



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22nd November, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:24 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 17th November, 2016.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Meeting:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) as follows:



SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Joint Committee on Joint Venture Cash Call Obligations

URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the Public Hearing on the Implementation of Joint Venture Cash Call obligations by NNPC and Joint Venture Operators (IOC's) between 2011- 2015 coming up tomorrow November, 23rd 2016, there will be an urgent meeting of the Joint investigating Committees on Gas; Upstream Petroleum Resources; Finance; and Appropriation immediately after plenary.

Venue: Senate Meeting Room 224

Attendance is mandatory, please.

(Signed)
Senator Bassey Albert Akpan
Chairman

(b) *Call to Glory of Pa Alfa Amaga:*

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Isaac M. Alfa (*Kogi East*) as follows:



The Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Senator (Air Marshal) Isaac M. Rife CFR, ndc, DFS, AUIHR, MNIOR
Kogi East Senatorial District

His Excellency,
Distinguished Senator Bukola Saraki, CON
The President of the Senate

17 November, 2016

CALL TO GLORY OF PA ALFA AMAGA

I write to inform you and my very distinguished colleagues that my father, Pa Alfa Amaga has passed unto eternal glory at the age of 96.

Pa Alfa whose demise took place on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at his home town Inye in Ankpa Local Government Area, Kogi State, was until his death a devout Christian, a noble family man and a community leader. He was a successful farmer, a tailor and an entrepreneur who engaged in diverse trades.

There will be a wake-keep on Friday, December 2nd 2016 while the body will be committed to mother earth on Saturday, 3rd December, 2016 all at his home in Inye.

While the Alfa family gives glory to God for a life well spent on earth, we also appreciate your prayers and those of my distinguished colleagues for God's mercy and peace upon him.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Senator Isaac M. Alfa, CFR
Air Marshal Rtd.

(c) *Invitation:*

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*) as follows:



SENATOR OVIE OMO-AGEGE
DELTA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT
Vice-Chairman, Senate Committee on Land Transport

16th November, 2016

His Excellency, Sen. (Dr.) Bukola Saraki
The President, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex
3 Arms Zone FCT, Abuja.

Dear Mr. President,

**INVITATION TO THE BURIAL CEREMONIES OF OUR FATHER THE HONOURABLE
CHIEF JUSTICE JAMES OMO-AGEGE (OFR)**

You may recall that on September 19, 2016, I respectfully informed Your Excellency, our respected leadership and all Most Distinguished Colleagues of the passage to the great beyond of our father and patriarch of our family, the Honourable Justice James Omo-Agege (OFR) - a former Chief Justice of The Gambia; Judge in the Republic of Tanzania; Chairman of the then Bendel State Firearms Tribunal; Chief Judge of Delta State; first Chairman of the Delta State Independent Electoral Commission and The Okogba of Orogun Clan.

- 2.0. *May I on behalf of our family now humbly and formally invite Your Excellency, our leadership and our Most Distinguished colleagues for the burial ceremonies of our father holding on 9th and 10th December, 2016 at Orhomuru-Orogun in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State.*
- 3.0. *From the Burial Programme, our family, and indeed the Urhobo Nation, would be pleased to receive Your Excellency and our Distinguished Colleagues on 10th December, 2016 - the day we shall bid our Noble Jurist Father final farewell. We look forward to your esteemed presence.*
- 4.0. *God bless you and please accept my highest esteem always.*

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Senator Ovie Omo-Agege
(Obarisi of Urhoboland).

(d) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2016:

(i)	Senator Rafiu A. Ibrahim	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Rilwan A. Akanbi	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Abubakar A. Moallahyidi	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Isaac M. Alfa	—	Member
(v)	Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Stellah A. Oduah	—	Member

(e) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on the Electronic Transaction Bill, 2016:

(i)	Senator Buhari Abdulfatai	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Rafiu A. Ibrahim	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Tijjani Y. Kaura	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Danjuma M. Goje	—	Member
(v)	Senator Stellah A. Oduah	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Foster Ogola	—	Member

(f) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Bill, 2016:

(i)	Senator Joseph O. Ogba	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Mallam A. Wakili	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Kabiru G. Marafa	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Danjuma Laah	—	Member
(v)	Senator Andy E. Uba	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Buhari Abdulfatai	—	Member

(g) **Conference Committee:**

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on the Defence Space Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016:

(i)	Senator Robert A. Boroffice	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Ahmad I. Lawan	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Gershon O. Bassey	—	Member
(v)	Senator Rabi'u M. Musa	—	Member
(vi)	Senator David A. B. Mark	—	Member

(h) **Conference Committee:**

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016:

(i)	Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Suleiman O. Hunkuyi	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Rose O. Oko	—	Member
(v)	Senator Abubakar Kyari	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Chukwuma G. Utazi	—	Member

(i) **Acknowledgment:**

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

- (i) Staff and Students of Government Secondary School, Karshi, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Unique International Academy, Bwari, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of Solid Foundation Academy, Pankshin, Plateau State.

4. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the mandate given to the Joint Committee on the Effective Implementation of Joint Venture Cash Calls Obligations, and the recent worries and concern of Nigerians over the comments of the Minister of State on Petroleum, Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachiku on the Federal Governments plan to end the era of Joint Cash Calls with Companies by next year, and “shaved” over \$1.7 Billion on the \$6.8 Billion that was previously owed. He noted that the assertion may undermine the work and the outcome of the Joint Committee’s findings and as such, he sought the support of the entire Senate to unravel the truth of the matter.

