



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12th February, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:52 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11th February, 2020.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Inauguration:**
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege (Delta Central) as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution
National Assembly Complex,
P. M. B. 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria

11th February, 2020

*The President of the Senate
Senate New Building
National Assembly Complex
Abuja*

Your Excellency,

INAUGURATION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Your Excellency would recall that the Ad hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) was constituted on the 6th February, 2020.

It is therefore, my pleasure as the Chairman of the Committee to invite Your Excellency to formally inaugurate the Ad hoc Committee on Wednesday, 12th February, 2020 at 2.30 p.m. in Senate Conference Room 022, National Assembly Complex.

While looking forward to meeting you during the inauguration, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration, Your Excellency.

Sincerely Yours,

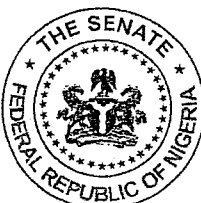
(Signed)

Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege

Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(b) Public Hearing:

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu (*Lagos Central*) as follows:



THE SENATE

Federal Republic of Nigeria

JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS; AND TRADE AND INVESTMENT

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 12th February, 2020

His Excellency

Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON

President of the Senate

Federal Republic of Nigeria

National Assembly

Abuja

Your Excellency,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Recall that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at its Plenary Session on Thursday, 11th July, 2019 mandated its Joint Committee on Communications; and Trade and Investment to investigate "The increasing Rate of Drop Calls and other unwholesome Practices by Telecommunications Network Operators in Nigeria that have robbed Nigerians of their hard earned Billions of Naira" and referred same to the Joint Committee for further legislative action.

Pursuant to this resolution, the Joint Committee hereby seizes this opportunity to invite Distinguished Senators, stakeholders and the general public to a 1-day investigative Public Hearing slated for Wednesday, 19th February, 2020 in the Senate Conference Room 022, Senate New Building at 2:00 p.m.

Stakeholders are enjoined to forward their memoranda to the Joint Committee Secretariat in Room SB.61, Senate Wing (White House Building), National Assembly Complex, Abuja, on or before Monday, 17th February, 2020.

Please do accept the renewed assurances of my kindest regards.

(Signed)

SENATOR OLUREMI S. TINUBU, OON

CHAIRMAN, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Eyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the change in leadership of South-East Caucus. He informed the Senate that Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*) was now the Chairman of South-East caucus.

5. Valedictory Session:

Motion made: That the Senate do now pay tributes in honour of Late Senator Benjamin Chukwuemeka Uwajumogu (*Imo North*) (30th June, 1965 - 18th December, 2019) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(i) ***Admission of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), former Senators, former and serving Members of the House of Representatives:***

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit the Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), former Senators, former and serving Members of the House of Representatives to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), former Senators, former and serving Members of the House of Representatives accordingly admitted.

(ii) ***Admission of the family members, friends and dignitaries of the deceased:***

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the family members, friends and dignitaries of the deceased to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Family members, friends and dignitaries of the deceased accordingly admitted.

The following Senators paid tribute:

- (i) Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi
- (ii) Senator Eyinnaya H. Abaribe
- (iii) Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege
- (iv) Senator Robert A. Boroffice
- (v) Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi
- (vi) Senator Philip A. Tanimu
- (vii) Senator Anayo R. Okorochoa
- (viii) Senator Ezenwa F. Onyewuchi
- (ix) Senator Ike Ekweremadu
- (x) Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu
- (xi) Senator Michael O. Bamidele
- (xii) Senator Solomon O. Adeola
- (xiii) Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf
- (xiv) Senator Biodun C. Olujimi
- (xv) Senator Michael A. Nnachi
- (xvi) Senator Gershom H. Bassey
- (xvii) Senator Abba P. Moro
- (xviii) Senator Elisha C. Ishaku
- (xix) Senator Francis A. Fadahunsi
- (xx) Senator Abdulfatai Buhari

- (xxi) Senator Jibrin I. Barau
- (xxii) Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah
- (xxiii) Senator Francis A. Alimikhena
- (xxiv) Senator James E. Manager
- (xxv) Senator Albert B. Akpan
- (xxvi) Senator Mohammed A. Ndume
- (xxvii) Senator Mohammed S. Musa

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

- (xxviii) Senator Mohammed D. Goje
- (xxix) Senator Clifford A. Odia
- (xxx) Senator Matthew A. Urhohide
- (xxxi) Senator Samuel O. Egwu
- (xxxii) Senator Obinna J. Ogbu
- (xxxiii) Senator Surajudeen A. Basiru
- (xxxiv) Senator Jibrin Isah
- (xxxv) Senator Ahmad I. Lawan

Motion made: That the Senate do:

- (i) offer prayers for the repose of his soul;
- (ii) observe a minute silence in his honour;
- (iii) send a condolence delegation to the family, people and Government of Imo State;
- (iv) send burial delegation to be led by the President of the Senate; and
- (v) proceed on a procession to pay last respect to the late Senator Benjamin C. Uwajumogu (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do offer prayers for the repose of his soul — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in his honour — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do send a condolence delegation to the family, people and Government of Imo State — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do send burial delegation to be led by the President of the Senate — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do proceed on a procession to pay last respect to the late Senator Benjamin C. Uwajumogu — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do

- (i) offer prayers for the repose of his soul;
- (ii) observe a minute silence in his honour;
- (iii) send a condolence delegation to the family, people and Government of Imo State;
- (iv) send burial delegation to be led by the President of the Senate; and
- (v) proceed on a procession to pay last respect to the late Senator Benjamin C. Uwajumogu (S/Res/120/02/20).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

Senator Istifanus D. Gyang led the Senate in prayers for the deceased.

The Senate in procession paid last respect to Late Senator Benjamin C. Uwajumogu lying in state.

6. Adjournment:

And it being 2:35 p.m. the President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 13th February, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:35 p.m.

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