobe North Senatorial District</i>)	— 79
Senator-elect Mohammed Ali Ndume (<i>Borno South Senatorial District</i>)	— 28
Total	— <u>107</u>

Senators Present:

1.	Orji, Theodore Ahamefule	<i>Abia Central</i>
2.	Kalu, Orji Uzor	<i>Abia North</i>
3.	Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt	<i>Abia South</i>
4.	Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed	<i>Adamawa Central</i>
5.	Ishaku, Elisha Cliff	<i>Adamawa North</i>
6.	Yaroe, Binos Dauda	<i>Adamawa South</i>
7.	Akpan, Albert Bassey	<i>Akwa-Ibom North East</i>
8.	Ekpenyong, Christopher Stephen	<i>Akwa-Ibom North West</i>
9.	Eyakenyi, Akon Etim	<i>Akwa-Ibom South</i>
10.	Ekwunife, Uche Lilian	<i>Anambra Central</i>
11.	Oduah, Stella Adaeze	<i>Anambra North</i>
12.	Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi	<i>Anambra South</i>
13.	Jika, Dauda Halliru	<i>Bauchi Central</i>
14.	Bulkachuwa, Adamu Muhammad	<i>Bauchi North</i>
15.	Gumau, Lawal Yahaya	<i>Bauchi South</i>
16.	Diri, Douye	<i>Bayelsa Central</i>
17.	Degi, Eremienyo Biobaraku Wangagra	<i>Bayelsa East</i>
18.	Ewhrudjakpo, Lawrence O.	<i>Bayelsa West</i>
19.	Suswam, Gabriel Torwua	<i>Benue North East</i>
20.	Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa	<i>Benue North West</i>
21.	Moro, Patrick Abba	<i>Benue South</i>
22.	Shettima, Kashim	<i>Borno Central</i>
23.	Kyari, Abubakar Shaib	<i>Borno North</i>
24.	Ndume, Mohammed Ali	<i>Borno South</i>
25.	Onor, Sandy Ojang	<i>Cross River Central</i>
26.	Oko, Rose Okoji	<i>Cross River North</i>
27.	Bassey, Gershom Henry	<i>Cross River South</i>
28.	Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine	<i>Delta Central</i>
29.	Nwaoboshi, Peter Onyeluka	<i>Delta North</i>
30.	Manager, James Ebiowou	<i>Delta South</i>
31.	Ogba, Joseph Obinna	<i>Ebonyi Central</i>

32.	Egwu, Samuel Ominyi	<i>Ebonyi North</i>
33.	Nnachi, Ama Michael	<i>Ebonyi South</i>
34.	Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford	<i>Edo Central</i>
35.	Alimikhen, Francis Asekham	<i>Edo North</i>
36.	Urhoghide, Matthew Aisagbonriodion	<i>Edo South</i>
37.	Bamidele, Opeyemi Micheal	<i>Ekiti Central</i>
38.	Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji	<i>Ekiti North</i>
39.	Adeyeye, Clement Adedayo	<i>Ekiti South</i>
40.	Nnamani, Chimaroke Ogbonna	<i>Enugu East</i>
41.	Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey	<i>Enugu North</i>
42.	Ekweremadu, Ike	<i>Enugu West</i>
43.	Tanimu, Philip Aduda	<i>F.C.T</i>
44.	Goje, Mohammed Danjuma	<i>Gombe Central</i>
45.	Alkali, Saidu Ahmed	<i>Gombe North</i>
46.	Amos, Bulus Kilawangs	<i>Gombe South</i>
47.	Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis	<i>Imo East</i>
48.	Hadeija, Hassan Ibrahim	<i>Jigawa North-East</i>
49.	Sankara, Danladi Abdullahi	<i>Jigawa North-West</i>
50.	Mohammed, Sabo	<i>Jigawa South-West</i>
51.	Sani, Uba	<i>Kaduna Central</i>
52.	Kwari, Suleiman Abdul	<i>Kaduna North</i>
53.	La'ah, Danjuma Tella	<i>Kaduna South</i>
54.	Shekarau, Ibrahim	<i>Kano Central</i>
55.	Barau, Ibrahim Jibrin	<i>Kano North</i>
56.	Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim	<i>Kano South</i>
57.	Birkiya, Abdullahi Kabir	<i>Katsina Central</i>
58.	Ahmed, Babba Kaita	<i>Katsina North</i>
59.	Mandiya, Bello	<i>Katsina South</i>
60.	Adamu, Muhammad Aliero	<i>Kebbi Central</i>
61.	Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar	<i>Kebbi North</i>
62.	Na'allah, Bala Ibn	<i>Kebbi South</i>
63.	Yakubu, Oseni	<i>Kogi Central</i>
64.	Isah, Jibrin	<i>Kogi East</i>
65.	Melaye, Dino	<i>Kogi West</i>
66.	Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim	<i>Kwara Central</i>
67.	Umar, Sadiq Suleiman	<i>Kwara North</i>
68.	Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa	<i>Kwara South</i>
69.	Tinubu, Oluremi Shade	<i>Lagos Central</i>
70.	Osinowo, Sikiru Adebayo	<i>Lagos East</i>
71.	Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan	<i>Lagos West</i>
72.	Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko	<i>Nasarawa North</i>
73.	Akwashiki, Godiya	<i>Nasarawa South</i>
74.	Adamu, Abdullahi	<i>Nasarawa West</i>
75.	Umaru, David	<i>Niger East</i>
76.	Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi	<i>Niger North</i>
77.	Bima Enagi, Muhammad	<i>Niger South</i>
78.	Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja	<i>Ogun Central</i>
79.	Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni	<i>Ogun East</i>
80.	Odebiyi, Akinremi Tolulope	<i>Ogun West</i>
81.	Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo	<i>Ondo Central</i>
82.	Boroffice, Robert Ajayi	<i>Ondo North</i>
83.	Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola	<i>Ondo South</i>
84.	Bashiru, Surajudeen Ajibola	<i>Osun Central</i>
85.	Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba	<i>Osun East</i>
86.	Oriolowo, Adelere Adeyemi	<i>Osun West</i>