5. **Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2016 (SB. 379) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 380) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) National Commission for Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Migrants Bill, 2016 (SB. 335) — *Read the First Time.*

6. **Committee on Culture and Tourism:**

Report on the 2016 Budget of the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Culture and Tourism on the 2016 Budget of the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) (*Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide — Edo South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Committee on Information and National Orientation:**

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Information and National Orientation on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

- a. National Broadcasting Commission (NBC);
- b. News Agency of Nigeria (NAN);
- c. Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN); and
- d. Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) (*Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe — Nasarawa South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

Report on the Non-Payment of Compensation for Lands:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Mohammed Yamah and Co., on behalf of Nine Communities of the Niger Delta Region, against the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs for non-payment of compensation for lands compulsorily acquired (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That immediate arrangements be made to include the whole compensation (₦7,742,041,965.02) in the 2017 Appropriation Bill to pay the nine communities to ameliorate their plight and bring the matter to a close — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That immediate arrangements be made to include the whole compensation (₦7,742,041,965.02) in the 2017 Appropriation Bill to pay the nine communities to ameliorate their plight and bring the matter to a close (*S/Res/055/02/16*).

9. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

Report on the Alleged Double Allocation of Plot No. 2022:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Uche Ugoagwu Esq., on behalf of Barr. Uche Pascal Obilor and Mrs. Omu Obilor against Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS), FCT Administration over alleged double allocation of plot No. 2022 (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) should allocate a commensurate alternative plot of land with Certificate of Occupancy to the petitioner and that it should be done within one (1) month — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate Committee on FCT be mandated to ensure compliance with the Senate resolution — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) should allocate a commensurate alternative plot of land with Certificate of Occupancy to the petitioner and that it should be done within one (1) month; and
- (ii) That the Senate Committee on FCT be mandated to ensure compliance with the Senate resolution (*S/Res/056/02/16*).

10. **Official Secrets Act CAP O3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 317 & 426):**

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to amend the Official Secrets Act CAP O3 LFN 2004; and for other related, 2016 (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, CAP. O3, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment of Official Secrets Act, CAP. O3, LFN, 2004 and for Related Matters.

The Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill called the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out below.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 4.

Section 4(1)(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the word "electronic mail" immediately after the word "packages" in line 2 of the subsection.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 4.

Section 4 of Principal Act is further amended in subsection (2) by deleting the fine of ₦100 in line 4 of that subsection and replacing it with the fine ₦50,000.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Amendment of Section 6 of the Principal Act.

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) of that Section in its entirety.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 7 of the Principal Act.

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) (b) by deleting the fine ₦200 in line 2 of subsection (1) (b) and replacing it with fine of ₦100,000.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: Section 7 of the Principal Act is further amended in subsection (2) by deleting the fine of ₦100 and replacing it with the fine of ₦50,000.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: Amendment of Section 9.

The Principal Act is further amended in section 9 by replacing the interpretation of the word "Minister" with a more concise interpretation as follows:

"Minster" mean the Minster of Police Affairs.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to amend the Official Secrets Act CAP 03 LFN 2004; and for other related, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 8 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

11. National Film and Video Censors Board Act CAP N40 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.224):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to amend the National Film and Video Censors Board Act CAP N40 LFN 2004; and for Other Related Matters, 2016 (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO CENSORS BOARD ACT, CAP. N40, LFN, 2004 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND EMPOWER THE BOARD TO REGULATE THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MOVIES; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Clause 1: Amendment of CAP. N40 LFN, 2004.

The National Film and Video Censors Board Act, CAP. N40 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Bill.

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 2.

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (d), a new paragraph “(dd)”:

“(dd) to regulate the import of foreign movies and export of Nigerian movies”.

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 3.

Section 3 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1), new subsection “(1)”;

“(1) The Board shall consist of:

(a) a Chairman, who shall be:

(i) an eminent Nigerian with sound knowledge of the Nigerian arts and culture and requisite experience in the film related discipline, and

(ii) appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;

(b) a representative of each of the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria who shall:

- (i) have sound knowledge of the Nigerian arts and culture and requisite experience in the film related discipline, and
- (ii) be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;
- (c) a representative of:
 - (i) the Ministry responsible for information,
 - (ii) the Nigerian Copyright Commission;
- (d) 3 University Lecturers, to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister; and
- (e) the Executive Director of the Board” .

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Deletion of Section 15.

Section 15 of the Principal Act deleted .

Committee’s Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 4 (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 60.

Substitute for section “60” of the Principal Act, new section “60”:

“60. A person who contravenes the provisions of sections 56, 57, 58, 59 and any other section where no specific penalty was provided, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦500,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or both”.

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the National Film and Video Censors Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to amend the National Film and Video Censors Board Act CAP N40 LFN 2004; and for Other Related Matters, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 6 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

12. Pension Rights of Judges Act CAP P5 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 6):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to amend the Pension Rights of Judges Act CAP P5 LFN 2004; and for Other Related Matters, 2016 (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENSIONS RIGHTS OF JUDGES ACT, CAP. P5, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2016.

Clause 1: Amendment of Pension Rights Act, Cap. P5, LFN, 2004.

