



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th January, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:37 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 12th January, 2017.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Publication of 2017 Edition of Senate Calender, Diary and Roll-Up Banner:**
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Abdullahi I. Gobir (Sokoto East) as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON SENATE SERVICES
National Assembly Complex
Three-arms Zone
P.M.B 141, Garki Abuja Nigeria

*President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*

PUBLICATION OF 2017 EDITION OF SENATE CALENDAR, DIARY AND ROLL-UP BANNER

Distinguished Senators may wish to note that the Committee has commenced the processes of producing the 2017 edition of Senate Calendar, Diary and Roll-up banners.

2. *Distinguished Senators are requested to submit their pictures for this exercise. However, those who do not want to change their pictures from the ones used in the 2016 edition are not affected.*

3. *The photographs should be submitted to the Clerk of the Committee on or before Thursday, 19th January, 2017, in Room SB.76 Senate Basement, White House.*
4. *Distinguished Senators should respond promptly to ensure that these items are delivered in good time, please.*

(Signed)

Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir, PhD
Chairman

(b) South-West Senate Caucus:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Olusola Adeyeye (*Osun Central*) as follows:



CHIEF WHIP OF THE SENATE

17th January, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be Senate South-West Caucus meeting in Suite 4.23 (Office of the Chief Whip) immediately after Plenary, tomorrow 18th January, 2017.

(Signed)

Senator Olusola Adeyeye

(c) Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Senate Caucus:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Godswill O. Akpabio (*Akwa Ibom North-West*) as follows:



SENATE MINORITY LEADER

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be meeting of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Senate Caucus immediately after Plenary in Hearing Room 1, today, 17th January, 2017.

Attendance is mandatory.

(Signed)

Senator Godswill O. Akpabio

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Kebbi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the non-payment of four months salaries of Judges by the Federal Government. He stated that it is disturbing and unpleasant for the Judiciary as an Arm of Government more so as the same government is waging war against corruption. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Matters accordingly referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Finance to report on Tuesday, 24th January, 2017.

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Gbolahan J. Dada (*Ogun West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Nigerian Inter-Bank Settlement System (NIBSS). He informed the Senate that NIBSS roll-out a programme introducing a new application to Stakeholders in 2016 but no activity was initiated by NIBSS on the critical issues. He stated that the clearing problems suffered by commercial banks and customers between 5th - 8th December, 2016 was due to deployment of the new application without satisfactory stress testing. He concluded that if nothing is done to address the proposed deployment of the new application, the country will witness colossal disruption of activities in the banking and financial sectors.

Matter accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report to the Senate.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Mustapha S. Mohammed (*Niger South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Engr. Abdulkadir Kure and his subsequent interment. On behalf of the people of Niger South Senatorial District in particular, and the people of Niger State in general, he expressed appreciation to the Distinguished Senators for their condolence visit to the family, people and Government of Niger State.

7. Joint Committee on Finance; Appropriations and National Planning:

Report on the 2017- 2019 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance; Appropriations; and National Planning on the 2017- 2019 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senator John O. Enoh — Cross River Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Public Accounts:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Status of Compliance of Parastatals' submission of Audited Accounts to the Office of the Auditor General for the Federation (*Senator Andy E. Uba — Anambra South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Executive Communication:

Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the nomination of the 46 Non-Career Ambassadors for Confirmation as Ambassador Designate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

No.	Names	State
1.	Dr. Mrs. Uzoma E. Emenike	Abia
2.	Aminu Iyawa	Adamawa
3.	Maj. Gen. Godwin G. Umo (Rtd)	Akwa Ibom
4.	Christopher J. N. Okeke	Anambra
5.	Yusuf Maitama Tuggar	Bauchi
6.	Baba Madugu	Bauchi
7.	Brig. Gen. Stanley Diriyai	Bayelsa
8.	Prof. Steven Ugba	Benue

9.	Baba Ahmad Jidda	Borno
10.	Dr. Etubom N. E. Asuquo	Cross River
11.	Engr. Frank Efeduma	Delta
12.	Mr. Jonah M. Odo	Ebonyi
13.	Uyagwe Igbe	Edo
14.	Dr. Eniola Ajayi	Ekiti
15.	Maj. Gen. Chris Eze	Enugu
16.	Alh. Suleiman Hassan	Gombe
17.	Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor	Imo
18.	Amin Muhammad Dalhatu	Jigawa
19.	Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli	Kaduna
20.	Deborah S. Iliya	Kaduna
21.	Prof. D. Abdulkadir	Kano
22.	Alh. Haruna Ungogo	Kano
23.	Justice Isa Dodo	Katsina
24.	Mohammadu Rimi Barade	Katsina
25.	Prof. Tijjani Bande	Kebbi
26.	Prof. Y. O. Aliu	Kogi
27.	Nuruddeen Mohamed	Kwara
28.	Prof. Mohamed G. Yisa	Kwara
29.	Justice George Adesola Oguntade	Lagos
30.	Mrs. Modupe Irele	Lagos
31.	Musa Ilu Muhammad	Nasarawa
32.	Ahmed Ibeto	Niger
33.	Suzanne Aderonke Folarin	Ogun
34.	Jacob Igbekele Daodu	Ondo
35.	Afolahan Adeyemi A.	Osun
36.	Maj. Gen. Ashimiyu A. Olaniyi Rtd	Oyo
37.	James G. Dimka	Plateau
38.	Dr. Haruna Bawa Abdullahi	Plateau
39.	Orji Ngofa	Rivers
40.	Sahabi Isa Gada	Sokoto
41.	Hon. Kabiru Umar	Sokoto
42.	Alh Hassan Jika Ardo	Taraba
43.	Goni Modu Zanna Bura	Yobe
44.	Alh. Garba Gajam	Zamfara
45.	Cpt. Bala Mohammed Mairiga	Zamfara
46.	Habiss Ibrahim Ugbada	FCT

(Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs to report within two (2) weeks.

10. Ministerial Briefing:

Briefing by Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of the Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger on the planned closure of Abuja Airport:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger to brief this Distinguished Senate on the planned closure of the Abuja (Senate Leader).

Question put and agree to.

Privileges of the Floor:

- (i) **Admission of Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Ita S. J. Enang:**

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Ita S. J. Enang to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Ita S. J. Enang accordingly admitted.

- (ii) **Admission of Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger:**

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger accordingly admitted.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to receive briefing from Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger to brief the Senate on the planned closure of the Abuja Airport (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Briefing by the Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger on the planned closure of the Abuja Airport.

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

Chairman to report progress.

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole was briefed by the Minister of State (Aviation); Minister of Power, Works and Housing; the Representatives of Inspector General of Police; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and Messers Julius Berger.

Thereafter, they answered questions from Distinguished Senators relating to the closure.

The Senate prefers segmented repairs on the runway of the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport to avoid total closure of the airport.

However, the Ministry of Transportation could take decision based on the technical advice proffered by the various stakeholders.

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

11. Motions:

- (a) *The state of the Humanitarian Relief Effort in the North-East amidst high level of funding so far:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (b) *Deplorable State of the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Legal Framework for the Cassava Inclusion Policy Bill, 2017 (SB.152):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. National Health Insurance Scheme Act CAP N42 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB.278):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Proceed of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB.376):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Secured Transaction in Moveable Assets Bill, 2017 (SB. 261):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.167):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.398):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Adjournment:

And it being 3:03 p.m. the Deputy Senate President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 18th January, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:03 p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
*Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*