87.	Folarin, Teslim Kolawole	<i>Oyo Central</i>
88.	Buhari, Abdulfatai	<i>Oyo North</i>
89.	Balogun, Kola Ademola	<i>Oyo South</i>
90.	Dimka, Hezekiah Ayuba	<i>Plateau Central</i>
91.	Gyang, Dung Istifanus	<i>Plateau North</i>
92.	Longjan, Ignatius Datong	<i>Plateau South</i>
93.	Sekibo, George Thompson	<i>Rivers East</i>
94.	Mpigi, Barinada,	<i>Rivers South-East</i>
95.	Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn	<i>Rivers West</i>
96.	Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi	<i>Sokoto East</i>
97.	Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda	<i>Sokoto North</i>
98.	Shehu, Tambuwal Abubakar	<i>Sokoto South</i>
99.	Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf	<i>Taraba Central</i>
100.	Isa, Shuaibu Lau	<i>Taraba North</i>
101.	Bwacha, Emmanuel	<i>Taraba South</i>
102.	Gaidam, Ibrahim Alhaji	<i>Yobe East</i>
103.	Lawan, Ahmad Ibrahim	<i>Yobe North</i>
104.	Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed	<i>Yobe South</i>
105.	Mohammed, Hassan	<i>Zamfara Central</i>
106.	Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi	<i>Zamfara North</i>
107.	Lawali, Hassan Anka	<i>Zamfara West</i>

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

The Clerk to the National Assembly called on Senator-elect Abdullahi A. Yahaya (*Kebbi North*) and Senator-elect Adeola O. Solomon (*Lagos West*) to conduct the Senate President to the Table to take and subscribe to the Oaths as required by law.

5. Election of Deputy Senate President:

Senator-elect Ahmed, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*) nominated Senator-elect Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*). The nomination was seconded by Senator-elect Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*).

Senator-elect Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*) accepted his nomination.

Senator-elect Chukwuka G. Utazi (*Enugu North*) nominated Senator-elect Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*). The nomination was seconded by Senator-elect Rose O. Oko (*Cross River North*).