The Pension Rights of Judges Act, Cap. P5, LFN, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Principal Act') is amended as set out in this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 4 of Principal Act.

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the existing meaning of the words "judicial officer" and inserting the following new meaning —

"judicial officer" has the meaning assigned thereto by section 318 (1) of the Constitution, that is to say, the holder of the office of Chief Justice of Nigeria or a Justice of the Supreme Court, the President or Justice of the Court of Appeal, the office of the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court, the office of the President or Judge of the National Industrial Court, the office of the Chief Judge or Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the office of the Chief Judge of a State and Judge of the High Court of a State, a Grand Kadi or Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, a President or Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, a Grand Kadi or Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of a State or President or a Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal of a State; and a reference to a "judicial officer" is a reference to the holder of any such office"

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Pension Rights of Judges Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to amend the Pension Rights of Judges Act CAP P5 LFN 2004; and for Other Related Matters, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

13. Federal Capital Territory District Courts (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016 (HB. 7):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory District Courts and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT AMEND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY DISTRICT COURTS ACT AND FOR OTHER MATTER CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2016.

Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Capital Territory District Court Act, CAP 495, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990.

The Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act, CAP. 495, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out hereunder

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 13 of the Principal Act.

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended thus:

- (a) in Subsection (1) delete the words "one thousand naira" wherever they appear and insert instead the words 'ten million naira' and
- (b) delete subsection (3) (a) in its entirety

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 14 of the Principal Act.

Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended thus:

- (a) In paragraph (a) delete the words 'four hundred Naira' and insert instead the words "eight million Naira"
- (b) in paragraph (b) delete the words "Two hundred Naira" and insert instead the words 'Six million Naira'
- (c) in paragraph (c) delete the words "Fifty Naira" and insert instead the words 'Five million Naira'

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Amendment of Section 15 of the Principal Act.

Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "One Thousand Naira, Four Hundred, Two Hundred Naira or Fifty Naira" and inserting instead the following words 'Ten Million Naira, Eight Million Naira, Six Million Naira and Five Million Naira'

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 17 of the Principal Act.

Section 17 sub-sections (1) and (2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the existing provisions and replacing same with new provisions as follows:

“17. Power of National Assembly to increase Jurisdiction of District Court Judge of the Federal Capital Territory.

- (1) The National Assembly may on the recommendation of the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory amend this Act or enact an Act in respect of increased jurisdiction in civil matters to be exercised by a District Court Judge (*Senate Leader*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- “(1) The National Assembly may amend this Act or enact an Act in respect of increased jurisdiction in civil matters to be exercised by a District Court Judge” (*Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- Clause 5 — As Amended
Clauses 6- 11 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

14. Mortgage Institutions Act CAP M19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 253):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Mortgage Institutions Act CAP M19 LFN 2004; and for Other Matter Connected Therewith, 2016 (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE MORTGAGE INSTITUTIONS ACT, CAP. M19 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2016

Clause 1: Amendment of the Principal Act.
The Mortgage Institution Act, Cap. M19 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, (in this Bill referred to as 'the Principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Sections 1, 2 and 17 of the Principal Act.
Sections 1 (3), 2 (7) and 17 (3) are amended by substituting "₦100" with "₦1000"

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 15.
Section 15 (4) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting "₦200" with "₦20,000".

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Amendment of Sections 20 and 21 of the Principal Act.
Sections 20 and 21 of the Principal Act are amended by substituting "₦10,000" with "₦100,000".

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Citation.

This Bill is cited as the Mortgage Institutions Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Mortgage Institutions Act CAP M19 LFN 2004; and for Other Matter Connected Therewith, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 5 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

15. Oaths Act CAP O1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 169):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Oaths Act CAP O1 LFN 2004; and for Other Matters Incidental Thereto, 2016 (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE OATHS ACT, CAP. O1, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO EXPRESSLY MENTION IN THE ACT ALL SUPERIOR COURTS OF RECORDS ESTABLISHED AFTER THE ACT CAME INTO FORCE IN 1963 AMONG THE LIST OF COURTS AUTHORIZED BY THE ACT TO ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMATION; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO, 2016.

Clause 1: Amendment of Section 10 of the Act.

Section 10 subsection (1) of the Oaths Act, Cap. O1, LFN, 2004 (herein after referred to as "the Principal; Act) is amended by:

deleting the words “and any Judge of the Federal High Court” and inserting instead, the words “the Chief Judge and Judges of the Federal High Court, the President and Judges of the National Industrial Court, the Chief Judge and Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the Chief Judge and Judges of a State High Court, the Grand Kadi and Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the President and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of a State, the President and Judges of the Customary Courts of Appeal of a State, the President and Judges of the Customary Courts of Appeal of a State”

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of the Second Schedule of the Act.

- (a) By inserting in the column titled “Persons to take Oath” immediately after the words “Chief Judge and Judges of the Federal High Court” whenever they appear in the column, the following words::

“President and Judges of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria, Chief Judge and Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, President and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja”.

- (b) By deleting in the column titled “Person to tender Oath” the last item in the column and inserting instead, the words:

“A Commissioner for Oaths or a Registrar of the Supreme Court or of the Court of Appeal or of Federal High Court or of National Industrial Court of Nigeria or of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, or of a State High Court or of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja or of Sharia Court of Appeal of a State or of Customary Court of Appeal of a State authorized in that behalf by the Chief Judge, the Grand Kadi or the President of the Court concerned”.

