



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19th October, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:19 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 18th October, 2016.

*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Messages from Mr. President:**  
The Senate President announced that he had received two letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(a) **Confirmation of Appointment:**



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki  
President of the Senate,  
Senate Chambers,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.*

*Dear Distinguished Senate President,*

**RE: REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND  
MEMBERS OF NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
(NDDC): REPRESENTATIVE OF OIL COMPANIES**

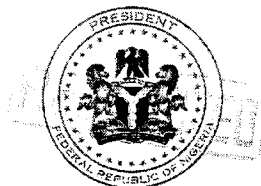
*Further to my letter dated 18th July, 2016 forwarding the names of Chairman and Members of Niger Delta Development Commission for confirmation, I wish to draw your kind attention to Mr. Igo Weli, a nominee who is to represent Oil Companies and not Niger Delta as inadvertently stated in the letter under reference.*

*I hope that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Senate.*

*Please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest esteem.*

*Yours Sincerely,*  
*(Signed)*  
**Muhammadu Buhari**

(b) **Addendum: Budget of Universal Service Provision Fund.**



**PRESIDENT,**  
**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki*  
*President of the Senate,*  
*National Assembly Complex,*  
*Three Arms Zone,*  
*Abuja.*

*Dear Distinguished Senate President,*

**ADDENDUM: BUDGET OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION FUND**

*Further to my letter dated June 30, 2016 forwarding the budget of 38 Federal Government Agencies in accordance with the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2007, I hereby present the 2016 Budget of the Universal Service Provision Fund pursuant to section 114(1) and (2)(a) of the Nigerian Communications Act 2003, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, for your consideration and passage, please.*

*Please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest esteem.*

*Yours Sincerely,*  
*(Signed)*  
**Muhammadu Buhari**

**4. Announcement:**

(a) **Demise of Mrs. Christiana Nweke Ogbu:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Obinna J. Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*) as follows:



**Senator Obinna Joseph Ogba, fca**  
CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

*His Excellency,*  
**DR. ABUBAKAR BUKOLA SARAOKI,**  
*President of the Senate,*

*Att: All the Distinguished Senators  
National Assembly Complex,  
Abuja.*

**NOTIFICATION OF THE DEMISE OF MY MOTHER IN-LAW**  
**LATE MRS. CHRISTIANA NWEKE OGBU**

*It is with heavy heart, but total submission to the will of the Almighty God that I, on behalf of the family of Late Chief Pius Ogbu of Akiyi Nkalagu in Ishielu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, regret to inform you of the death of my dear mother in-law, Late Mrs. Christiana Nweke Ogbu.*

*Her final funeral rites have been scheduled as follows:*

*Christian Wake - Thursday, 3rd November, 2016 by 6pm*

*Funeral Service - Friday, 4th November, 2016 by 10am*

*Both events will take place in her compound at Akiyi Village, Nkalagu Ishielu Local Government Area, Ebonyi State.*

*Your Excellency, I respectfully request the presence of my worthy and distinguished colleagues to attend the funeral rites and final internment of this noble woman.*

*Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my esteemed regards.*

*(Signed)*

**SEN. OBINNA J. OGBA**

*Chairman, Senate Committee on Sports & Youth Development*

**(b) 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

*19th 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, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, immediately after Plenary, at Senate Meeting Room 204, Senate Building.*

*(Signed)*

**Senator Ike Ekweremadu**

*Deputy Senate President/Chairman*

(c) **Acknowledgment:**

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

- (i) Staff and Students of St. Aloysius Secondary School, Area 3, Garki, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Lightway Academy, Wuse II, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of Crownsworth International School, Gwarinpa II, Abuja.

5. **Petitions:**

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Debongs Ndem Anietum, over wrongful dismissal from the Services of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), Port Harcourt. 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 Joshua C. Dariye (*Plateau Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Maxwell T. Cirman on behalf of Senior Staff Association, Jos Steel Rolling Company Limited, over vandalism of the Company. 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.*

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Kabiru I. Gaya (*Kano South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Dr. Zakaria M. Amin, over his wrongful dismissal from the Service of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA). 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 David Umaru (*Niger East*) drew the attention of the Senate to three petitions from:

- (a) Jonathan Dantani, over wrongful termination of appointment by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC);
- (b) Mohammed Musa, over dismissal by the Nigeria Police; and
- (c) Agunu Sumaduniya and Twenty-Six (26) others, over termination of appointments by the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC).

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.*

6. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Jibrin I. Barau (*Kano North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the new National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) policy directive granting 33% for mobilisation, while 67% would remain at home idle. This decision would further escalate the rate of crimes in Nigeria. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

*Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].*

**7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the planned suspension of International Airlines flights from Nigeria, particularly Turkish, Emirate and Kenyan Airlines who are relocating to Republic of Ghana. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

*Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].*

**8. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Dajuma Laah (*Kaduna South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the perennial killings and destruction by herdsmen in his constituency. He appeals for the creation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camp in Kaduna South Senatorial District to house the displaced persons.

**9. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Senator Ime Ikpat (JP) who died on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. He was a Member of the House of Representatives, representing Etinan Federal Constituency from 1979 - 1983 and a Second Republic Senator who represented Uyo Senatorial District in 1983 in the old Cross River State. 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.*

**10. 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.*

**11. National Roads Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.218):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the purpose of financing the maintenance and rehabilitation of National Roads and for 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 Four (4) weeks.*

**12. Nigerian Football Association Act CAP N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 154):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Football Association Act CAP N110 LFN 2004 and enact the Nigeria Football Federation and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Sports and Youth Development to report within Four (4) weeks.*

**13. National Sports Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.155):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**14. Renewable Energy Bill, 2016 (SB.131):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Utilization, Sustainability and Adequate supply of Renewable Energy for Electricity and Heat Generation and for Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Stella A. Oduah — Anambra North*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy; and Science and Technology to report within Four (4) weeks.*

**15. Nigeria Industrial Development Zones Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 280):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Nigeria Industrial Development and Zones and for Other Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Fatima O. Raji-Rasaki — Ekiti Central*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Trade and Investment; and Industries to report within Four (4) weeks.*

**16. Witness Protection Programme Bill, 2016 (SB. 157):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and operation of a program to enable certain persons to receive protection in relation to certain inquiries, investigations or prosecutions and for Matters Connected Therewith be read the Second Time (*Senator Isiaka A. Adeleke — Osun 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 two (2) weeks.*

**17. Whistle Blower Protection Bill, 2016 (SB. 158):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Protect Persons Making Disclosures for Public Interest and Order from Reappraisal, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Biodun C. Olujimi — Ekiti South*).

*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 two (2) weeks.*

**18. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 20th October, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 12:58 p.m.*