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

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

Name	No. of Votes
Senator-elect Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (<i>Delta Central Senatorial District</i>)	— 68
Senator-elect Ike Ekweremadu (<i>Enugu West Senatorial District</i>)	— 37
Abstention	— 1
Invalid	— 1
Total	— <u>107</u>

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

The Clerk to the National Assembly also called on Senator-elect Ahmed, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*) and Senator-elect Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*) 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. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule	<i>Abia Central</i>
2. Kalu, Orji Uzor	<i>Abia North</i>
3. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt	<i>Abia South</i>
4. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed	<i>Adamawa Central</i>
5. Ishaku, Elisha Cliff	<i>Adamawa North</i>
6. Yaroe, Binos Dauda	<i>Adamawa South</i>
7. Akpan, Albert Bassey	<i>Akwa-Ibom North East</i>
8. Ekpenyong, Christopher Stephen	<i>Akwa-Ibom North West</i>
9. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim	<i>Akwa-Ibom South</i>
10. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian	<i>Anambra Central</i>
11. Oduah, Stella Adaeze	<i>Anambra North</i>
12. Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi	<i>Anambra South</i>
13. Jika, Dauda Halliru	<i>Bauchi Central</i>
14. Bulkachuwa, Adamu Muhammad	<i>Bauchi North</i>
15. Gumau, Lawal Yahaya	<i>Bauchi South</i>
16. Diri, Douye	<i>Bayelsa Central</i>
17. Degi, Eremienyo Biobaraku Wangagra	<i>Bayelsa East</i>
18. Ewhrudjakpo, Lawrence O.	<i>Bayelsa West</i>
19. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua	<i>Benue North East</i>
20. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa	<i>Benue North West</i>
21. Moro, Patrick Abba	<i>Benue South</i>
22. Shettima, Kashim	<i>Borno Central</i>
23. Kyari, Abubakar Shaib	<i>Borno North</i>
24. Ndume, Mohammed Ali	<i>Borno South</i>
25. Onor, Sandy Ojang	<i>Cross River Central</i>
26. Oko, Rose Okoji	<i>Cross River North</i>
27. Bassey, Gershom Henry	<i>Cross River South</i>
28. Nwaoboshi, Peter Onyeluka	<i>Delta North</i>
29. Manager, James Ebiowou	<i>Delta South</i>
30. Ogba, Joseph Obinna	<i>Ebonyi Central</i>
31. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi	<i>Ebonyi North</i>
32. Nnachi, Ama Michael	<i>Ebonyi South</i>
33. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford	<i>Edo Central</i>
34. Alimikhena, Francis Asekhome	<i>Edo North</i>
35. Urhoghide, Matthew Aisagbonriodion	<i>Edo South</i>
36. Bamidele, Opeyemi Micheal	<i>Ekiti Central</i>
37. Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji	<i>Ekiti North</i>
38. Adeyeye, Clement Adedayo	<i>Ekiti South</i>
39. Nnamani, Chimaroke Ogbonna	<i>Enugu East</i>
40. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey	<i>Enugu North</i>
41. Ekweremadu, Ike	<i>Enugu West</i>
42. Tanimu, Philip Aduda	<i>F.C.T</i>
43. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma	<i>Gombe Central</i>
44. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed	<i>Gombe North</i>
45. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs	<i>Gombe South</i>
46. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis	<i>Imo North</i>