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Oaths Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Oaths Act CAP O1 LFN 2004; and for Other Matters Incidental Thereto, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

16. Dangerous Drugs Act CAP D1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 292):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for Act to Amend the Dangerous Drugs Act CAP D1 LFN 2004; and for Other Matters Related Therewith, 2016 (*Concurrence*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT, CAP. D1, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO GIVE POWERS TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH TO REGULATE CERTAIN CLASSES OF DRUGS, ALLOW ARREST TO BE EFFECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND REVIEW THE PRESCRIBED PENALTIES PROVIDED UNDER THE ACT; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2016.

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. D1, LFN, 2004.

The Dangerous Drugs Cap. D1 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill .

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 8 (2).

Section 8 (2) (b) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word "is" in line 2, with the word "are" .

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 9.

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended —

(a) In subsection (1), by substituting for the word "President" in line 5, the words, "Minister of Health"; and

(b) In subsection (3), by substituting for the word "President" in line 1, the words "Minister of Health" .

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Amendment of Section 10.

Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended, in the definition of—

- (a) "conveyance", by inserting after the word, "motor" in line 1, the word "vehicle";
- (b) "Export authorization" by inserting —
 - (i) after the word "quantity" in line 3, the word "which" and
 - (ii) the word "which" in line 5, after the word "within" .

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 19 (2).

Section 19 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word "two" in line 2, the word "twenty" .

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: Amendment of Section 21.

Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "any police officers" in line 1, the words "any person" .

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 .

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for Act to Amend the Dangerous Drugs Act CAP D1 LFN 2004; and for Other Matters Related Therewith, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 7 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

17. Motions:

(a) *Condemning the Rising Cases of Jungle Justice in the Country:*

Motion made: That the Senate is distressed by the rising cases of Jungle Justice by mobs that have arrogated to themselves the power to condemn others to death and execute judgement without recourse to the law courts in different parts of Nigeria;

worried about this trend, especially the case of a young boy recently lynched in the Orile area of Lagos State for stealing;

horrified that these rising barbaric acts are in most cases, perpetrated with a crowd of people watching unperturbed is most disheartening and frightening as each act dehumanizes us as a race;

furiously that this is happening and continues to become more alarming everyday in these considerable hard conditions our people are passing through;

disgusted that this is not the first time in the country that mobs have engaged in jungle justice. Some of the instances of Jungle justice still fresh in our memories are as follows:

- i. We can never forget when four young boys, Ugonna Obuzor, Toku Lloyd, Chiadika Biringa, and Tekena Elkanah, all students of the University of Port Harcourt were lynched in 2012 after they were falsely accused of being thieves in Aluu, a community in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.
- ii. Sometime in October, 2016 it was reported that a young man trying to steal a flat screen TV from a football viewing centre in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State had his arm chopped off by an irate mob on suspicion of stealing.
- iii. On October 19, photos of a suspected burglar tied up like bush meat surfaced online. He was said to have been caught red-handed after breaking into a house and trying to steal some valuables in Sokponba in Benin city, Edo State. He was beaten blue and black, tied up like bush meat and later handed over to the police.
- iv. In February, 2016, one Akinifessi was reported to have been beaten to death by a mob in Ondo State for engaging in homosexuality.

further disgusted at the growing culture of extreme hate and disregard to human life, coupled with the institutional lethargy against prosecution by some State Attorneys Generals, with the recent case of Mrs. Bridget Agbahime, who was killed in July, 2016 by an angry mob in Kano for having a different opinion from those of her attackers;

observes that the current social disinterestedness to move against this behaviour that has led to Nigeria being tagged as one of the countries with the worst rate of jungle justice in the world, yet a religious country;

further observes that we should strive to be our brothers keeper in view of the economic situation we both face as families and as a society;

reiterates that the growing culture of citizens or anyone in particular taking the law into their own hands and meting out justice as they deem fit is most reprehensible;

observes that Section 33 of the Nigerian Constitution guarantees the right to life and that no Nigerian life should be taken except in accordance with the rule of law;

restates the need for all citizens not to submit to this evil act because in doing so we'll lose our humanity;

acknowledges that mob justice is the trait of a people with long deprivation of justice; it shows a fault in our legal/justice system;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) condemn in totality these abhorrent acts of barbarism;
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Police to immediately confirm or deny the occurrence of the recent purported mob action in Lagos State and other States;
- (iii) urge the Nigeria Police to immediately ensure that they fish out all the perpetrators of this barbarism and make sure they are brought to book;
- (iv) urge the Police and other Security Agencies to live up to their responsibilities to protect our younger ones;
- (v) urge the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to urgently accelerate the passage of the Anti-Jungle Justice Bill before it; and
- (vi) urge the Attorney General of the Federation, the States Attorneys Generals and the Police to show greater sense of duty in the diligent apprehension and prosecution of this kind of offenders (*Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa — Lagos East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do condemn in totality these abhorrent acts of barbarism — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigeria Police to immediately confirm or deny the occurrence of the recent purported mob action in Lagos State and other States — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigeria Police to immediately ensure that they fish out all the perpetrators of this barbarism and make sure they are brought to book — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Police and other Security Agencies to live to up their responsibilities to protect our younger ones — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to urgently accelerate the passage of the Anti-Jungle Justice Bill before it — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vi):

