



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 8th December, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:26 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 7th December, 2016.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of First Age Private Schools, Kubwa Extension, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.
4. **Petition:**
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Obinna J. Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituents, John Nwuguru and fifteen (15) others, over their wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Police. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.
Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.
5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Olusola Adeyeye (*Osun Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to his earlier Order 42 raised on Tuesday, 6th December, 2016 on the demise of three (3) Youth Corps Members at Orientation Camps in different States. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes with sadness the death of three Corps members, Miss Ifedolapo Amoke Oladepo who died in Kano NYSC Orientation Camp, Miss Elechi Chiyerom who died in Bayelsa State Orientation Camp both on Tuesday, 29th November, 2016 and Mr. Ukeme who died in Zamfara State Orientation Camp on Thursday, 1st December, 2016;

deeply worried that deaths of Corps members are becoming a recurrent decimal in almost all NYSC Camps across the country;

disturbed that experienced medical personnels are practically non-existent in all our Orientation Camps across the country as fresh doctors who have not garnered any experience are the ones administering treatments to the Corps members with health challenges;

worried that medical facilities at most Orientation Camps leave a lot to be desired as one of the deceased, Ifedolapo called home five hours to her death and told her older sister, Mrs. Oyeyode Abimbola (a nurse) to start coming to Kano orientation Camp alleging poor care at the NYSC camp;

concerned that an Orientation Camp that houses over three thousand Corps members cannot boast of modern facilities to cater for the needs of Corps members while undergoing the mandatory Orientation programme;

further concerned that NYSC Officials are not up and doing in their Official duties as they expose these Corps members to all manner of dangers; and

strongly believes that NYSC needs total overhauling particularly its HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of these patriotic youths;
- (ii) call on Federal Government of Nigeria to improve on medical facilities in all our NYSC Orientation Camps across Nigeria and to deploy to these Medical Centers experienced medical personnels;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Youth and Sports Development to conduct thorough and comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of this young, vibrant, highly cerebral and promising Nigerians with a view to warding off future occurrence.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of these patriotic youths — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do call on Federal Government of Nigeria to improve on medical facilities in all our NYSC Orientation Camps across Nigeria and to deploy to these Medical Centers experienced medical personnels — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Youth and Sports Development to conduct thorough and comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of this young, vibrant, highly cerebral and promising Nigerians with a view to warding off future occurrence — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of these patriotic youths;
- (ii) call on Federal Government of Nigeria to improve on medical facilities in all our NYSC Orientation Camps across Nigeria and to deploy to these Medical Centers experienced medical personnels;

- (iii) mandate the Committee on Youth and Sports Development to conduct thorough and comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of these young, vibrant, highly cerebral and promising Nigerians with a view to warding off future occurrence (*S/Res/073/02/16*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the mandate given to the Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to reprocess the aspect of the 4th Alteration Bill. He informed the Senate that the Committee will not be able complete its assignment before the end of December, 2016. He sought the leave of the Senate for extension of time to enable the Committee harmonise with the House of Representatives and present a unified report for ease of consideration

By the leave of the Senate, extension was granted.

7. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi (*Enugu North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the International World Day Against Corruption. He informed the Senate that the United Nations slated 9th December, as International day against corruption. In year 2000, Nigeria signed a pact which resulted in the creation of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in 2003. Nigeria has however, joined other countries in the fight against corruption. The Legislative Agenda of the 8th Senate is explicit on this drive. Likewise, the National Assembly held a seminar in November, 2016 on Corruption in Nigeria. Senate was also adequately represented at the Women Against Corruption Summit held yesterday, 7th December, 2016. He urged Nigerians to key in on the fight against corruption.

The Senate accordingly urged Nigerians to strife further on the fight against corruption.

8. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Federal Scholarship Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 403) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal University of Education, Zaria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 400) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Host Communities Entitlement and Protection Bill, 2016 (SB. 404) — *Read the First Time.*

9. Conference Committee:

Report on the North East Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 163):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee Report on the North East Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Mohammed A. Ndume — Borno South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Conference Committee:

Report on the Federal University of Petroleum Resources Effurun (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 220):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee Report on Federal University of Petroleum Resources Effurun (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Binta Masi Garba — Adamawa North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. Committee on Marine Transport:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Marine Transport on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

- a. Nigerian Shippers Council;
- b. National Maritime Administration and Safety Agency; and
- c. Nigerian Ports Authority (*Senator Ahmad R. Sani — Zamfara West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

12. Report in respect of a Motion on the Boko Haram Insurgents Re-assembling in Taraba State:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report in respect of a Motion on the need to urgently flush out Boko-Haram, insurgents re-assembling in Taraba and halt the ongoing silent genocide in the State (*Senator Emmanuel Bwacha — Taraba South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

13. Joint Session of the National Assembly:

Motion made: That the Senate and House of Representatives do sit in a Joint Session to receive an Address by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR on Wednesday, 14th December, 2016 on the 2017 Appropriation (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

14. Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2016 (SB.379):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Venue, Procession and for Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

15. Regulation and Development of Real Estate Bill, 2016 (SB. 216):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Regulation and Development of Real Estate and for Related Matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi — Delta North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

16. **Dieticians Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.205):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to regulate the Profession of the Dietetics and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Chukwuma G. Utazi — Enugu North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

17. **Motor Vehicles Third Party Insurance 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.276):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologist (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.283):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologist and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker — Bayelsa Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

19. **Federal and State Independent Prosecutor (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.82):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Federal and State Independent Prosecutor and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ben Murray-Bruce — Bayelsa East*).

Debate:

By leave of the Senate, Bill withdrawn.

20. **National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.380):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Matthew A. Urhohide — Edo South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

21. **Employees' Compensation Act, 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 170):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.167):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. National Livestock (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.373):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Livestock (Protection, Control and Management, etc.) Bureau for the purpose of Livestock Identification Traceability, Registration, Cattle Rustling Control and for Other Related Purposes, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abu Ibrahim — Katsina South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

24. Constituency Projects Bill, 2016 (SB.321):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for Constituency Projects in the Annual Budget of the Federation and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Stella A. Oduah — Anambra North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Finance; and Appropriations to report within Four (4) weeks.

25. National Directorate of Employment Act CAP 28 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 144):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

26. Nationwide Toll-Free Emergency Number (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.107):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

27. Legal Framework for the Cassava Inclusion Policy Bill, 2016 (SB.152):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

28. National Institute of Sports Act CAP N52 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 75):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

29. Federal Entrepreneurship Centres (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.133):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

30. Nigeria Postal Services Act CAP N127 LFN, 2004, (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.106):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

31. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act CAP N124 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.33):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

32. Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education Owerri (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.398):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

33. **Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned accordingly at 1:47 p.m.

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