



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21st September, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:05 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 20th September, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Students of Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu, Enugu State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Petitions:**

(a) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his concerned constituent members of Ohafia/Arochuku Local Government Areas, Abia North Senatorial District against the imbalance in the implementation of the findings of the Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade led Senate Ad hoc Committee on Federal Roads that require rehabilitation. 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.

(b) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Ibrahim Ali on his wrongful dismissal from the Nigerian Army. 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.

(c) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Isa H. Misau (*Bauchi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International, against the Police Service Commission on human rights abuses. 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.

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Danjuma Laah (*Kaduna South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the earth tremor at Jaba Local Government Area of Kaduna State from 11th to 13th of September, 2016. He stated that the tremor had created fear and anxiety for the people of his Senatorial District. He urged the Senate to call on the relevant agencies to appraise the situation and proffer suggestion on the way forward.

6. Demise of Senators' Children:

Motion made: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the late son of Senator Stella A. Odua and late daughter of Senator Foster Ogola (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

A minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Chartered Institute of Stock Brokers Act CAP C9 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.242) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Treaty to Establish African Economic Community Relating to Pan African Parliament (Accession and Joint Solution) Act CAP T25 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.243) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Utilities Charges Commission Act CAP U17 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.244) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Act CAP P43 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 245) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Endangered Species (Control of International Traffic) Act CAP E9 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 249) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Auditor General of the Federation:

Report on the Audited Accounts of some Federal Government Parastatals:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Auditor General of the Federation on the Audited Accounts of some Federal Government Parastatals (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to report within four (4) weeks.

9. Committee on Poverty Alleviation:

Report on the National Poverty Eradication Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.023):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation on the National Poverty Eradication Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Danjuma Laah — Kaduna South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Ad hoc Committee on North East Development Commission:**Report on the North East Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2016 (SB. 163):***Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Ad hoc Committee on North East Development Commission Bill, 2016 (*Senator Samuel O. Egwu — Ebonyi North*).*Question put and agreed to.**Report Laid.***11. Executive Communications:****Confirmation of Nomination:***Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of the President Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons as Chairman and Members of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC):

S/N	Name	Position	State of Origin/Zonal Representatives
1.	Senator Victor Ndoma Egba, CON	Chairman	Cross River State
2.	Nsima Udo Ekere	Managing Director	Akwa-Ibom State
3.	Engr. Adjogbe Ajenakevwe Samuel	Executive Director (Project)	Delta State
4.	Mene Ienyie Derek	Executive Director Finance and Administration	Rivers State
5.	Hon. Donatus Enyinnah	Member	Abia State
6.	Frank Samuel George	Member	Akwa-Ibom State
7.	Prof. Brambaifa Nelson	Member	Bayelsa State
8.	Sylvester Effefiom Nsa	Member	Cross River State
9.	Dr. Ogaga Ifowodo	Member	Delta State
10.	Hon. Uwuilekhue Saturday	Member	Edo State
11.	Sen. Osita Bonaventure Izunaso	Member	Imo State
12.	Olatokunbo Ayotunde Ajasin	Member	Ondo State
13.	Harry Iboroma Dabibi	Member	Rivers State
14.	Air Commodore Benard Banfa	Member	North Central Zone
15.	Yahaya Mohammed	Member	North East Zone
16.	Mustapha Dankadai	Member	North West Zone
17.	Mr. Igo Weli	Member	Niger Delta
18.	Dr. Mahmoud Isa-Dutse	Member	Federal Ministry of Finance
19.	Mr. Abdul-Kazeem Kasimu Bayero	Member	Federal Ministry of Environment

*(Senate Leader).**Question put and agreed to.**Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Niger Delta to report within two (2) weeks.***12. Motion:****The State of the Economy:***Motion made:* That the Senate do recall that the President of the Senate, as part of his opening remarks, identified the need for Distinguished Senators to deliberate on the current economic recession and challenges the country is facing and proffer solution(s).*Accordingly resolves to:*Commence deliberation on the economic challenges of the country with a view to make appropriate recommendations to address the issue (*Senate Leader*).*Question put and agreed to.*

The following Senators made contributions:

- i. Senator Mohammed A. Ndume
- ii. Senator Ike Ekweremadu
- iii. Senator Shehu Sani
- iv. Senator John O. Enoch
- v. Senator Dino Melaye
- vi. Senator George Akume
- vii. Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu
- viii. Senator Mohammed Hassan
- ix. Senator Rabi'u M. Musa
- x. Senator Isiaka A. Adeleke
- xi. Senator Emmanuel Bwacha
- xii. Senator Adamu M. Aliero
- xiii. Senator Mohammed D. Goje
- xiv. Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi
- xv. Senator Shaaba M. Lafiagi
- xvi. Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade
- xvii. Senator Albert B. Akpan
- xviii. Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide
- xix. Senator Fatima Raji-Rasaki
- xx. Senator Kabiru G. Marafa
- xxi. Senator Olarenwaju A. Tejuoso
- xxii. Senator Samuel O. Ekwu
- xxiii. Senator Francis A. Alimikhena
- xxiv. Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa

Further consideration of Motion deferred to the next Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 22nd September, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
(*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:49 p.m.

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.