Question: That the Senate do urge Attorney General of the Federation, the States Attorneys Generals and the Police to show greater sense of duty in the diligent apprehension and prosecution of this kind of offenders — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) condemn in totality these abhorrent acts of barbarism;
- (ii) urge the Nigeria Police to immediately confirm or deny the occurrence of the recent purported mob action in Lagos State and other States;
- (iii) urge the Nigeria Police to immediately ensure that they fish out all the perpetrators of this barbarism and make sure they are brought to book;
- (iv) urge the Police and other Security Agencies to live up to their responsibilities to protect our younger ones;
- (v) urge the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to urgently accelerate the passage of the Anti-Jungle Justice Bill before it; and
- (vi) urge Attorney General of the Federation, the States Attorneys Generals and the Police to show greater sense of duty in the diligent apprehension and prosecution of this kind of offenders (*S/Res/057/02/16*).

(b) ***Urgent need to declare State of Emergency on the total collapse of Three Bridges along Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Trunk 'A' Federal Highway and Igbeti-Ilorin Federal Highway viz. Oolo to Masifa Bridge, Elegu to Asani Bridge and Mooro Bridge:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes with deep concern the total collapse of the Two Bridges (i.e Oolo to Masifa and Elegu) to Asani along Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Trunk 'A' Federal Highway thereby making movement along the road so pathetic and harrowing;

notes also with serious concern the non-passable state of Mooro Bridge along Igbeti-Ilorin Federal Highway which is actually the only Bridge that connects Oyo North Senatorial District (Oke-Ogun People) and Kwara Central Senatorial District. In other words, the Mooro Bridge is the only Bridge that connects Northern part of Oyo State with Northern part of the country through Kwara State;

notes further that the Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Trunk 'A' Federal Highway is the only available road for the commuters moving between Northern Nigeria and Southwestern Nigeria since the dual carriageway of Oyo-Ogbomosho under age long construction is yet to be completed;

disturbed that the drive between Oyo, an ancient commercial city in Southwest, and Ogbomosho, another commercial hub in Southwest, which is not supposed to take more than forty-five minutes under normal circumstances, now takes avoidable and unwarranted stress of seven hours and thirty minutes or even more;

disturbed further that the total collapse of another Bridge i.e Mooro Bridge, has seriously paralyzed the movement of goods and persons in the zone because Mooro River is a big river that is not negotiable without a navigation Bridge, so the commuters don't have option than to use bush paths which often subject them to armed robbery attacks;

worried that the collapse of these Three Bridges is seriously affecting the transportation of agricultural produce and finished goods between Northern Nigeria and Southwestern Nigeria therefore having serious downward resultant effects on trade and commerce of the country;

concerned that the life cycle of these three bridges has expired because they were actually constructed for temporary use as far back as the 2nd Republic, but unfortunately because Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Trunk 'A' Federal Road is the only available route for the heavy lorries and tankers shuttling between the Northern and the Southwestern Nigeria, and Igbeti-Ilorin Federal Highway is also the only route connecting the Northern part of Oyo State and the Northern part of Nigeria through Kwara State which has contributed in no small measure to the unavoidable total collapse of these roads;

aware that the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency recently made efforts to find temporary solution to Elegu-Asani Bridge but it has since collapsed again simply because there is no concerted effort to overhaul the rehabilitation of the road. In fact, commuters now wait indefinitely whenever it rains for the rain to stop before they can continue their journey due to the adverse effect of the gully erosion on the road;

aware further that the commuters plying the Mooro Bridge particularly the National Union of Road Transport Workers of both Oyo State and Kwara State contributed resources for the construction of a bamboo-made temporary bridge which has collapsed. Hence, the intervention needed here is a standard and durable Bridge; and

convinced that the current pathetic condition of these three important Bridges requires urgent attention of the Federal Government in order to address the needless harrowing experience that commuters currently suffer.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ascertain the level of damage in order to salvage the situation;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to begin immediate rehabilitation of these three bridges; and
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to fund and complete the dual carriageway between Ogbomosho and Oyo to ease the suffering of commuters and save lives (*Senator Abdulfatai Buhari — Oyo North*)

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ascertain the level of damage in order to salvage the situation — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to begin immediate rehabilitation of these three bridges — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii)

Question: That the Senate do call on the Federal Government to fund and complete the dual carriageway between Ogbomosho and Oyo to ease the suffering of commuters and save lives — *Agreed to.*

Additional Propose Resolution:

Insert Additional Propose Resolution as follows:

“call on the Federal Government to include the three (3) bridges and Ogbomosho road in 2017 Budget” (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do

- (i) urge the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ascertain the level of damage in order to salvage the situation;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to begin immediate rehabilitation of these three bridges;
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to fund and complete the dual carriageway between Ogbomosho and Oyo to ease the suffering of commuters and save lives; and
- (iv) call on the Federal Government to include the three (3) bridges and Ogbomosho road in 2017 Budget (*S/Res/058/02/16*).

