



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18th May, 2016

1. The Senate met at 11.04 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.

2. Closed Session:

Closed Session: 11.06 a.m.

Open Session: 11.58 a.m.

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on the nationwide strike by Organised Labour and ways of resolving the issues to avoid untold hardship to Nigerians. The Senate also mandated the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity under the Chairmanship of Senator Suleiman M. Nazif to continue to interface with both Federal Government and Organised Labour for an early resolution of the matter.

3. Votes and Proceedings:

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 17th May, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. Announcements:

(a) Pending Bills with Committees:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Babajide C. Omoworare (Osun East) as follows:



THE SENATE Federal Republic of Nigeria COMMITTEE ON RULES AND BUSINESS

18th May, 2016

From: Chairman, Rules and Business
To: All Committee Chairmen

All Committees with pending Bills for consideration should expedite action on their Bills for Senate consideration from next week.

(Signed)
Senator Babajide C. Omoworare

(b) *Assumption of Duty:*

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from M. A. Sani-Omolori (Acting Clerk, National Assembly) as follows:



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
 National Assembly Complex,
 Three-Arms Zone, P.M. B. 141, Garki - Abuja

17th May, 2016

His Excellency
 President of the Senate

Your Excellency,

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

Sequel to my appointment as the Acting Clerk to the National Assembly as conveyed in the National Assembly Service Commission's letter Ref. No. NASS/SS/PF/15 dated 20th April, 2016 and the commencement of the terminal leave of the Clerk to the National Assembly, Dr. Salisu Abubakar Maikasuwa as contained in circular Ref. No. NASS/CXA/46/Vol.1/97 dated 12th May, 2016, I write to humbly inform you that I assumed duty as the Ag. Clerk to the National Assembly with effect from 14th May, 2016.

2. Your Excellency is kindly requested to take note and accordingly bring this to the attention of Distinguished Senators.

3. Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my esteemed respect and kind regards.

(Signed)

M. A. SANI-OMOLORI
 Ag. Clerk, National Assembly

(c) *Acknowledgement:*

The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Members of National Association of Political Science Students, Department of Political Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Redeemers Private Secondary School, Lugbe, Abuja.

5. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Usman Bayero Nafada (Gombe North) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Senator Haruna Garba over non-inclusion in Federal Pension and non-payment of arrears. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ben Murray-Bruce (*Bayelsa East*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:
- (a) Egbekun Ereparei Paul on behalf of 42 other students, over non payment of Federal Government Scholarship; and
 - (b) temporary staff (casual workers) in Federal Government Parastatals, against prolonged casualisation of their appointments.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Abdullahi A. Sabi (*Niger North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Yusuf Saïda, over non payment of salary and emoluments by Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE). He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (iv) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Corporal Kamal Haruna, over his wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (v) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Olanrewaju A. Tejuoso (*Ogun Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituents, Orile Oko Descendants Association, on excision of Orile Oko from Remo North Local Government and its merger with Obafemi/Owode Local Government. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (vi) Rising on Rule 41, Senator David Umaru (*Niger East*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:

- (a) Mrs. Talatu Jababi, over wrongful dismissal from the Service of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Bwari, Abuja; and
- (b) Akibu Idris Esq. on behalf of victims of extra-judicial killing against the Officers of the Nigeria Customs Service, Ogun State Command.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (vii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Joseph G. Dada (*Ogun West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from PC. Vembe Abraham, F/No. 230186, over his wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

6. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe (*Nasarawa South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Senator Emmanuel O. Elayo, His Royal Majesty, Osana of Keana, and the President, Keana Local Government Traditional Council, Nasarawa State. He informed the Senate that he was a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1993). He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence in his honour and also send a delegation to commiserate with the family, people and Government of Nasarawa State.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

7. **Presentation of Bills:**

(i) National Institute of Credit Administrators (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 153) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Chartered Institute of Finance and Control (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 172) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) Insurance Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 275) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) National Health Insurance Act 2003 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 278) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Engineering (Registration, etc.) Council Act CAP E11 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 284) — *Read the First Time.*

8. **Committee on Health:**

Report on the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 10):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Olanrewaju A. Tejuoso — Ogun Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **Federal University, Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 273):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University, Wukari and to make comprehensive provisions for Due Management and Administration and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Emmanuel Bwacha — Taraba South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within two (2) weeks.

