



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 24th November, 2016

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1. The Senate met at 10:34 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Close Session:**
Closed Session — 10:35 a.m.

Open Session — 11:30 a.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues bordering on the workings of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Personal Explanation:**
Senator Kabiru G. Marafa (*Zamfara Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the need to observe one minute silence in honour of over 243 persons gruesomely murdered in Zamfara State by notorious armed bandits in the last two weeks.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

5. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Members of Dorben Polytechnic, Bwari, Abuja
- (ii) Staff and Students of Best Brain International Academy, Bwari, Abuja; and
- (iii) Members of National Association of Mada Students, Akwanga, Nasarawa State.

6. **Petitions:**
 - (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Gershom O. Bassey (*Cross River South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Hon. Daniel C. Ikpeazu, against innocent youths and undue protection of a foreigner by top placed Nigerians to defraud his 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.

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Dada J. Gbolahan (*Ogun West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Comrade W. O. Olayode, on behalf of Ketu Community Development Council, over yearly destruction of lives and property in Ketu and Yewa by nomadic herdsmen. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Open Distance Learning Bill, 2016 (SB. 332) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Corporate Affairs Commission Act CAP C20 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 384) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2016 (SB. 216) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Conference Committee:

Report on the National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to amend the National Lottery Act 2005 to make Consequential Provisions for effective operation of Lottery in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters, 2016 (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Committee on Appropriations:

Report on Virement of Funds:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):

Report on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016. (SB. 231 and SB. 234):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Interior:

Report on the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) Bill, 2016. (SB. 173 and SB. 183):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS (NPC) TO EMPOWER, DEVELOP AND PROVIDE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTHS, TO FACILITATE PEACE, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, NATION-BUILDING AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2016.

PART I: — ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PEACE CORPS**Clause 1: Establishment and Objectives of the Peace Corps**

1. (a) There is established a body to be known as the Nigerian Peace Corps (in this bill referred to as: Peace Corps) and shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession with a Common Seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (b) The Headquarters of the Peace Corps shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.
- (c) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions relating to the general duties of the Peace Corps set out in the Act, the Objectives of the Peace Corps shall be to Train, Educate and Re-orientate the Youth of this Nation, particularly Students, on their future leadership roles in the society, the Art of Nation-Building, as well as to become good citizens of the Country with due respect for Constituted Authorities, Democratic Norms and the Rule of Laws, and to re-direct the productive energies of the youths towards the Socio-Economic and Political Advancements of the Nation.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 2: Functions of the Peace Corps

Functions of Peace Corps shall include —

- a. Empower, Develop and provide gainful employment for the youths, to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighborhood Watch and Nation-building;
- b. Enlist, provide distinct training and orientation of unemployed youths of diverse qualifications as permanent Staff or Volunteers and place them in a Reservoir to serve as a spring board for easy accessibility of manpower whenever the Nation needs their services for either permanent employment or Ad-hoc Staff for National and International Programmes such as Emergency Relief Services, Voters' Registration, Census, Immunization and Sanitation;
- c. Training the youths to advance the course of Peace-building and Conflict Transformation through Peace Education, Mediation and Conflict Resolution among warring groups or communities where there are crisis in Nigeria;
- d. Building the capacity of the youths in the areas of Critical Thinking, Creativity, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition;

- e. Re-directing the creative potentials of the youths towards Patriotic Services and Nation-building through Citizenship and Leadership Training;
- f. Establishment of Peace Corps Club and combating all forms of Social Decadence or Vices, including Examination Malpractices in Educational Institutions in order to create a peaceful and conducive atmosphere for learning;
- g. Serves as Orderlies to members of the Executives, Parliament, Judiciary and Traditional Rulers that are not covered by existing Security Agencies;
- h. Engage members as Tourist Assistants to Nigerians and Foreigners on visit to the country, Tourist sites and other National and State Monuments and Heritage; and
- i. To carry out any other function as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly or by any Bye-Law.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART II — GOVERNING BOARD COMPOSITION AND POWERS

Clause 3: Governing Board of the Peace Corps

There is established for the management of the Peace Corps a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board").

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 4: Composition of the Board of the Peace Corps.