- (c) ***The need for a detailed explanation of the \$15 Billion proposed MoU with Indian Government and over \$80 Billion MoU signed by Minister of State for Petroleum Resources with Chinese Firms:***

Motion made : That the Senate is aware that the Minister of State for Petroleum negotiated a \$15 billion investment with India where the Indian Government would make an up front payment to Nigeria for Crude Oil purchases;

further aware that the two countries have agreed to sign an MoU to facilitate investments by India in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Sector and specifically in areas such as Refining, Oil and Gas Marketing, Upstream Ventures, the development of gas infrastructure and in the training of oil and gas personnel in Nigeria;

notes that the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources also carried out a road show in China where Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) worth over \$80 billion to be spent on investments in Oil and Gas Infrastructure, Pipelines, Refineries, Power, Facility Refurbishments and Upstream Financing spanning five years were signed with Chinese companies;

further notes that some of the Chinese Companies involved in the MoU include China North Industries Corporation (NORINCO Group), China Cinda Asset Management Company Limited (CINDA), China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation/Addax Petroleum (SINOPEC/ADDAX), and International Chamber of Commerce/China's National Development and Reform Commission (ICC-CNDRC);

observes that outside these MoUs for \$80 billion investments, the two largest Oil Companies in China, SINOPEC and CNOOC, signed investment MoUs with the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources committing the companies to further investments in Nigeria's Upstream Oil Sub-sector to the tune of \$20 billion.

Accordingly resolves to:

invite the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources to appear before Senate Committees on Petroleum Upstream, Gas and Foreign Affairs to give a detailed explanation of the subject matter of each Memorandum of Understanding signed in China and the proposed MoU with India and its anticipated impact on the Nigerian economy (*Senator Clifford A. Ordia — Edo Central*)

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do invite the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources to appear before Senate Committees on Petroleum Upstream; Gas; and Foreign Affairs to give a detailed explanation of the subject matter of each Memorandum of Understanding signed in China and the proposed MoU with India and its anticipated impact on the Nigerian economy.

Amendment Proposed.

Leave out the Proposed Resolution and *insert* the following instead thereof:

That the Senate direct the Committees on Upstream Petroleum Resources; Downstream Petroleum Sector; and Gas to invite Minister of State for Petroleum Resources to appear before it and give a detailed explanation of the subject matter of each Memorandum of Understanding signed in China and the proposed MoU with India and its anticipated impact on the Nigerian economy (*Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa — Abia North*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed.

Resolved:

That the Senate direct the Committees on Upstream Petroleum Resources; Downstream Petroleum Sector; and Gas to invite Minister of State for Petroleum Resources to appear before it and give a detailed explanation of the subject matter of each Memorandum of Understanding signed in China and the proposed MoU with India and its anticipated impact on the Nigerian economy (*S/Res/059/02/16*).

(d) ***Need for Intensified Sensitization on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in the Nigerian Agricultural Sector:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes that President Muhammadu Buhari was in the Marrakech Climate Change Conference in Morocco to see how best to tackle Nigeria's ecological problems;

further notes that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), did identify Nigeria as a climate change "hot spot" likely to see major shifts in weather in the twenty-first century;

aware that the United States Institute of Peace Special Report shows that Nigeria's climate is likely to see growing shifts in temperature, rainfall, storms, and sea levels throughout the twenty-first century;

further aware that according to the Ministry of Environment, between 1997 to 2012, about 10% of Nigeria's total forest cover has been deforested by climate change;

observes that in 2010, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) reported that over 250,000 Nigerians were displaced by flood disasters that ravaged many communities across the country;

further observes that in developing countries like Nigeria, the impact of climate change on agriculture induces new challenges in the campaign against extreme poverty and disease;

acknowledges that the challenge of climate change on agriculture will make it difficult to achieve the targets set out in Nigeria Vision 20:2020 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as these challenges somewhat threaten the progress already made in the fight against extreme poverty and disease;

concerned that Nigeria has almost 70% of her work force engaged in Agriculture and 42% of her entire GDP is from Agriculture;

equally concerned that the agricultural sector of the Nigerian economy has manifested vulnerability to climate change owing to ecosystem degradation, reduced availability of water and flood;

worried that poor response to climate change creates shortages of resources such as land, water and these fuel violent conflict, hunger and sickness;

further worried that the consequence of climate change is more severe on peasant farmers so there is need to strengthen the most vulnerable group in agricultural production with requisite knowledge and information necessary for climate change mitigation and adaptation; and

conscious that adequate sensitization of farmers on climate change will create a calendar that will help farmers achieve their optimal goal of boosting production.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to put machinery in place to educate and sensitize farmers to see the wisdom in adjusting their farming programs periodically so as to avert the effects of climate change; and
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to carry out public awareness campaigns on climate change so as to educate Nigerians on their expectations especially in the areas of adaptation and mitigation (*Senator Gershom O. Bassey — Cross River South*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to put machinery in place to educate and sensitize farmers to see the wisdom in adjusting their farming programs periodically so as to avert the effects of climate change — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (ii)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to carry out public awareness campaigns on climate change so as to educate Nigerians on their expectations especially in the areas of adaptation and mitigation — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to put machinery in place to educate and sensitize farmers to see the wisdom in adjusting their farming programs periodically so as to avert the effects of climate change; and
 - (ii) urge the Federal Government to carry out public awareness campaigns on climate change so as to educate Nigerians on their expectations especially in the areas of adaptation and mitigation (*S/Res/060/02/16*).
- (e) ***Need for the Establishment of Dry and Inland Ports at Onitsha, Enugu and other Landlocked States:***
- Motion made:* That the Senate notes that inland water transport, dry ports and inland container terminals, provides an efficient mode of transportation of persons, goods and services;

