



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 1st March, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:22 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 28th February, 2017.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Invitation to 4th the Edition of Made-in-Aba Trade Fair in Abuja:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) as follows:



Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe
Chairman, Senate Committee on Power, Steel Development & Metallurgy

28th February, 2017

*Distinguished Senators
National Assembly*

Thro:

*The President
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*

Your Excellency,

INVITATION TO THE 4TH EDITION OF MADE-IN-ABA TRADE FAIR IN ABUJA

It is my pleasure to invite my distinguished colleagues to the 4th Made-in-Aba Trade Fair in Abuja.

The objective of the fair is to promote Made-in-Aba and Nigeria products to domestic and international consumers and encourage our citizens to patronize locally made goods.

This fair is my zonal intervention project of 2016 in partnership with Small & Medium Enterprises Agency in Nigeria (SMEDAN).

Venue: Arts & Craft Village Opposite Sheraton Hotel, Beside Yar'adua Centre/Silverbird Cinema, Abuja.

Date: March, Monday 6th - Friday 10th

Opening day Time: 11a.m.

As you come to support the fair, please be assured of my highest regards.

(Signed)

Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe

(b) Appreciation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator David A. B. Mark (Benue South) as follows:



Senator (Dr) David A. B. Mark, GCON fnim

March 1, 2017

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His Excellency,
Senator (Dr) Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON
President of the Senate
National Assembly
Abuja

Your Excellency my dear Brother,

APPRECIATION

I write to express my profound appreciation to you and my Distinguished Colleagues for honouring my invitation at the launching of "I WILL GIVE" (IWG), a project of CHESTRAD International at a very short notice.

The project among other things is designed to restore human dignity, sustain livelihoods and save lives especially among the under privileged and vulnerable in the society.

I am deeply touched that you were able to send a high powered representation led by the Senate Leader, Senator (Dr) Ahmad Lawan CON, Minority Whip, Senator Philip Aduda MFR and Senator Gershom Bassey to attend the event that ordinarily crashed into your already scheduled programme.

Please extend my deep appreciation to my Colleagues. Majority of them called on phone while others sent text messages to express their solidarity and goodwill towards the success of the event.

Thank you.

(Signed)

Senator (Dr) David A. B. Mark GCON, Fnim, Fnipr
Chair, Global Ambassadors Council

(c) ***Notification and Invitation to Attend the Coronation of Tor Tiv (V) His Royal Majesty Prof. James I.O Ayatse:***

The Senate President read a letter from Senator George Akume (Benue North-West) as follows:



SENATOR GEORGE AKUME fnim
BENUE NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

February 28, 2017

His Excellency,
 President of the Senate
 Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki,
 National Assembly Complex,
 Abuja

Your Excellency,

NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION TO ATTEND THE CORONATION OF TOR TIV (V) HIS ROYAL MAJESTY PROF JAMES I.O AYATSE

We write to notify His Excellency the President of the Senate and our distinguished colleagues that His Royal Majesty the Tor Tiv (V), Prof James I.O Ayatse will formally be coronated and presented with staff of office by the Executive Governor of Benue State, His Excellency, Samuel Ortom, on the 4th of March 2017. This historic event will take place in the Tiv Ancestral town of Gboko by 10 am.

We are by this notification formally inviting His Excellency, the President of the Senate and our Distinguished colleagues to find time from their usually crowded schedule to honor the Tiv nation and the entire people of Benue with their distinguished presence.

Highest regards.

(Signed)

SENATOR GEORGE AKUME

(Signed)

SENATOR BARNABAS A.I. GEMADE

(d) ***Senate Delegation to South Africa:***

The Senate President named the following Senators as delegation to South African Parliament:

(i)	Senator Ike Ekweremadu	—	Leader
(ii)	Senator Ahmad I. Lawan	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Olusola Adeyeye	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Shehu Sani	—	Member
(v)	Senator Mohammed S. Lafiagi	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Magnus N. Abe	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Stella A. Oduah	—	Member

(e) ***Conference Committee:***

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act CAP C31 LFN 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.232):

(i)	Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Mohammed Sabo	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu	—	Member

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| (iv) | Senator Isa Hamma Misau | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Dino Melaye | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide | — | Member |

(f) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on Air Force Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.180):

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| (i) | Senator Duro S. Faseyi | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator Mallam A. Wakili | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Albert B. Akpan | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator David Umaru | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Theodore A. Orji | — | Member |

(g) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Staff and Students of the Regent Secondary School, Mabushi District, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Cedar International Secondary School, Kubwa, Abuja.

4. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Francis A. Alimikhena (*Edo North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Christian Iyafekhe, over wrongful termination of appointment by the University of Benin. 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 Mao A. Oluabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:

- (a) Joseph C. Ogwo, over revocation of land allocation by Municipal Area Council, Abuja; and
- (b) Chidi Nwoha, over unlawful dismissal from Service by the Nigeria Police.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions 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 Atai A. Aidoko (*Kogi East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Samuel Odiba, over unlawful dismissal by the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA). 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.

- (iv) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mallam A. Wakili (*Bauchi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Engr. Ahmad M. Mukadas, on behalf of the Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics, Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi Chapter, against the Management over staff emolument. 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.

- (v) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Ezra Enwerem, Esq. on behalf of Grey Silk Legal Consult & Solicitors, over unlawful detention of Commodore Allen Benson Edema by the Nigerian Navy and the State Security Service. 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. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the confirmation of the Chairman, and Members of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) on Tuesday 11th October, 2016, where three (3) representatives of Abia, Ondo and Imo States were rejected. He stressed that Section 2(b) of the NDDC Act provides for equal representation of States. He urged Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to as a matter of urgency send another list of nominees that will be in conformity with the provisions of the NDDC Act.

6. Conference Committee:

Report on the Agricultural Credit and Guarantee Scheme (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 17 & HB.239)

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. Motions:

- (a) *Enhancement of the Powers of the Parliament of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Parliament):*

Motion made: That the Senate is aware that the founding fathers of the ECOWAS spearheaded by Nigeria's former Head of State, Gen. Yakubu Gowon (Rtd), GCFR established the ECOWAS vide the Lagos Treaty in 1975, which was also reviewed in 1993, all in the effort to foster economic and political cooperation of the peoples of West Africa;

recalls that the ECOWAS Parliament was established by Article 13 of the 1993 Revised Treaty of ECOWAS as the representatives of the peoples of West Africa, while the composition, modalities for election of Community Parliamentarians, the functions, powers, and organisation of the Community Parliament were spelt out under ECOWAS Protocol A/P2/8/94 of 1994, which came into force on March 14, 2000;

further recalls that the ECOWAS Parliament has existed as a mere advisory body since its establishment in 2000, although ECOWAS Decision A/DEC.6/01/2006 defined and strengthened the modalities for the interaction between the Community Parliament and other Community institutions;

notes that the New Article 13 of ECOWAS Supplementary Protocol 2006 provides that "the powers of the ECOWAS Parliament shall be progressively enhanced from advisory to co-decision making and subsequently to a law making role in areas to be defined by the Authority";

notes that although efforts by preceding Legislatures of the Community Parliament to have the powers of the Parliament enhanced in line with the New Article 13 were unsuccessful, the 3rd Legislature of the Parliament, under my leadership, championed a robust advocacy for the actualization of this project, including coming up with a Draft Supplementary Act on the Enhancement of the Powers of the Community Parliament to bring the institution to the international best standards as other regional parliaments like the East African Legislative Assembly and European Union, among others;

further notes that although the Supplementary Act was adopted by the 46th Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of the State and Government in Abuja in December 2014, the 47th Ordinary Session of the Authority had failed to sign to bring it into force in Accra in May 2015, before the expiration of the 3rd Legislature, which I headed as the Speaker;

aware that the Fourth Legislature of the Community Parliament had continued with the relentless efforts towards realizing the Enhancement of Powers of the Parliament;

receives with immense pleasure the eventual endorsement of the ECOWAS Supplementary Act A/SA/.1/12/16 relating to the Enhancement of the Powers of the ECOWAS Parliament by the 50th Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Abuja in December, 2016;

conscious of the fact that this Supplementary Act now bestows on the Community Parliament enhanced competences, namely:

- (a) involvement in the enactment of all Community Acts relating to ECOWAS Economic and Monetary integration policies or Treaty;
- (b) involvement in the adoption of the Community Budget;
- (c) exercise of Parliamentary oversight functions over the activities of programme implementing bodies of the Community and to adopt appropriate Resolution in so doing;
- (d) consideration of any matter concerning the Community, in particular issues relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and make recommendations to the Institutions and Organs of the Community in this regard, and constitution of Committees of Enquiry and mediation on such matter;
- (e) consultation of the Parliament on any issues concerning the Community, except on matters relating to Internal Agreements affecting Community institutions; membership, sanction, Suspension or Exclusion of Member States by the Community; creation of Institutions; and Community defence, peace, and security policies; and
- (f) Proposition, with the ECOWAS Council of Ministers and the ECOWAS Commission, model and uniform laws for the Community

notes that Article 18 of the Supplementary Act provides for the eventual election of Community Parliamentarians by direct adult suffrage,