The Board shall consist of —

- (a) A Chairman
- (b) A representative each of the following —
 - (i) Ministry of Interior;
 - (ii) Ministry of Youth Development;
 - (iii) Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity;
 - (iv) Ministry of Education
 - (v) Ministry of Environment;
 - (vi) Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution;
 - (vii) National Orientation Agency;
 - (viii) National Population Commission;
 - (ix) Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation;

- (x) National Directorate of Employment;
 - (xi) Ministry of Finance
 - (xii) Ministry of Justice
- (c) The National Commandant to serve as Secretary.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 5: Qualification of the Chairman and other Members of the Peace Corps

- (a) The Chairman shall be a person having cognate experience and proven capacity in discharging his responsibilities to facilitate the accomplishment of the Peace Corps Objectives;
- (b) A member referred to in Section 5(2) shall not be below the rank of Director or its equivalent in the force;
- (c) A member referred to in Section 5(2) shall be a person having cognate experience and proven capacity to discharge his duties.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 6: Appointment of the Chairman and Members of the Board of the Peace Corps.

- (a) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (b) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Act, the Minister shall perform the functions of the Board where —
 - (i) The Board has not been constituted;
 - (ii) The Board has been dissolved; and

The provisions of the schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained therein.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 7: Tenure of Office, Etc

- The Chairman and other members of the Board, other than ex-officio members;
- (a) Shall hold office for a period of Four (4) Years on such terms and conditions as contained in their letters of appointment; and
 - (b) May be re-appointed for one further period of Four (4) Years and no more.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 8: Removal From Office

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8 of this Act, a member may at any time be removed from office by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if —
 - (i) He is unable to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of the body or mind;
 - (ii) He is convicted by a Court of Law of a felony, fraud or any serious act of misconduct; and
 - (iii) He without permission of the Board is absent for more than three consecutive meetings of the Board without such permission is absent from the country for a period exceeding one year.
- (b) The Chairman or member may resign by a notice addressed through the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to the President and such notice of resignation shall become effective from the date of acceptance of the resignation by the President.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 9: Allowances:

A member shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the National Wages and Salaries Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: Powers of the Board:

The Board shall be responsible for —

- (a) Providing the general policies and guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the Peace Corps;
- (b) The supervision of management and general administration of the Peace Corps;
- (c) Recruiting regular Members of the Peace Corps
- (d) Organizing basic developments and refresher courses for members of the Peace Corps;
- (e) Fixing, with the approval of the Minister the terms and conditions of service of members and employees of the Peace Corps, including their remuneration; and

- (f) Do such other things, which in the opinion of the Board are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Peace Corps.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART III — STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE PEACE CORPS

Clause 11 National Commandant of the Peace Corps

- (a) There shall be for the Peace Corps a National Commandant who shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief on the recommendation of the Minister;
- (b) The National Commandant shall —
- (i) Hold office in the first instance for a period of Five (5) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further period of Five (5) years and no more;
 - (ii) On such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
 - (iii) The National Commandant shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Peace Corps;
 - (iv) The National Commandant shall in the performance of his function be directly responsible to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, but shall regularly consult with Minister and the Board;
 - (v) The National Commandant shall be responsible for the execution of the policies of the Peace Corps and its day-to-day administration; and
 - (vi) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the National Commandant shall hold office on such terms and emolument as may be specified in his letter of appointment, and as may from time to time, be approved by the President.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 12: Deputy National Commandants, National Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants, Etc and other Employees of the Peace Corps

- (a) The National Commandant shall recommend for appointment to the Board such number of Deputy National Commandants, National Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants, Commandants and such Officers from Level Eight (8) and above as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the Peace Corps;

- (b) The terms and conditions of service (including remunerations, allowances, benefits and pensions) of regular members and employees of the Peace Corps shall be determined by the Board using same criteria as may be applied to other similar Agencies with the approval of the Minister.
- (c) The Volunteers of the Peace Corps shall, for any period they are on duty for the Peace Corps be paid such allowances and other benefits as may be approved by the National Commandant in consultation with the Minister.
- (d) The National Commandant, after due consultations with the Minister shall appoint for the Peace Corps such number of officers, other ranks and employees below Level Eight (L8) as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the Peace Corps.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 13: Membership of the Peace Corps

Membership/Personnel of the Peace Corps shall consist of —

- (a) Regular members and volunteers;
- (b) Officers and other Ranks;
- (c) Members of the Corps shall be Nigerians within the ages of 18-35 years as at the time of enlistment; and
- (d) Regular members and other staff shall be recruited by the Board periodically to meet the personnel requirements of the Peace Corps. While that of the volunteers will be handled by the National Commandant as the need arises.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 14: Pensions