further notes that the development of dry port and inland water transport in Onitsha, Enugu, Aba and other Landlocked areas as a result of the geo-physical features in those locations will facilitate commercial and industrial activities in the export and import of raw materials, machineries and equipment as a major component;

observes that existing Maritime Ports in Lagos, Port Harcourt and Calabar are being over stretched and that the congestion of these ports constitute serious security threat to lives and property, especially now that there is heightened security concern at crowded locations;

regrets that due to congestion in the existing Maritime Ports and the bureaucracy associated with the clearing of goods, a lot of precious time which would otherwise have been committed to other productive economic engagements is often wasted;

worried that there have been causes of avoidable loss of lives and destruction of goods due to movement by road of containers and heavy equipment carrying trucks, above all is stagnation of economic growth and lack of access to global market;

acknowledges that creation of these alternative ports will enhance trade, industries, export, and import within these zones. Bottom-up economic growth which will give rise to global access and job creation. For the first time, rural communities will have access to global market and dominate regional market; and

further acknowledges that inland water transport, Dry Port and Inland Container Terminals generate revenues for the Federal and State Government, which revenue is channeled towards the development of other sectors, including health and education infrastructure and the creation of employment and job opportunities for Nigerians, thereby ensuring engagement of workers and reduction of social problems induced by unemployment.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct the Nigerian Shippers Council to carry out appropriate feasibility studies for the purpose of establishing Inland Ports in Onitsha, Enugu, Bauchi, Gombe, Maiduguri, Ilorin, Jos, Kabba, Ibadan, Abeokuta, Osogbo, Gelegele, Minna, Aba, Makurdi and other landlocked States;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government based on the feasibility study to establish Inland Ports in Onitsha, Enugu, Bauchi, Gombe, Maiduguri, Ilorin, Jos, Kabba, Ibadan, Abeokuta, Osogbo, Gelegele, Minna, Aba, Makurdi and other landlocked states;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Marine Transport; and Works to ensure full compliance with prayer (i) and (ii) above;
- (iv) that the already completed feasibility studies like Onitsha, Gelegele, Aba and other parts of the Country be presented by the Nigerian Shippers Council; and
- (v) the Nigerian Shippers Council should use Public Private Partnership (PPP) as a platform for the execution of the Inland Port projects (*Senator Stella Oduah — Anambra North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to direct the Nigerian Shippers Council to carryout appropriate feasibility studies for the purpose of establishing Inland Ports in Onitsha, Enugu, Bauchi, Gombe, Maiduguri, Ilorin, Jos, Kabba, Ibadan, Abeokuta, Osogbo, Gelegele, Minna, Aba, Makurdi and other landlocked States — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government based on the feasibility study to establish Inland Ports in Onitsha, Enugu, Bauchi, Gombe, Maiduguri, Ilorin, Jos, Kabba, Ibadan, Abeokuta, Osogbo, Gelegele, Minna, Aba, Makurdi and other landlocked States — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii)

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committees on Marine Transport; and works to ensure full compliance with prayer (i) and (ii) above — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv)

Question: That the already completed feasibility studies like Onitsha, Gelegele, Aba and other parts of the Country be presented by the Nigerian Shippers Council — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v)

Question: That the Nigerian Shippers Council should use Public Private Partnership (PPP) as a platform for the execution of the Inland Port projects — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct the Nigerian Shippers Council to carryout appropriate feasibility studies for the purpose of establishing Inland Ports in Onitsha, Enugu, Bauchi, Gombe, Maiduguri, Ilorin, Jos, Kabba, Ibadan, Abeokuta, Osogbo, Gelegele, Minna, Aba, Makurdi and other landlocked States;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government based on the feasibility study to establish inland ports in Onitsha, Enugu, Bauchi, Gombe, Maiduguri, Ilorin, Jos, Kabba, Ibadan, Abeokuta, Osogbo, Gelegele, Minna, Aba, Makurdi and other landlocked States;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Transport and works to ensure full compliance with prayer (i) and (ii) above; and
- (iv) that the already completed feasibility studies like Onitsha, Gelegele, Aba and other parts of the Country be presented by the Nigerian Shippers Council;
- (v) the Nigerian Shippers Council should use Public Private Partnership (PPP) as a platform for the execution of the Inland Port projects (*S/Res/061/02/16*).

(f) Unfair charges by FAAN at the Airports across the Country:

Motion made: That the Senate notes that with the current recession affecting the Country, Nigerians cannot afford to be spending money unwisely;

further notes with serious concern, the unfairness of having to pay before you can use a trolley to move your luggage at our local and international airports;

convinced that the citizenry deserves all the protection from any financial exploitation at this time of economic hardship in particular;

observes that the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) collects service charge from passengers, ranging from one thousand naira (₦1,000) for local travels to twenty thousand naira (₦20,000) for international travels;

observes further that FAAN contracted the management of the trolleys to different companies at our various airports, collecting the sum of four hundred naira (₦400) per trolley use;

aware that other countries like the United States, United Kingdom (except Luton and Bristol) and even Ghana, trolleys are offered to passengers at their airports for free. If charges are made, it would be refundable when the trolleys are returned by the passengers;

aware also that the few Countries that charge for trolley use, DO NOT SUBJECT THEIR PASSENGERS TO SERVICE CHARGES;