47.	Hadeija, Hassan Ibrahim	<i>Jigawa North-East</i>
48.	Sankara, Danladi Abdullahi	<i>Jigawa North-West</i>
49.	Mohammed, Sabo	<i>Jigawa South-West</i>
50.	Sani, Uba	<i>Kaduna Central</i>
51.	Kwari, Suleiman Abdul	<i>Kaduna North</i>
52.	La'ah, Danjuma Tella	<i>Kaduna South</i>
53.	Shekarau, Ibrahim	<i>Kano Central</i>
54.	Barau, Ibrahim Jibrin	<i>Kano North</i>
55.	Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim	<i>Kano South</i>
56.	Birkiya, Abdullahi Kabir	<i>Katsina Central</i>
57.	Ahmed, Babba Kaita	<i>Katsina North</i>
58.	Mandiya, Bello	<i>Katsina South</i>
59.	Adamu, Muhammad Aliero	<i>Kebbi Central</i>
60.	Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar	<i>Kebbi North</i>
61.	Na'allah, Bala Ibn	<i>Kebbi South</i>
62.	Yakubu, Oseni	<i>Kogi Central</i>
63.	Isah, Jibrin	<i>Kogi East</i>
64.	Melaye, Dino	<i>Kogi West</i>
65.	Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim	<i>Kwara Central</i>
66.	Umar, Sadiq Suleiman	<i>Kwara North</i>
67.	Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa	<i>Kwara South</i>
68.	Tinubu, Oluremi Shade	<i>Lagos Central</i>
69.	Osinowo, Sikiru Adebayo	<i>Lagos East</i>
70.	Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan	<i>Lagos West</i>
71.	Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko	<i>Nasarawa North</i>
72.	Akwashiki, Godiya	<i>Nasarawa South</i>
73.	Adamu, Abdullahi	<i>Nasarawa West</i>
74.	Umaru, David	<i>Niger East</i>
75.	Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi	<i>Niger North</i>
76.	Bima Enagi, Muhammad	<i>Niger South</i>
77.	Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja	<i>Ogun Central</i>
78.	Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni	<i>Ogun East</i>
79.	Odebiyi, Akinremi Tolulope	<i>Ogun West</i>
80.	Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo	<i>Ondo Central</i>
81.	Boroffice, Robert Ajayi	<i>Ondo North</i>
82.	Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola	<i>Ondo South</i>
83.	Bashiru, Surajudeen Ajibola	<i>Osun Central</i>
84.	Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba	<i>Osun East</i>
85.	Oriolowo, Adelere Adeyemi	<i>Osun West</i>
86.	Folarin, Teslim Kolawole	<i>Oyo Central</i>
87.	Buhari, Abdulfatai	<i>Oyo North</i>
88.	Balogun, Kola Ademola	<i>Oyo South</i>
89.	Dimka, Hezekiah Ayuba	<i>Plateau Central</i>
90.	Gyang, Dung Istifanus	<i>Plateau North</i>
91.	Longjan, Ignatius Datong	<i>Plateau South</i>
92.	Sekibo, George Thompson	<i>Rivers East</i>
93.	Mpigi, Barinada,	<i>Rivers South-East</i>
94.	Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn	<i>Rivers West</i>
95.	Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi	<i>Sokoto East</i>
96.	Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda	<i>Sokoto North</i>
97.	Shehu, Tambuwal Abubakar	<i>Sokoto South</i>
98.	Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf	<i>Taraba Central</i>
99.	Isa, Shuaibu Lau	<i>Taraba North</i>
100.	Bwacha, Emmanuel	<i>Taraba South</i>

101.	Gaidam, Ibrahim Alhaji	Yobe East
102.	Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed	Yobe South
103.	Mohammed, Hassan	Zamfara Central
104.	Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi	Zamfara North
105.	Lawali, Hassan Anka	Zamfara West

8. Remarks by Senate President:



**President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria**

**A SENATE THAT WORKS FOR NIGERIANS:
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT OF THE 9TH
SENATE, DISTINGUISHED SENATOR AHMAD LAWAN, PH.D, CON
TUESDAY, 11TH OF JUNE, 2019,**

Protocols

My fellow Distinguished Senators, I am pleased and privileged to stand before you today to commence a historic journey of selfless service as President of the 9th Senate. This is an extremely special moment for me. I humbly and gratefully accept my election as the President of the 9th Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I am deeply grateful to all my Distinguished Colleagues who overwhelmingly elected me to lead the 9th Senate as first among equals and for their gracious concession. I declare myself your Humble Servant and you Distinguished Senators as my true bosses in every sense of the word.

I acknowledge and salute three categories of people: your families and friends for their support and sacrifice; your various political parties on whose platforms you stood for election, and our constituents for their invaluable trust and goodwill in electing us into this position.

To all my fellow contestants, I say this is our collective victory for it was a very hard-fought campaign. They all did well. Permit me to pay a personal tribute to Distinguished Senator Danjuma Goje and others who withdrew from the race and graciously endorsed me. I am deeply grateful. Senator Ali Ndume put up a dogged fight and gave the race added-value. You all have worked tirelessly over the years and in particular in the past few months and I owe all of you Distinguished colleagues a debt of gratitude for your sterling services to our country. I congratulate all of us for the friendliness and camaraderie that was demonstrated during the intensive but rancour free campaign.

The elections are over and we are all back together in the spirit of one indivisible Senate, united in our commitment to work for the Nigerian people. Working together, we will begin the urgent task of rebuilding our institution and renewing the Nigerian dream. I've spent the last 20 years learning the ropes of how to make the National Assembly work better. In this humbling and extremely critical role you have all agreed to assign to me, I pledge to do my best to serve the best interest of the institution, its members and the good people of Nigeria.