- (a) The service in the Peace Corps shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Act and, accordingly, regular members and employees of the Peace Corps shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pensions Act;
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sub-Section (a) of this Section, nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on such terms, which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other retirement benefit in respect of that office;
- (c) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under Section 23 of the Act, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Peace Corps and not by any other person or authority;

- (d) Service in the Peace Corps shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act 2004 and, accordingly, officers and the other persons employed in the Peace Corps shall; be entitles to pensions, gratuities and other benefits as are prescribed here under; and
- (e) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2004 any power exercisable there under by a Secretary to the Government of the Federation or other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under Sections 23 thereof is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Peace Corps and not by any other persons or authority.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART IV — APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINE OF STAFF

Clause 15: Appointment and Promotion of Staff of the Peace Corps

- (a) The Senior Staff of the Rank of Commandant and above shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces upon nomination by the National Commandant and on the recommendation of the Board;
- (b) Commandant shall be vested with the Board on the recommendation of the National Commandant.
- (c) The post of the Deputy National Commandant shall be a terminal post on which the holder shall retire from Peace Corps as may be determined by the President, and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces;
- (d) The National Commandant shall, in consultation with the Board, establish such number of offices/units in the Headquarters and recruit officers to discharge responsibilities;
- (e) If for any reason, the National Commandant is unable to perform his functions and there exist a vacancy in the office of the National Commandant, the officer who is next in rank to the National Commandant is to act for the period of his inability or vacancy, until a National Commandant is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Officer shall, while so acting have all the powers to perform the functions of the National Commandant.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 16: Appointment of Staff of the Peace Corps

- (a) The appointment of Staff of the Peace Corps shall be governed, mutatis mutandis, by the general terms and conditions of service as the Board may, after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission or related organizations determine.

- (b) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make Staff Regulations relating generally to the Conditions of Service of the Staff of the Peace Corps; and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing. Such regulations may provide for —
 - (i) The appointment, promotion, termination, dismissal and disciplinary control of the Staff of the Peace Corps; and
 - (ii) Appeals by such Staff against wrongful dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made any instrument relating to the conditions of Service of Officers in the Civil Service of the Federation or related organization shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary, to the staff of the Peace Corps.
- (c) The Staff of the Peace Corps shall be public officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended).
- (d) Staff Regulations made under Sub-Section 17(b) of this Section shall not have effect until it has been approved by the Board, and when so approved, the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 17: Discipline of the Staff of the Peace Corps:

- (a) The National Commandant may delegate his powers in respect of discipline of junior staff to Deputy or Assistant National Commandants in the Headquarters and State Command who shall discipline such staff in their Departments and Commands respectively in accordance with existing Peace Corps regulations;
- (b) The power of appointment, promotion and discipline of the junior staff of the Peace Corps is vested in the National Commandant;
- (c) Appeal against all decisions concerning the discipline of such staff shall be with the senior Staff Disciplinary Committee;
- (d) The power to discipline the Senior Staff is vested with the disciplinary committee hereby established; and
- (e) The Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall comprise the following members —
 - (i) A Deputy National Commandant and Assistant National Commandant(s) with the Deputy National Commandant serving as Chairman, while in the absence of a Deputy National Commandant, the most Senior Assistant National Commandant shall serve as Chairman.
 - (ii) The Provost Marshal;
 - (iii) The Head of Legal Matters;
 - (iv) National Corps Secretary

- (v) In addition to function specified in sub-Section 19 (e) of this Section, the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consider and determine appeals emanating from decisions of the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee of the Peace Corps. The decisions of such appeals shall be final.
- (vi) Appeal against the decisions of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall lie with the Board and
- (vii) The National Commandant shall in relation to the staff of the Peace Corps ensure —
 - (a) Probity and Accountability
 - (b) Maintenance of a system of screening and vetting at the recruitment stages and which shall be a continuous exercise throughout the carrier of personnel in the Peace Corps and
 - (c) Maintenance of a policy of continuous staff assessment
- (viii) The National Commandant shall promulgate and distribute a code of conduct to staff of the Peace Corps, the breach of which shall attract the appropriate penalty stipulated therein and
- (ix) For the purpose of proper Legal Guidance and accountability, the Heads of the Legal and Audit Unit shall report directly to the National Commandant.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART V — ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND ZONAL COMMANDS OF THE PEACE CORPS

