



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5th October, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:11 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 4th October, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Wedding Invitation:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Clifford A. Ordia (*Edo Central*) as follows:



SENATOR, (ENGR.) CLIFFORD A. ORDIA, FNSE .

Edo Central Senatorial District

Vice Chairman

Senate Committee on Works

4th October, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to humbly inform my distinguished colleagues of the wedding ceremony between my daughter, Miss Onomeabure Cherry Ordia and Abolade Olanrewaju Oyeleke.

The church wedding will take place on Saturday, 8th of October, 2016 at St. Michael Catholic Church Usugbenu-Irrua in Esan Central Local Government Area of Edo State by 11am prompt and the traditional wedding will take place on Friday the 7th of October 2016 at my country home, No 1, Uhaekpen Quarters, Usugbenu-Irrua, Esan Central Local Government Area of Edo State at 2pm prompt.

Your kind attendance will be highly appreciated.

(Signed)

Senator (Engr.) Clifford A. Ordia, FNSE

(b) **Acknowledgment:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Members of the Department of Political Science, Bauchi State University, Gadau, Bauchi State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi (*Enugu North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the World Teachers Day which is being celebrated today. He stated that teachers deserved commendation, as teaching is a noble profession. He said that only professional teachers should be recruited to teach and seasoned educationists be appointed to head the Federal, States and Local Governments Education Ministries/Departments. He stressed that the welfare of teachers should not be neglected by various tiers of governments.

Senate congratulated all teachers and urged that their welfare should be paramount.

5. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Obinna J. Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Nigeria Super Eagles match against the Zambia National Football Team, slated for Sunday, 9th October, 2016 in Group B of FIFA 2018 World Cup qualifying game in Zambia. He informed the Senate that the Federal Government has not made adequate provision for the Nigerian team with barely five (5) days to the match. Nigerian football fans should note this development.

6. **Petitions:**

(a) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Theodore A. Orji (*Abia Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Ndubuisi Nwosu over unlawful termination of appointment by First Bank Plc. 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 Obinna J. Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Mike Ozekhome (SAN) on behalf of Dr. Desmond N. Ali of Lifeline Maritime Nigeria Limited over seizure and vandalism of client vessels by the Nigerian Navy. 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.

7. **Presentation of Bills:**

(i) National Archives Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 298) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Rights and Obligations under Tenancy Agreements (Regulations) for the Recovery of Premises in the Federal Capital Territory Bill, 2016 (HB. 307) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act CAP C15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 230) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) Animal Health and Husbandry Technologies (Registration, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 320) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Federal Capital Territory Water Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB.318) — *Read the First Time.*

8. **Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.255):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency and Other Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Sam O. Egwu — Ebonyi North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Industries to report within Four (4) weeks.

9. **Federal Grants to Lagos State in Recognition of its Strategic Socio-economic Significance Bill, 2016 (SB.122):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to make provisions for Federal Grants to Lagos State in recognition of its strategic socio-economic significance and Other Connected Purposes be read the Second Time (*Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu — Lagos Central*).

Debate:

Question put and negatived.

10. **Prohibition and Protection of persons from Lynching, Mob Action and Extra-judicial Executions Bill, 2016 (SB.109):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act for the Prohibition and Protection of persons from Lynching, Mob Action and Extra-judicial Executions and Other Related Offences, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. **Abduction, Wrongful Restraints and Wrongful Confinement for Ransom Bill, 2016 (SB.118):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Punishment of the Offences of Abduction, Wrongful Restraints and Wrongful Confinement for Ransom, and Other Related Offences, and for Matters Incidental Thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Isah H. Misau — Bauchi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Consumer Protection Act (Repeal) and to Establish Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Bill, 2016 (SB. 257):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Nigerian Political Parties Debates Commission Bill, 2016 (SB.101):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 6th October, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
(*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:31 p.m.

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