further aware that due to the prevailing negative economic situation of Nigerians at this time, travelers avoid using trolleys to save money and so resort to pulling their luggage, whilst carrying children etc with great discomfort;

convinced that this unfairness cum extortion of monies from innocent travelers must be stopped, considering the fact that service charge has already been collected by FAAN;

aware that in the recent past, use of trolleys at our various airports were free of charge and sponsored by various corporate bodies that branded the trolleys.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to order FAAN to stop this illegality immediately;
- (ii) mandate Committee on Aviation to investigate why the corporate sponsorship of trolleys was discontinued by FAAN; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Aviation also to investigate the application of the huge service charges accruing to FAAN daily with particular reference to the poor services rendered to Nigerians at our various airports (*Senator Olanrewaju A. Tejuoso — Ogun Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to order FAAN to stop this illegality immediately — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii)

Question: That the Senate do mandate Committee on Aviation to investigate why the corporate sponsorship of trolleys was discontinued by FAAN — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii)

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Aviation also to investigate the application of the huge service charges accruing to FAAN daily with particular reference to the poor services rendered to Nigerians at our various airports — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to order FAAN to stop this illegality immediately;
- (ii) mandate Committee on Aviation to investigate why the corporate sponsorship of trolleys was discontinued by FAAN; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Aviation also to investigate the application of the huge service charges accruing to FAAN daily with particular reference to the poor services rendered to Nigerians at our various airports (*S/Res/062/02/16*).

(g) ***Need to Increase the Funding of Uncompleted Dams across Nigeria for optimum Performance and Service Delivery:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes that Dams and Reservoirs are used for irrigation, water supply, hydro-electric power generation or some combination of two or more of such uses;

notes that the importance of Water to life on earth cannot be quantified;

observes that across the country, there are Dams and Reservoirs that are leveraged towards service delivery to the people of the catchment area;

informed that the South-East geo-political zone of Nigeria is in acute shortage of water supply as a result of inadequate facilities, such as dams that could be leveraged for the provision of water supply, irrigation or for purposes of hydro-electric generation;

informed that this acute water scarcity is nowhere more biting than in Enugu North Senatorial District comprising the whole of Nsukka Zone consisting of a population of more than five (5) million people who have no access to safe drinking water;

informed that the Adada River Dam Project located in the district, which when completed is expected to generate and hold about 1.3 million cubic metres of water all-year round and would ameliorate the burden of water scarcity in the area has however been beset by underfunding by the government;

informed that the ground water level in and around the Nsukka area, which make up the Senatorial District, is deep, sometimes averaging 1000 metres to find sustainable water supply;

observes that this natural depth of water level in the area makes it extremely difficult for the populace to have access to safe drinking water as boreholes are burdensome to dig;

observes that UNESCO has specified that 50-100 litres of water per person per day are needed to ensure that most basic needs are met and few health concerns addressed; and

recognises that of the three basic needs of man, viz; water, food and shelter, water is by far the most important and it has been shown that human life can survive even in the absence of the other two, but cannot, for any length of time, in the absence of water.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Water Resources to carry out an inventory of ongoing Water Dams and Reservoirs projects across the Country with a view to ascertaining their levels of completion and ensure increased allocations to them in the 2017 budget cycle;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to appreciate the existential importance of Water and ensure that the Nigerian populace have access to safe drinking water as a matter of priority; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to take particular note of the acute water shortage in Enugu North Senatorial District and intervene to ameliorate the sufferings of the people (*Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi — Enugu North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Water Resources to carry out an inventory of ongoing Water Dams and Reservoirs projects across the Country with a view to ascertaining their levels of completion and ensure increased allocations to them in the 2017 budget cycle — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to appreciate the existential importance of Water and ensure that the Nigerian populace have access to safe drinking water as a matter of priority — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to take particular note of the acute water shortage in Enugu North Senatorial Districts and intervene to ameliorate the sufferings of the people.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Proposed Resolution and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to take particular note of the acute water shortage in Enugu North, Kogi West, Abia North, and Nasarawa West Senatorial Districts and other such areas and intervene to ameliorate the sufferings of the people” (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Water Resources to carry out an inventory of ongoing Water Dams and Reservoirs projects across the Country with a view to ascertaining their levels of completion and ensure increased allocations to them in the 2017 budget cycle;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to appreciate the existential importance of Water and ensure that the Nigerian populace have access to safe drinking water as a matter of priority; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to take particular note of the acute water shortage in Enugu North, Kogi West, Abia North, and Nasarawa West Senatorial Districts and other such areas and intervene to ameliorate the sufferings of the people (*S/Res/063/02/16*).

(h) ***Recruitment into the Nigerian Police Force; the need to adhere to Federal Character Guiding Principles:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(i) ***Urgent need to Investigate Special Funds that Accrued to the Federation as provided by the Revenue Allocation Act 2004;***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(j) ***Urgent need to revisit the issue of Corporate Tax Incentives which is turning into a huge drain on Nigerian Economy:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(k) ***Cancer Treatment Infrastructure Crisis:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
(*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:20 p.m.

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

CORRIGENDA

The Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 17th November, 2016 on Pages 890 and 891 refer:

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Chief Okoi Ofem Obono Obla (*Non-Executive Commissioner*) — *Negated.*

Confirmation of nomination:*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief Okoi Ofem Obono Obla for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioner Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission?”
— *Negated.*