Clause 18: Administrative Structures of the Peace Corps:

- (a) The Peace Corps Headquarters shall be in the Federal Capital Territory and Headed by the National Commandant
- (b) There shall be established in National Headquarters of the Peace Corps various Departments each of which shall be Headed by an Officer not below the Rank of a Deputy National Commandant. The Departments are
 - (i) Administration;
 - (ii) Finance and accounts;
 - (iii) Training and Operations;
 - (iv) Intelligence and Security; and
 - (v) Peace Building and Conflict Resolution
 - (vi) Monitoring and Evaluation
 - (vii) Personnel, Records and Welfare and

(viii) Logistics and Supply

- (c) Each of these Departments shall be established at the various Command Structure of the Peace Corps as provided in sub-Sections 21 (a) above and shall be headed by an officer not below the Rank of Assistant Commandant.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 19: Zones and Zonal Commands of the Peace Corps:

- (a) The Board shall —
- (i) divide Nigeria into such number of zones as it may, from time to time determine for the effective operations of the Peace Corps; and
 - (ii) Establish, in each Zone, a Zonal Command, which shall be headed by an officer not below the Rank of Assistant National Commandant.
- (b) The Zonal Command shall, subject to the direction and overall command of Peace Corp, be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Peace Corps in the Zone.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 19 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 20: State Command:

- (a) The Peace Corps shall have a State Command in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and
- (b) The State Command shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Peace Corps Headquarters and Zonal Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in the State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 20 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 21: Local Government Command:

- (a) The Peace Corps shall have a Command in each Local Government Area of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and
- (b) The Local Government Command shall subject to the directive and overall Command of the Peace Corps and State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in each of the Local Government Areas or the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 21 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 22: Squadron Command:

- (a) The Peace Corps shall establish a Squadron Command in each Educational Institution in the Federation, which shall be headed by a Squadron Commander, and
- (b) The Squadron Command shall, subject to the direction and overall Command of the Peace Corps State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in Educational Institutions (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "shall" in line 1, and insert the word "may" instead thereof (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

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

Question that Clause 22 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**Clause 23: Funds of the Peace Corps:**

The Peace Corps shall establish and maintain a fund, into which shall be paid —

- (a) All subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal Government.
- (b) All sums accruing to Peace Corps from donations made by Local or International Donor Agencies;
- (c) Statutory Allocations from Federal Government;
- (d) Gifts from the three (3) tiers of Government, Ministries/Agencies and Private Cooperations;
- (e) Loans, grants and Aid; and
- (f) Bequests.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 23 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 24: Expenditure of the Peace Corps:

The Peace Corps may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in Section 25 of this Act —

- (a) To the cost of administration of the Peace Corps; and
- (b) To the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, gratuities payable to the officers and other employees of the Peace Corps, so that no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorized) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government;

- (c) For the maintenance of any property vested in the Peace Corps;
- (d) For and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Act;
- (e) The accounts of the Peace Corps shall be audited by an external Auditor.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 24 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 25: Annual Estimates and Accounts:

- (a) The Peace Corps shall, not later than 30th September in each year submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Peace Corps Fund) during the next succeeding year after approval by the Board; and

Amendment Proposed:

Insert the words "for onward transmission to the National Assembly for consideration and approval" before the word "during" in line 3, (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West*).

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

Question that Clause 25 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

- (b) The Peace Corps shall keep proper accounts in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*).

Question that Clause 25 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 26: Annual Report:

The Peace Corps shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council through the Minister after approval by the Governing Board, not later than six months after the end of each year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the Peace Corps during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Peace Corps for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 27: Power to Accept Gift:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "Gift" and insert the word "Donations" and wherever it appears (*Senator Abdullahi I. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

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

- (a) The Peace Corps may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift; and
- (b) The Peace Corps shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions or objectives of the Peace Corps (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*).

Question that Clause 27 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 28: Power to Borrow:

- (a) The Peace Corps may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Act;
- (b) The Peace Corps shall not, without the approval of the Board, borrow money, which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Board; and
- (c) Notwithstanding Sub-Section 30(a) of this Section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Peace Corps shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the Board (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in Clause 28(c) (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

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

Question that Clause 28 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 29: Investment:

The Peace Corps may, subject to the provisions of this Act and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act in such other securities as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 29 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 29 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 30: Provision of Library Facilities.