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) commend the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government for finally enhancing the powers of the Community Parliament in line with international best practices;
- (ii) commend this as a major achievement towards the democratization of the governance of the sub-regional body and promotion of the fine principles of separation of powers and checks and balance;
- (iii) congratulate the Community Parliament on this milestone;
- (iv) commend all the organs of the ECOWAS and individuals, who championed the cause, worked tirelessly, and made personal sacrifices towards the actualization of a true Parliament for the Peoples of West Africa;

- (v) commend members of the international community, especially the various international organizations and development partners, who supported and committed their resources towards the achievement of this feat; and
- (vi) calls for the amendment of the Electoral Act of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to empower the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct election to fill the nation's 35 seats at the Community Parliament (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do commend the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government for finally enhancing the powers of the Community Parliament in line with international best practices — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do commend this as a major achievement towards the democratization of the governance of the sub-regional body and promotion of the fine principles of separation of powers and checks and balance — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do congratulate the Community Parliament on this milestone — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do commend all the organs of the ECOWAS and individuals, who championed the cause, worked tirelessly, and made personal sacrifices towards the actualization of a true Parliament for the Peoples of West Africa — *Agreed to.*

Propose Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do commend members of the international community, especially the various international organizations and development partners, who supported and committed their resources towards the achievement of this feat — *Agreed to.*

Propose Resolution (vi):

Question: That the Senate do calls for the amendment of the Electoral Act of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to empower the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct election to fill the nation's 35 seats at the Community Parliament — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) commend the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government for finally enhancing the powers of the Community Parliament in line with international best practices;
- (ii) commend this as a major achievement towards the democratization of the governance of the sub-regional body and promotion of the fine principles of separation of powers and checks and balance;
- (iii) congratulate the Community Parliament on this milestone;
- (iv) commend all the organs of the ECOWAS and individuals, who championed the cause, worked tirelessly, and made personal sacrifices towards the actualization of a true Parliament for the Peoples of West Africa;

- (v) commend members of the international community, especially the various international organizations and development partners, who supported and committed their resources towards the achievement of this feat; and
- (vi) calls for the amendment of the Electoral Act of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to empower the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct election to fill the nation's 35 seats at the Community Parliament (S/Res/094/02/17).

(b) *Discrepancies in subsidy payment and non-remittance of Funds by the NNPC to the Federation Account:*

Motion made: That the Senate is aware that majority of Nigerians overwhelmingly agreed to fight corruption and this informed the present administration's resolve to tackle the widespread corruption in all its ramification, inclusive of the petroleum industry;

notes with dismay that despite the crackdown on corruption by the present government led by President Muhammadu Buhari, there has been continuous violation by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) as regards non-remittance of proceeds from the sale of refined products into the Federation Account. This practice is similar to the problems that sparked the National outrage against the last administration;

aware that though independent marketers account for 49% of the imported petroleum product, while the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) accounts for 51% of imported products but this does not justify the huge amount it has been paid as subsidy in the last 10years;

concerned that from the records derived from the PPMC, 5 -10 cargoes of imported crude arrives the country monthly, while about 5 cargoes are refined locally and each cargo contains 5.8 million litres of the refined crude products;

worried that the excess products which cannot be dispensed that goes into different tank farms owned by private individuals are not properly accounted for as they are illegally sold off by the owners of these tank farms in a manner that is opaque and usually designed to rip off the public and enrich a few persons stupendously at the expense of the masses;

disturbed that since this administration clamped down on subsidy payment, NNPC has solely been responsible for retail with companies like BOVAS and RANO paying 20 - 25 naira per litre for the sales of this product which amounts to over ₦2billion monthly; and

further disturbed that these monies are not accounted for and that might be the reason why we now see petro-dollars buried in caskets and uncompleted buildings in remote villages in some parts of the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector to exhaustively review and investigate the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) over its accounts relating to fuel subsidy and the abuse of product marketing and distribution between 2006 and 2016 (Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector to exhaustively review and investigate the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) over its accounts relating to fuel subsidy and the abuse of product marketing and distribution between 2006 and 2016 — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector to exhaustively review and investigate the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) over its accounts relating to fuel subsidy and the abuse of product marketing and distribution between 2006 and 2016 (*S/Res/095/02/17*).