10. **Motions:**

(a) *The demise of six (6) prominent medical doctors and their driver from Ekiti State in a ghastly motor accident along Abuja - Kaduna Expressway:*

Motion made: That the Senate notes with grief, the demise of six medical doctors and their driver, from Ekiti State, in a ghastly motor accident on Sunday, 24th April, 2016, on their way to the 54th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Medical Association in Sokoto State:

The six doctors who lost their lives in active service to mankind were:

Dr. Aladesanmi of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Ido-Ekiti;

Dr. Ojo Taiwo of Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH);

Dr. Akinvele Lexy, Secretary, NMA;

Dr. Ogunseye of Ekiti State Health Management Board (HMB);

Dr. Olajide, President, EKSUTH Association of Resident Doctors (ARD);

Dr. Adeniyi James of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Ido Ekiti; and

Mr. Ajibola, their driver.

disturbed that road accident remain the leading cause of death in Nigeria year in year out;

further disturbed that this unfortunate incident involving a 13-Seater passenger bus happened almost at the same spot where Mr. James Ochoi (SAN), a serving Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria died alongside his wife, son and driver recently in a motor accident. This is indeed one loss too many;

worried that lack of proper emergency response, facilities for critical trauma cases and the non - availability of medical doctors on hand at Doka General Hospital, where they were rushed to, resulted in the regrettable and premature death of these doctors; and

alarmed that this incident has further cast a huge shadow over the entire health sector in the country, as this incident happened at a time when all medical facilities in the country are short of well trained personnel, bearing in mind that the deceased doctors were all experts in different fields of medical practice.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the departed medical doctors and their driver;
- (ii) condole with the families of the departed, the Government and people of Ekiti State, Nigerian Medical Association and also pray for the quick recovery for the survivors;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government and relevant Government Agencies to set up ambulance services along our major highways;
- (iv) urge the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) to step up public enlightenment campaign on the rules of the highway codes and safe motoring; and
- (v) urge the Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, and FERMA to ensure that a renewed vigour is directed to the maintenance and reconstruction of all portions of our roads that have become more or less a death trap to the motoring public (*Senator Duro S. Fasasi – Ekiti North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of the departed medical doctors and their driver — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do condole with the families of the departed, the Government and people of Ekiti State, Nigerian Medical Association and also pray for the quick recovery for the survivors — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government and relevant Government Agencies to set up ambulance services along our major highways — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) to step up public enlightenment campaign on the rules of the highway codes and safe motoring — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, and FERMA to ensure that a renewed vigour is directed to the maintenance and reconstruction of all portions of our roads that have become more or less a death trap to the motoring public — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the departed medical doctors and their driver;
- (ii) condole with the families of the departed, the Government and people of Ekiti State, Nigerian Medical Association and also pray for the quick recovery for the survivors;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government and relevant Government Agencies to set up ambulance services along our major highways;
- (iv) urge the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) to step up public enlightenment campaign on the rules of the highway codes and safe motoring; and
- (v) urge the Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, and FERMA to ensure that a renewed vigour is directed to the maintenance and reconstruction of all portions of our roads that have become more or less a death trap to the motoring public (*S Res/139/01/16*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

- (b) *Fire Incident involving victims of insurgency from Nigeria in Gagamari Refugee Camp, Diffa State, Niger Republic:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (c) *Demise of His Royal Majesty Omo N'oba N'edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Erediauwa, CFR, the Oba of Benin:*

Motion made: That the Senate notes with grief, the passing of His Royal Majesty, Omo N'Oba N'Edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Erediauwa, CFR, the Oba of Benin, to the great beyond to be with his Ancestors as announced by the House of Benin Kingdom, Chief Sam Igbe, MFR, on Friday, 29th April, 2016. He reigned for 37 years.

aware that the Oba of Benin had his Primary School Education in the famous Government Primary School, Benin City from where he proceeded to the prestigious Edo College, Benin City in 1937 as one of the pioneer students of the institution and later transferred to the prestigious Government College, Ibadan. After his graduation from Government College, Ibadan, he went to Yaba College, Lagos for his higher post Secondary education which was the highest post Secondary School in Nigeria, as at then.

notes further that in 1948, he proceeded to the Cambridge University, United Kingdom where he graduated with a degree in Law and Administration. He was a Member of the Cambridge University Soccer team in the early 1950s.

observes that young Prince Solomon Akenzua returned to Nigeria in 1952 and joined the Colonial Civil Service where he worked extensively in the Eastern Region of Nigeria as an Assistant District Officer serving as a Judge in land cases as well as in the administration of the District.

observes further that in 1965, Prince Solomon Akenzua decided to transfer to the Federal Civil Service in Lagos where he rose to the rank of Permanent Secretary. In 1968 he was the substantive Federal Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Power and Steel. During his Federal Civil Service career, he worked closely with the former Nigeria Military Heads of State, General Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi and General Yakubu Gowon respectively.

aware that following the events of January 15, 1966 he was appointed by the then Head of State to serve as the Secretary of the Board of Enquiry into the crisis of 1966.