The Council shall provide and maintain a library at the headquarters and State Branch Commands of the Peace Corps comprising such books and publications as may be provided, for the advancement of the knowledge and skills of members of the Peace Corps, for research purposes, and for other purposes connected with the objects and functions of the Peace Corps.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 30 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 30 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 31: Exemption from tax.

- (a) The Peace Corps shall be exempted from payment of any income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Board for the Peace Corps; and
- (b) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of company or trust funds shall not apply to the Peace Corps or the Board.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 31 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 31 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART VII — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**Clause 32: Limitation of Suits Against the Peace Corps:**

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of Peace Corps; and
- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment, no suit against any member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps for any act done in pursuance or execution or in respect of any alleged enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Act or any other enactment or law, duty or authority, shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced.
 - (i) Within three months after the act, neglect or default complained of and/or
 - (ii) In the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six months after the teasing thereof.
- (c) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps before expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on Peace Corps by the intending plaintiff or his agent.
- (d) The notice referred to in Sub-Section (i)(c) of this section shall clearly and explicitly state —
 - (i) The cause of action
 - (ii) The particulars of claim
 - (iii) The name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
 - (iv) The relief, which the plaintiff claims

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 32 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 32 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 33: Service of Documents:

A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to be served on the Corps under the provisions of this Act or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the National Commandant or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the National Commandant at the Principal Office of the Peace Corps.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 33 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 33 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 34: Restriction on Execution Against Property of the Peace Corps:

- (a) In any action or suit against the Peace Corps, no execution or attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Peace Corps unless a notice of not less than three months of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Peace Corps; and
- (b) Any sum of money, which may, by the judgment of any court, be awarded against the Peace Corps shall, subject to any directions given by the court where notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid from the general reserve fund of the Peace Corps.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 34 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 34 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 35: Indemnity of Officers:

A member of the Board or the National Commandant or any officer or employee of the Peace Corps shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Peace Corps against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member, National Commandant, officer or other employee of the Peace Corps.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 35 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 35 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 36: Secrecy:

A member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or the employee of the Peace Corps shall —

- (a) Not, for his personal gain, make use of any information, which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board, as the National Commandant or officer or employee of the Peace Corps;
- (b) Treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the performance of his duties under this Act;
- (c) Not to disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this Sub-Section except when required to do so by any court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board, from time to time; and

- (d) A person who contravenes the provisions of Sub-Section 37(a) of this Section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000) only or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 36 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 36 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 37: Power to Obtain Information:

- (a) For the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on the Peace Corps under this Act, the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps authorized in that behalf —
- (i) Shall have a right of access to all the records of any person or authority affected by this Act for the specific purpose of discharging his duties under this Act; and
- (ii) May by notice in writing served on any person or premises require that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be specified by notice.
- (b) The person or authority served with the notice under Section 34 shall furnish information as required under Sub-Section 38(a) of this Section and comply with the notice within a reasonable time.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 30 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 30 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART VIII — DISSOLUTION OF THE EXISTING PEACE CORPS OF NIGERIA, NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE CORPS AND SAVINGS

Clause 38: Dissolution of the Existing Peace Corps of Nigeria:

- (a) (i) The body known as the Peace Corps of Nigeria (in this section referred to as the "Peace Corps") existing before the commencement of this Act is dissolved;
- (ii) The body known as the National Unity and Peace Corps (in this section referred to as the "National Unity and Peace Corps") existing before the commencement of this Act is dissolved;
- (b) Accordingly, there shall be vested in the Peace Corps immediately at the commencement of this Act and without further assurance, all assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable property which immediately before the commencement of this Act were in the Dissolved Peace Corps;
- (c) As from the commencement of this Act —
- (i) All rights, interest, obligations and liabilities of the Dissolved Peace Corps existing immediately before the commencement of this Act under any contract or instrument, or at law or in equity, shall by virtue of this Act be assigned to and vested in Peace Corps;