- (c) *Continued implementation of the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Act, 2016 and for other related matters, pursuant to section 122 and 299 of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended:*

Motion made: That the Senate notes that the FCT Appropriation 2016 was passed on 20th July, 2016;

notes further that the Bill was assented to by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in August 2016;

further concerned that the FCT Appropriation Act operated for only five (5) months before it lapsed, i.e. 31st December, 2016 as captured in the 2016 FCT Statutory Appropriation Act;

observes that the FCT has been inundated with complaints of non-payment for infrastructural development, Satellite Towns development and city cleaning services, due to budgetary constraints;

observes also that the City has slid into environmental embarrassment, especially due to lack of constant maintenance of WUPA Sewage Plant;

notes that Section 122 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, provides as follows:

"If the Appropriation Bill in respect of any financial year has not been passed into Law by the beginning of the financial year, the Governor may authorize the withdrawal of monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State for the purpose of meeting expenditure necessary to carry on the services of the government for a period not exceeding 3 months or until the coming into operation of the Law, whichever is the earlier;

Provided that the withdrawal in respect of any such period shall not exceed the amount authorized to be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State under the provisions of the Appropriation Law passed by the House of Assembly for the corresponding period in the immediately preceding financial year, being amount proportionate to the total amount so authorized for the immediately preceding financial year."

notes further that Section 299 (a) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, provides as follows:

"The provisions of this Constitution shall apply to the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja as if it were one of the States of the Federation; and accordingly -

- (a) *all the legislative powers, the executive powers and the judicial powers vested in the House of Assembly, the Governor of a State and in the courts of a State shall, respectively, vest in the National Assembly, the President of the Federation and in the courts which by virtue of the foregoing provisions are courts established for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja."*

Accordingly resolves to:

Draw the attention of the Federal Capital Territory Administration to the provisions of Sections 122 and 299 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, authorizing them to continue to spend money based on the previous Appropriation Act, up to six (6) months from the 31st day of December, 2016 or until a new budget is passed into law for FCT (*Senator Philip T. Aduda — FCT*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do draw the attention of the Federal Capital Territory Administration to the provisions of Sections 122 and 299 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, authorizing them to continue to spend money based on the previous Appropriation Act, up to six (6) months from the 31st day of December, 2016 or until a new budget is passed into law for FCT — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

Draw the attention of the Federal Capital Territory Administration to the provisions of Sections 122 and 299 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, authorizing them to continue to spend money based on the previous Appropriation Act, up to six (6) months from the 31st day of December, 2016 or until a new budget is passed into law for FCT (*S/Res/096/02/17*).

8. 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, for the confirmation of Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen, for appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

- (i) ***Admission of Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters; the Governor, Cross River State; Acting Chief Justice of the Federation, Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen, and Justices of Supreme Court:***

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters; the Governor, Cross River State; Acting Chief Justice of the Federation, Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen, and Justices of Supreme Court to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters; the Governor, Cross River State; Acting Chief Justice of the Federation, Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen, and Justices of Supreme Court accordingly admitted to the Floor of the Senate.

- (ii) ***Admission of other Judges and Judicial Officials:***

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit other Judges and Judicial Officials to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Other Judges and Judicial Officials accordingly admitted to the Floor of the Senate.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen, for appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**(Screening of Nominee)****Nominee screened:**

Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen

—

Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen, as Chief Justice of Nigeria. The nominee answered questions from Distinguished Senators on a number of topical issues. The Senate thereafter approved the nomination.

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

Confirmation of Nominee:*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Honourable Walter Onnoghen for appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Honourable Justice Walter Onnoghen for appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

9. **Company and Allied Matters Act 1990 CAP C20 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.355):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Company and Allied Matters Act 1990 CAP C20 LFN 2004 to provide for the incorporation of companies, registration of business names together with incorporation of trustees of certain Communities, Bodies, Associations and Incidental Matters, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Fatima Raji-Rasaki — Ekiti Central*).

*Debate:**Question put and agreed to.*

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

10. **Company and Allied Matters Act 1990 CAP C20 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.384):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Company and Allied Matters Act 1990 CAP C20 LFN 2004 and for the establishment of State Corporate Affairs Commissions for Registration of Business Names and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ovie Omo-Agege — Delta Central*).

*Debate:**Question put and agreed to.*

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

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Investment and Securities Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 394):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Federal University of Agriculture Kabba (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 402):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Local Government Act No.8 of 1976 (Repeal) Bill, 2017 (SB.365):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Nationwide Toll-Free Emergency Number (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.107):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Federal University of Education, Kano, (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.397):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 2nd March, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:48 p.m.

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