Today's epochal event is symbolic in many respects. It marks the beginning of another decade in the annals of the country's federal legislature, recognizing that the Fourth Republic National Assembly was first inaugurated twenty years ago, on June 4, 1999.

So, today, as we commence the 3rd uninterrupted decade of our National Parliament, we pledge to remake, reform and revitalise the Senate in line with our constitutional duties, the urgent expectation of our citizens and global parliamentary best practices.

Our determination is to evolve a well-resourced Senate with a vision and a great sense of commitment to securing a prosperous future for our great nation. I strongly believe that for the 9th Senate to live up to this declaration, it must be operated as an institution that is largely accountable, participatory, collaborative and responsive to the needs, aspirations, rights and liberties of the masses whose mandate we hold in trust.

Let me reassure my Distinguished colleagues that in the discharge of my duties as the President of the 9th Senate, I will be fair and just to all, irrespective of party affiliations, religious and ethnic extractions. I, therefore, solicit for unalloyed support of all my Distinguished Colleagues. Together, we can reinvent a vibrant, robust and result-oriented Senate.

In the 9th Senate no dream is too big to imagine, no challenge is too great to surmount. We will pursue our goal of a better and brighter future, we will no longer settle for anything less than the best. We will work with and collaborate with other arms of government to reclaim our country and restore our values. We will dream big, aim high and take bold initiatives. To this end, I will work with my colleagues to build actionable consensus around a robust legislative agenda that serves the best interest of majority of our people.

To this end, we will focus on improving the institutional capacity and capabilities of the Senate for effective performance of its constitutional and political duties in the most cost effective and service enhancing manner. Issues such as bill and motion progression and tracking, enhanced internal operations and funding of committees, an open and ICT enabled Senate will be on our front burner.

We are going to work collaboratively with the executive arm of government to strengthen our planning and budget linkage that ensures effective service delivery and fulfilment of essential government obligations to the citizens, while taking care of the perennial delays in our annual appropriation bill passage and implementation. We will embark upon a sustained pursuit of national ethical renewal, through legislative and political support for the fight against corruption and other major security challenges that Nigeria faces today, namely; rural and highway banditry; inter-ethnic conflicts; herdsman and farmer conflicts, cattle rustling; kidnapping and all other forms of criminality in the country.

We have a plan to make Nigeria an economic growth hub and the most sought after business destination in Africa. This is to be achieved through legislative and policy coordination with the Executive Arm of Government to put in place the necessary reforms and legal instruments that promote the diversification and investment in the critical (real and service) sectors of the Nigerian economy.

We will frontally address the current high level of youth unemployment, underemployment and high use of illicit drugs as well as depression and high rate of suicide.

At the same time, we will collaborate with the House of Representatives and State Houses of Assembly, with a view to having legislative partnerships that address the existential challenges of corruption, insecurity, emerging criminal gangs, kidnaping, poverty, decayed educational system that has left Nigeria with an embarrassing reported figure of 14 million out of school children.

I want to seize this opportunity to tell the entire nation, particularly those that are in doubt, that the Senate and indeed the legislature is going to operate independently in accordance with its own rules, procedures and time honoured norms and best practices, while working closely with the executive arm to deliver the dividends of democracy to the Nigerian people.

Our legislative agenda must focus on enacting laws and strengthening existing laws to facilitate the reforms required to truly take our nation, our people and our economy to the next level.

Within us as a Senate, our leadership will commit to partnership rather than partisanship and between us and the executive arm of Government, we will choose unity of purpose over conflict and discord while also working towards further strengthening and guaranteeing our independence and that of the judiciary. We will sustain and strengthen our institutional working relationship with critical stakeholders especially the Civil Society Organizations, the Media and Development Partners within and outside Nigeria.

In conclusion, let it be said that we have come to this chamber conscious of the trust our constituents have reposed on us. Dear colleagues, we must not betray that trust. To this extent, in the next four years, we must drive a transformative Senate dedicated to serving the people with confidence, courage and patriotism. Indeed, the urgent task towards socio-economic reforms and transformation through legislative intervention has begun. In so doing, we are convinced that our past was only a story told while our future can yet be written in gold.

I thank you all,

May God bless Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(Signed)

**SENATOR AHMAD IBRAHIM LAWAN, Ph.D; CON
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

9. Adjournment:

*Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 13th June, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.
(Deputy Senate President).*

Adjourned accordingly at 3:55 p.m.

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, CON
*President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*