- (ii) Any contract or instrument as mentioned in paragraph C of this Sub-Section shall have the same force and effect against or in favour of the Peace Corps and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if, instead of being a party thereto; and
- (iii) The Peace Corps shall be subject to all obligations and liabilities to which the Dissolved Peace Corps was subjected immediately before the commencement of this Act, and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Act have the same right, powers and remedies against the Peace Corps as they had against the Dissolved Peace Corps immediately before the commencement of this Act;
- (d) Notwithstanding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Act by or against the Dissolved Peace Corps in respect of any right, interest, obligations or liability of the Dissolved Peace Corps may be commenced, continued or enforced by or against Peace Corps as if this Act has not been made
- (e) Notwithstanding the provision of this Act, but subject to such directions as may be issued by Peace Corps a person who immediately before the commencement of this Act was a volunteer or a regular member of or held office in the Dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to have been transferred to Peace Corps on terms and condition not less favourable than those obtaining immediately before commencement of this Act, and service in the Dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to be service in Peace Corps for purpose of pension; and
- (f) Notwithstanding the provision of this Act or any other existing law in force, apart from all Regular and Volunteer Members and Officers of the dissolved Peace Corps, any individual(s), group, association or body absorbed as a member of the Peace Corps either by transfer, enlistment or by whatsoever legal means shall not as at the time of commencement of this Act be less than 18 years of age and not above the biological age of 45 years old.
- (g) That individual(s), group, association, body that have shown or demonstrated interest to be absorbed as members of the Peace Corps other than the Regular and Volunteer Members of the hitherto Dissolved Peace Corps of Nigeria shall be subject to the Mandatory Statutory four weeks initial training and orientation programme upon the commencement of this Act.
- (h) Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (g) above, the four weeks initial training and orientation programme of the Peace Corps may be subject to periodic review from time to time after the commencement of this Act as the Board may so deem.
- (i) Notwithstanding any provision in this Act, an individual who has served in any capacity in the public service at any level (Federal, State, Local Government) and is entitled to gratuity and pension benefit shall not be eligible for consideration as a staff of the Peace Corps.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 38 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 38 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART IX — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 39: Directives by the Minister:

- (a) The Minister may give to the Peace Corps, the Board or National Commandant such directives —
 - (i) of a general nature or relating generally to matters or policy with regards to the exercise of its functions and
 - (ii) With respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order, as he may consider necessary and the Peace Corps, the Board or the National Commandant shall complied with the directives or cause them to be complied with;
- (b) Subject to the provisions of Sub-Section 44(a) of this Section, a Governor of a State may give to a State Commandant such directives with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order in the State as he may consider necessary and it shall be the duty of the State Commandant to comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 39 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 39 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 40: Regulations

The Peace Corps or the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effects to the provisions of this act and for the due administrations of its provisions which regulations shall be laid before the National Assembly and published in the official gazette.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 40 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 40 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 41: Interpretation:

In this Act;

"The Peace Corps" means the Nigerian Peace Corps established under section 1 of this Act;

Question: That the words "The Peace Corps" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Youth Development;

Question: That the word "Minister" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"The Board" Means the Governing Board of the Nigerian Peace Corps.

Question: That the word "The Board" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Regular Staff Officers" These are the main core staff of the Corps on full remuneration.

Question: That the words "Regular Staff Officers" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Peace Corps Volunteers" These are accredited youth within the age range of 18-29 years who are not on full remuneration but are on monthly stipend to be determined by the Governing Board. They are to serve as reservoirs for the Corps and other security agencies.

Question: That the words "Peace Corps Volunteers" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Student Membership" This is open to all Nigerian students studying in Nigeria institutions and schools on voluntary basis and non-remunerated.

Question: That the words "Student Membership" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 41 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 41 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 42: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 41 be retained (*Senator Usman B. Nafada — Gombe North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 41 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE

Supplementary Provisions Relating to the Board, etc

1. Proceedings —
 - (a) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Act meet not less than 4 times in each year.
 - (b) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by a notice given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given and
 - (c) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it thinks fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this Sub paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.
2. Committees —
 - (a) The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, its functions under this Act as the Board may determine;

- (b) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board as may be determined by the Board) and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment and
 - (c) A decision of the Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.
3. Seal
- (a) The fixing of the Seal of the Peace Corps shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board and the National Commandant
 - (b) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under Seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the National Commandant or any person generally or specially authorized to act for the purpose by the Board and
 - (c) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the Seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed, to be executed.

