



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 19th January, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:25 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18th January, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

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

Vacation:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

17th January, 2017

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

VACATION

In compliance with Section 145(1) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended), I wish to inform the Distinguished Senate that I will be away on a Ten (10) working day short vacation as part of my 2017 annual leave, from Monday 23rd January to Monday 6th February 2017 and while I am away, the Vice President will perform the functions of my office.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)*

Muhammadu Buhari

4. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Nelson A. Efiang (*Akwa Ibom South*) drew the attention of the Senate to his political decision on change of party affiliation from Peoples Democratic Party(PDP) to All Progressives Congress (APC). His reason was because of factions within the PDP.

5. **Joint Committee on Women Affairs; Health; and Primary Health-care and Communicable Diseases:**

Report on the oversight visit to Dalori IDP Camp in Borno State:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Women Affairs; Health; and Primary Health- care and Communicable Diseases on the oversight visit to Dalori IDP Camp in Borno State (*Senator Binta Masi Garba — Adamawa North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Committee on Customs and Excise:**

Report on the Nigerian Customs Service Management Act (Repeal and Re-enactment), Bill 2017 (SB. 247):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. **Conference Committee:**

Report on the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) Bill, 2017 (SB. 173 & SB. 183):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (*Senator Umar I. Kurfi — Katsina Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. **Executive Communication:**

Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Umaru Ibrahim for re-appointment as Managing Director, Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC)(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within two (2) weeks.

9. **Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):**

Report on the Independent National Electoral Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017. (SB. 231 & SB. 234):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the Independent National Electoral Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Adjourned Consideration, Tuesday, 6th December, 2016*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT NO. 6, 2010 AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Closed Session:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on matters relevant to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — 12:27 p.m.

Open Session — 1:48 p.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on how to amend the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and for Other Related Matters for the good governance of the country.

The Bill is referred back to the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission for further Legislative Action.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the Independent National Electoral Commission Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 and referred back to the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission for further Legislative Action.

Further consideration of the Bill is referred back to the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission for further Legislative Action.

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

10. Committee on Marine Transport:

Report on the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Bill, 2017 (SB. 243):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Marine Transport:

Report on the National Inland Waterways Act CAP N47 LFN (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 240):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Reports on the Petitions in respect of:

- a. Petition from Cpl. Maxwell Bibakedom (Rtd.) against the Nigerian Army over his non-inclusion in the payroll of the Directorate of the Military Pensions Board after retirement;
- b. Petition by Lawright Associates against the Department of Parks and Recreation, Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) for alleged Unlawful Conversion and Relocation of Green Area/Park Plot at Guzape, Abuja; and

- c. Petition from TRLP Law on behalf of Senator Buruji Kashamu against NDLEA, former Chairman NDLEA Mr. Ahmad Giade and the Attorney-General of the Federation for the alleged intention to abduct Senator Buruji Kashamu and forcibly transport him to the USA without recourse to due process.

Consideration of Reports deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Committee on Trade and Investment:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

- a. Corporate Affairs Commission; and
b. Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority.

Consideration of Reports deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. 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 Reports deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 24th January, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:57 p.m.

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