



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12th October, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:17 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11th October, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.

3. **Announcement:**

Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*) 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

12th October, 2016

His Excellency
The Senate President
Senate Chamber
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

Your Excellency,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution will meet today Wednesday, 12th October, 2016, by 1:00 pm, at Senate Meeting Room 117, Senate Building.

(Signed)

Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

4. Petitions:

- (a) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:
- (i) Eduh O. Emmanuel, on non payment of pensions and other retirement benefits by the Nigerian Customs Service; and
 - (ii) Mrs. Lynda O. Ukpo, over wrongful termination of appointment by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

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.

- (b) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Francis A. Alimikhena (*Edo North*) 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's 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.

- (c) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Samuel O. Egwu (*Ebonyi North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Eze O. Chukwuma, against Military Pension Board and Fidelity Bank Plc., on perpetuation of fraud in his Bank Account. 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 Nelson A. Efiang (*Akwa Ibom South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Sir Etim Okon Inyang, GCON, NPM, Ikpoto Oro, KJW, former Inspector-General of Police, who died on 26th September, 2016 after a brief illness at the ripe age of Eighty-Five (85) years. He hails from Uko-Akpan, Ewang, Mbo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State. He joined the Nigeria Police on 1st October, 1949. He was a member of the Supreme Military Council 1984 -1985, Armed Forces Ruling Council, 1985 - 1986 and retired from serving his country in 1986 after a very meritorious stewardship. 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 Akwa Ibom State.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Police Procurement Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 314) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Franchise Bill, 2016 (HB. 76) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Animal Health and Husbandry Technologies (Registration, etc) Bill, 2016 (HB. 320) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Dangerous Drugs Act CAP D1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 292) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Nigerian Council for Social Work (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016 (HB. 161) — *Read the First Time.*

7. **Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act, 2002 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.219):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2002 (as amended) and to Establish the Federal Roads Authority to promote a safe, efficient and cost effective management of roads network and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Kabiru I. Gaya — Kano South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Works to report within Three (3) weeks.

8. **Lobbyists (Regulation and Registration) Bill, 2016 (SB.99):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act for the Regulation and Registration of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 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.

9. **National Development Bank of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.08):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Bank of Industry Act, the Bank for Commerce and Industry Act and National Economic Reconstruction Fund Act and Establish the National Development Bank and for Other Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within Three (3) weeks.

10. **Nigerian Army Institute of Technology and Environmental Studies (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.123):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Nigerian Army Institute of Technology and Environmental Studies and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Kabiru G. Marafa — Zamfara Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

11. **Nigerian Political Parties Debates Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.101):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Nigerian Political Parties Debates Commission be read the Second Time (*Senator Abdulfatai Buhari — Oyo North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Establishment and Public Services; and Independent National Electoral Commission to report within Four (4) weeks.

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

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council, National Research and Innovation Foundation and matters related thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

13. Industrial Revolution Bill, 2016 (SB.86):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Rapid Build-up of Industrial Capacity in Nigeria and promote Competitiveness of Nigeria's Manufactured Goods and Other Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Albert B. Akpan — Akwa Ibom North-East*).

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.

14. Non-Governmental Organization Regulation Bill, 2016 (SB.111):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Federal Polytechnics Act CAP F17 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 241):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act and for Other Related Matters 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Mallam A. Wakili — Bauchi 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 Four (4) weeks.

16. National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act CAP N30 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.292):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act and for Other Related Matters 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa — Lagos East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

17. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 13th October, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:21 p.m.

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

CORRIGENDUM

The Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11th October, 2016 Page 542, Proposed Resolution (ii) was corrected as follows:

“Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do condemn the draconian and “gestapo-style” invasion of the homes, arrest and detention of serving senior judicial officers including His Lordships Justice Sylvester Ngwuta JSC; John Inyang Okoro JSC; and Adeniyi Ademola of the Federal High Court, Abuja; Kabir Auta of Kano High Court; Muazu Pindiga of Gombe High Court; and Mohammed Tsamiya of the Court of Appeal, Ilorin; and the Chief Judge of Enugu State, Hon Justice I. A Umezurike by the DSS without deference to the constitutional responsibility of the NJC — *Agreed to.*”