Question that paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 under the Head "Supplementary Provisions Relating to the Board, etc" stand part of the Schedule to 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 Report of the Committee on Interior on the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 21	—	As Recommended
Clause 22	—	As Amended
Clauses 23 and 24	—	As Recommended
Clause 25	—	As Amended
Clause 26	—	As Recommended
Clauses 27 and 28	—	As Amended
Clauses 29- 42	—	As Recommended
Schedule	—	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 (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

12. Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016:

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| (i) | Senator Usman B. Nafada | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Solomon O. Adeola | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Umar I. Kurfi | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Abdullahi Adamu | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Foster Ogola | — | Member |

13. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

- (a) *Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of petition from Engineer Charles Ambaiwei against the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports over payment reversal of Thirty-One Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Naira, Sixty-Six Kobo to his Company's Account for a duly completed contract;

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do not approve the restoration of the reversed sum of ₦31,666,666.66 to the account of the Technological Services Network Limited with Zenith Bank Plc. as the payment was not only in error but also for a contract not awarded — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Contractor used the sum of ₦35,000,000 already paid to him for the unilateral clearing of additional 25 hectares of land to offset the expenses he incurred in clearing the site — *Agreed to.*

Resolved

- (i) That the Senate do not approve the restoration of the reversed sum of ₦31,666,666.66 to the account of the Technological Services Network Limited with Zenith Bank Plc. as the payment was not only in error but also for a contract not awarded; and
- (ii) That the Contractor used the sum of ₦35,000,000 already paid to him for the unilateral clearing of additional 25 hectares of land to offset the expenses he incurred in clearing the site (*S/Res/064/02/16*).
- (b) *Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of petition from Mr. Akinnigbagbe Akinniyei against National Insurance Commission for alleged Unlawful Termination of his Appointment;

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That since the disengagement of the petitioner, Mr. Akinnigbagbe Akinniyi and others was based on an approved restructuring exercise and he has been paid all his severance benefits and pension arrears, the Commission's disengagement decision should be sustained — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That because the Federal High Court, Abuja had earlier entertained the case and did not find enough grounds to give judgment in his favour but dismissed it, the Senate should sustain the judgment — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That since the disengagement of the petitioner, Mr. Akinnigbagbe Akinniyi and others was based on an approved restructuring exercise and he has been paid all his severance benefits and pension arrears, the Commission's disengagement decision should be sustained.
 - (ii) That because the Federal High Court, Abuja had earlier entertained the case and did not find enough grounds to give judgment in his favour but dismissed it, the Senate should sustain the judgment (*S/Res/065/02/16*).
- (c) *Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of petition from Mrs. Oluwafemi Fakiyesi and one other against the Nigerian Navy over the sudden death of Lt. Commander Oluwafemi Fakiyesi while on duty (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Nigerian Navy should commence immediately the full payment of benefits of the late Lt. Cmdr. Oluwafemi Fakiyesi to his next of kin — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Nigerian Navy be mandated to always provide medicare for its personnel while on duty on our waterways to avoid losing men to sudden death for lack of medicare.

Amendment Proposed:

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

“That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to direct the Nigerian Navy to always provide medicare for its personnel while on duty on our waterways to avoid losing men to sudden death for lack of medicare” (*Senator Isiaka A. Adeleke — Osun West*).

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

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of late Lt. Cmdr. Oluwafemi Fakiyesi — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

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

Resolved:

- (i) That the Nigerian Navy should commence immediately the full payment of benefits of the late Lt. Cmdr. Oluwafemi Fakiyesi to his next of kin;
- (ii) That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to direct the Nigerian Navy to always provide medicare for its personnel while on duty on our waterways to avoid losing men to sudden death for lack of medicare;
- (iii) That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of late Lt. Cmdr. Oluwafemi Fakiyesi; and
- (iv) That the Committee on Navy be mandated to enforce compliance with the Senate resolution (S/Res/066/02/16).

One minute silence accordingly observe in honour of the deceased.

14. Committee on Culture and Tourism:

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

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Information and National Orientation:

Reports of 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).

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Committee on Aviation:

Reports on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

- a. Nigerian Airspace Management Agency;
- b. Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria; and
- c. Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Committee on Science and Technology:

Reports on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

- a. National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure; and
- b. Raw Material Research and Development Council.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Committee on Industries:

Reports on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

- a. National Sugar Development Council;
- b. National Automotive Design and Development Council;
- c. Industrial Training Fund; and
- d. Standards Organization of Nigeria.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 29th November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
(Deputy Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:19 p.m.

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