notes that crown Prince Solomon Akenzua as Permanent Secretary (Cabinet Office) accompanied the then Head of State, General Yakubu Gowon to the Aburi Conference in Ghana where he served as Secretary.

notes further that after the Nigerian Civil War, Prince Solomon Akenzua as super Permanent Secretary moved to the Ministry of Health before retiring from the Federal Civil Service in 1973.

notes further that in the early 1970s when Papua New Guinea was about to gain independence from Australia, she requested for Nigeria to send a seasoned administrator whose career spanned the colonial pre-independence to post independence period. Prince Solomon Akenzua was sent to Papua New Guinea to present series of lectures and tutorials at Conferences for the Civil Servants of that country.

observes that after crown Prince Akenzua's retirement in 1973, he worked as the Regional Representative of Gulf Oil until 1975 when he left to take up appointment as Commissioner of Finance in the then Bendel State. He resigned as Commissioner of Finance, Bendel State in 1977 and was crowned the Oba of Benin on March 23, 1979 as the Omo N' Oba N' Edo, Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Erediauwa, the Oba of Benin.

observes that Oba Erediauwa upon ascending the throne quickly established himself as a wise manager of human affairs in the huge Benin Kingdom and his astuteness earned him respect and admiration of virtually every segment of his vast domain and beyond.

aware that the greatest characteristics of the late Oba were the friendship he cultivated across religion, ethnic and tribal divide throughout his reign. The period witnessed phenomenal changes in the economic, socio-political and educational infrastructures of the Benin Kingdom.

notes that it is the dignity and wisdom that the late Oba Erediauwa brought to bear in the administration of Benin kingdom that invested his reign with much respect and admiration and a grateful nation bestowed on him the national honour of the Commander of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, CFR;

observes that as the 38th Oba of Benin Kingdom, Oba Erediauwa, CFR was a great patriot and peace maker of all times. He held many prominent positions amongst which were Chairman, Bendel Traditional Council; Chairman, Edo State Traditional Council; the Chancellor of Nigeria Premier University, University of Ibadan between 1986 and 1994. He was the Chairman of the movement for the creation of Edo State in 1991;

notes also that Oba Erediauwa, CFR was a recipient of other several academic, national and international honours and awards, such as Honorary Doctor of Laws from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria;

notes also that the late Oba Erediauwa will no doubt be fondly remembered for having kept faith as custodian of the rich cultural and traditional heritage of the Binis and the preserver of the kingdom as an ancient and historic city; and

observes that his demise is a monumental loss. He will not only be missed by his family, people and kingdom of Benin, but Nigeria as a whole.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the late Royal Majesty, Oba Erediauwa, CFR, the Oba of Benin; and
- (ii) send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to commiserate and condole with the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness, the Edaiken of Uselu, Prince Eheneden Erediauwa, the Benin Royal Family, the good people of Benin Kingdom, and the Government of Edo State (*Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide — Edo South*).

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of the late Royal Majesty, Oba Erediauwa, CFR, the Oba of Benin — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to commiserate and condole with the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness, the Edaiken of Uselu, Prince Eheneden Erediauwa, the Benin Royal Family, the good people of Benin Kingdom, and the Government of Edo State — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the late Royal Majesty, Oba Erediauwa, CFR, the Oba of Benin; and
- (ii) send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to commiserate and condole with the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness, the Edaiken of Uselu, Prince Eheneden Erediauwa, the Benin Royal Family, the good people of Benin Kingdom, and the Government of Edo State (*S/Res/140/01/16*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

Senate Delegation to Edo State:

The Deputy Senate President named the following Senators as delegates to commiserate and condole with the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness, the Edaiken of Ulsu, Prince Eheneden Erediauwa, the Benin Royal Family, the good people of Benin Kingdom, and the Government of Edo State:

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| (i) | Senator Ike Ekweremadu | — | Leader |
| (ii) | Senator Mohammed A. Ndame | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Francis A. Alimikhena | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Jeremiah T. Useni | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Abdullahi I. Gobir | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Baruch O. Ashafa | — | Member |

(d) *Senate Intervention on the Reforms and Strengthening of Local Government Administration in Nigeria;*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(e) *Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability;*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(f) *Need for the establishment of Inland Ports at Onitsha, Enugu and other Landlock States;*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(g) *Need to revisit the regulatory conflict between Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and Universities in offering admissions in Nigeria;*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. *Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:*

Report on the Motion on the Differences in the Content of Section 18 of the Armed Forces Act CAP. A20 LFN 2004 and 2010 respectively;

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. *Ad hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants:*

Report on the indiscriminate use and abuse of Waivers;

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. *National Transport Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 242);*

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. *Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.236);*

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. *National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.227);*

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. National Research and Innovation Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 239):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 24th May, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:20 p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy Senate President
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria