



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 25th January, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:00 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 24th January, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Visit by the North East Support Group:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Mohammed D. Goje (*Gombe Central*) as follows:



SENATOR MOHAMMED D. GOJE

ANNOUNCEMENT

**NOTICE OF MEETING WITH THE NORTH-
EAST SUPPORT GROUP**

The North-East Support Group will pay a Courtesy Call on the Principal Officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, today Wednesday, 25th January, 2017 by 3:00pm. The meeting will take place at Conference room 0.22 Senate building.

All North East Senators are expected to be in attendance, please.

(Signed)

Senator Danjuma Goje

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(b) **Acknowledgement:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Members of the Students' Union Government, University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4 Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator George T. Sekibo (*Rivers East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Emmanuel C. Aguma, against Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) over the relocation of its operational base from Port Harcourt to Lagos. 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 Benjamin C. Uwajumogu (*Imo North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Sgt. Titus I. I. Azubuike, against the Nigeria Police over of non-payment of his salaries for twenty-six years. 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.

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Sir, Godfrey Oluabunwa, on behalf of the Association of Licensed STB Manufacturers of Nigeria over Nigerian Digital Switch Over (DSO) programme. 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 Rule 42, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to infraction and corruption in contract awards between the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing; and the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP). He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

6. 2017 Appropriation Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resume debate on a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦7,298,507,709,937 (Seven Trillion, Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Naira) only, of which ₦419,020,648,000 (Four Hundred and Nineteen Billion, and Twenty Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand Naira) only is for Statutory Transfers, ₦1,663,885,430,499 (One Trillion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira) only is for Debt Service, ₦177,460,296,707 (One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seven Naira) only is for Sinking Fund for maturing bonds, ₦2,979,151,756,196 (Two Trillion, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine Billion, One Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,058,989,578,536 (Two Trillion, and Fifty-Eight Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Naira) only is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure (exclusive of capital expenditure in Statutory Transfers) for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2017 be read the Second Time (2nd Allotted Day) (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Olanrewaju A. Tejuoso
- (ii) Senator Nelson A. Efiong
- (iii) Senator George T. Sekibo
- (iv) Senator Albert A. Bassey
- (v) Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa
- (vi) Senator Shehu Sani
- (vii) Senator Yele O. Omogunwa
- (viii) Senator Babajide C. Omoworare
- (ix) Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko
- (x) Senator Philip A. Tanimu
- (xi) Senator Barau I. Jibrin
- (xii) Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa
- (xiii) Senator Dino Melaye
- (xiv) Senator John O. Enoh
- (xv) Senator Biodun C. Olujimi
- (xvi) Senator Emmanuel Bwacha
- (xvii) Senator Solomon A. Olamilekan
- (xviii) Senator Francis A. Alimikhena
- (xix) Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah
- (xx) Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide
- (xxi) Senator Olusola Adeyeye
- (xxii) Senator Mallam A. Wakili
- (xxiii) Senator Abu Ibrahim
- (xxiv) Senator Mohammed A. Ndume
- (xxv) Senator Clifford A. Ordia
- (xxvi) Senator Atai A. Aidoko
- (xxvii) Senator Umar I. Kurfi
- (xxviii) Senator Robert A. Boroffice

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.

- (xxix) Senator Buhari Abdulfatai
- (xxx) Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu
- (xxxi) Senator Abdullahi A. Sabi
- (xxxii) Senator Tijjani Y. Kaura
- (xxxiii) Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker
- (xxxiv) Senator Philip A. Gyunka
- (xxxv) Senator Muhammad U. Shitu
- (xxxvi) Senator David Umaru
- (xxxvii) Senator Rabiu M. Musa

Further debate deferred to the next Legislative Day.

7. Adjournment:

And it being 2:34 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 26th January, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:34 p.m.

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