



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7th June, 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 Tuesday, 6th June, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Students of St. Mary Polytechnic, Suleja, Niger State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Complete-Man International School, Gauraka, Niger State; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of Kingdom Heritage Model Schools, Nyanya, Abuja.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Ibrahim A. Danbaba (*Sokoto South*) drew the attention of the Senate on the extortion of pilgrims by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON). He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate;

notes that the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) is responsible for the regulation and control of all matters concerning the welfare of Nigerian Pilgrims including but not limited to approval of annual Hajj fare packages payable by intending Pilgrims;

notes also that the Commission, on May 29th, 2017 released the approved 2017 Hajj fare packages for 23 States;

further notes that the approved fare packages for the 23 States so far released which include Sokoto, Kano, Kaduna, Ogun, Osun, Anambra, Edo, Plateau, Adamawa, Bauchi, Oyo, Benue, Kebbi, Yobe, Niger, Zamfara, Ekiti, Kwara, Gombe, Nasarawa, Taraba, FCT and the Armed Forces averages about ₦1,550,000.00 (One Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira only) per Pilgrim;

aware that approved Tour Operators in Nigeria which are profit making businesses are offering cheaper Hajj Packages to intending Pilgrims. For instance, HASHA Travel & Tours is offering a package of ₦1,250,000.00 (One Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only) inclusive of \$500.00 pocket money per Pilgrim. This is about ₦300,000.00 lower than the average package approved by the Hajj Commission. The Airfare charged by the Tour Operator is \$1,000.00 per Pilgrim compared to the \$1,650 charged by the Hajj Commission;

aware also that the NAHCON negotiates and provides accommodation for all Pilgrims at Madinah, Minna and Arafat on behalf of all States. It also takes responsibility for feeding arrangements at Madinah, Minna and Arafat;

observes that the cost of feeding the Pilgrim which is inbuilt in the fare packages constitutes a burden on the Pilgrim since his or her right of feeding is circumscribed;

worried that apart from the imposition of the meals which are not standard and served at the right time, the peculiarities of the feeding behaviour of Pilgrims are not taken into account, consideration is not given to Pilgrims with specific Ailments e.g. Diabetics. It is also expensive. There are also allegations that this centralized system of feeding was introduced in order to favour certain foreign food contractors over their Nigerian counter-parts resident in Saudi Arabia and for self gain by the Nigerian officials. The charge is 15SR (Fifteen Saudi Riyals) per meal twice a day for 35 days at Makkah & Madinah and Minna and at the Airport which translates to about ₦113,000.00 (One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Naira only) per head. One of the issues that arises here is that there is no mechanism for refund for missed meals or where the pilgrim spends less than the 35 days in the holy land;

further worried that the intending Pilgrim is being asked to pay for a package which is bloated with charges that are unfair and unnecessary. For instance, a total sum of about ₦20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira Only) in some cases is charged as administrative charges and Development levy per head;

convinced that the 2017 Hajj fare packages approved by the Hajj Commission lacks competitiveness when compared with the package offered by the Private Tours Operators, they are unfair and unrealistic;

further convinced that there is an urgent need for intervention on this matter of national importance in order to save the Nigerian intending Pilgrims from unfair Hajj seat pricing bearing in mind the zero tolerance stance for corruption of the present Administration;

Accordingly resolves to;

- (i) urge the Federal Government to immediately direct the NAHCON to review the 2017 Hajj fare downwards to a realistic, human and fair amount affordable by Pilgrims in this time of recession and economic hardship. The commission should also be directed to reverse the unpopular, much talked about forced feeding policy since it negates the principle of freedom of choice for Pilgrims; and
- (ii) constitute an *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the present feeding regime, and the exorbitant Airfare as fixed by NAHCON with a view to exposing any sharp practice therein and make appropriate recommendation concerning its findings to the Senate within 7days.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to immediately direct the NAHCON to review the 2017 Hajj fare downwards to a realistic, human and fair amount affordable by Pilgrims in this time of recession and economic hardship. The commission should also be directed to reverse the unpopular, much talked about forced feeding policy since it negates the principle of freedom of choice for Pilgrims — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do constitute an *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the present feeding regime, and the exorbitant Airfare as fixed by NAHCON with a view to exposing any sharp practice therein and make appropriate recommendation concerning its findings to the Senate within 7days.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words “constitute an *Ad hoc* Committee” and *insert* the words “mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs” instead thereof (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to immediately direct the NAHCON to review the 2017 Hajj fare downwards to a realistic, human and fair amount affordable by Pilgrims in this time of recession and economic hardship. The commission should also be directed to reverse the unpopular, much talked about forced feeding policy since it negates the principle of freedom of choice for Pilgrims; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs to investigate the circumstances surrounding the present feeding regime, and the exorbitant Airfare as fixed by NAHCON with a view to exposing any sharp practice therein and make appropriate recommendation concerning its findings to the Senate within 7days (*S/Res/188/02/17*).

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Mustapha M. Sani (*Niger South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the collapse of the bridge at Gidan Mai, on Mokwa-Bokani-Makera Road in Niger South Senatorial District due to heavy flood. He urged the Senate to prevail on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to salvage the situation.

The Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) was directed to urgently take over the matter.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a circular from the then Head of Service of the Federation, on the restoration of personal security and oversea treatment for life for retired Heads of the Civil Service of the Federation, and Federal Permanent Secretaries which is an infraction and abuse of the Salaries, Wages and Remuneration of Political Office Holders Act, 2007. He urged the Senate to halt this violation of an Act by the Executive Arm of Government Passed by the National Assembly.

Senate mandated the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters to look into the matter.

7. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**
Report on the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) Act, 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 359):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) Act, 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker — Bayelsa Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**
Report on the Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologists of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (SB. 283):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologists of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker — Bayelsa Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. **Joint Committee on Science and Technology; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the National Research and Innovation (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 239):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Science and Technology; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the National Research and Innovation (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (Senator Robert A. Boroffice — Ondo North).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. **Motions:**

- (a) ***The Continuous Voters Registration Exercise; Matters Arising:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) commenced a nationwide "Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) Exercise" on the 27th April, 2017;

notes also that the exercise is meant for Nigerians who attained 18 years between the last exercise to this day, those who were not previously registered, those who previously registered but whose names cannot be found in the register of voters and those whose cards are lost or damaged;

aware that the exercise is ongoing in all the Commissions Offices in 774 Local Government Areas throughout the Federation instead of ward level:

observes that the exercise has been faced with several challenges across the country which include Malfunctioning of the Direct Data Capture Machines, non-availability of the machines in some Local Government Areas, slowness of the Direct Data Capture Machines, inadequate man power and inaccessibility of registration centres from prospective registrants, especially those residing in the rural areas;

observes that the challenges are worse in states like Akwa-Ibom, Anambra and Osun where only 30 voters are registered per day in each Local Government with over 20 Wards;

whereas Governorship election will be taking place in Osun State in June, 2018 and these challenges if not tackled will jeopardize or make the election less credible if urgent steps are not taken; and

aware that the inability of the Federal Government to effectively address the challenges of the registration exercise can lead to disenfranchisement of voters which could result in serious voters apathy which may render the 2019 general election unacceptable, not credible and undemocratic.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to undertake the Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) exercise on a continuing and permanent basis in the respective Polling Unit until all prospective registrants are registered;
- (ii) urge Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to decentralize the registration exercise on Ward basis and to further decentralize when the Wards are large; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on INEC to monitor the exercise and report progress and challenges periodically to the Senate (*Senator Godswill Akpabio — Akwa-Ibom North-West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to undertake the Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) exercise on a continuing and permanent basis in the respective Polling Unit until all prospective registrants are registered — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to decentralize the registration exercise on Ward basis and to further decentralize when the Wards are large — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on INEC to monitor the exercise and report progress and challenges periodically to the Senate — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to undertake the Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) exercise on a continuing and permanent basis in the respective Polling Unit until all prospective registrants are registered;
- (ii) urge Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to decentralize the registration exercise on Ward basis and to further decentralize when the Wards are large; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on INEC to monitor the exercise and report progress and challenges periodically to the Senate (*S/Res/189/02/17*).

(b) ***Trans-Sahara - Europe Migration Crisis:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes the definition of a migrant under the United Nations International Organization for Migration as "any person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence, regardless of the person's legal status, whether movement was voluntary or involuntary, what the causes of the movement are and the length of stay";

notes also the negative trend towards migration by Nigerians and other Africans through illegal routes across the Sahara desert and the Mediterranean Sea which has resulted in colossal loss of lives;

aware that Nigerians who embark on illegal/irregular migration find their route through Libya, Morocco and Algeria;

worried that the International Organization for Migration's report 2016 revealed that more than 5,070 people were estimated to have lost their lives on migratory routes around the world and the Mediterranean alone witnessed a record of 3,870 out of which 2,000 of the casualties were from the central Mediterranean route used by the West and North African countries and Nigeria alone has more than 1000 of the central Mediterranean casualties;

more worried that because of the involvement of many Nigerians in irregular migration; the International Organization for Migration made Nigeria and Iraq a case study in one of their researches, the result of which was mind-boggling and in addition to the tragic loss of life, a substantial number of victims are not recovered and even those recovered are buried with at best a number and not a name. It is important to emphasize here that each unidentified migrant represents a missing person for a family who live in perpetual grief without certainty of the where-about of their loved ones;

worried that this phenomenon is aggravated by the activities of unrepentant human traffickers who deceive unsuspecting Nigerians with promises of leading them to greener pastures only to sell them as sex slaves and where possible, even harvest their body organs for money; and

determined to reverse this negative trend and the inhuman treatment suffered by Nigerian migrants in the hands of Immigration Officials in neighboring countries.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) set up *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the causes and proffer solutions to the problems of irregular migration across the Sahara/Mediterranean Sea to Europe; and
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to strengthen the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Person (NAPTIP) and the Nigerian Immigration Services to take effective measures towards preventing the trafficking in persons and illegal migration (*Senator Francis A. Alimikhena — Edo North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do set up *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the causes and proffer solutions to the problems of irregular migration across the Sahara/Mediterranean Sea to Europe — *Agreed to.*

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words “set up Ad hoc Committee” and *insert* the words “mandate the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs; and Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organisations” instead thereof (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to strengthen the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Person (NAPTIP) and the Nigerian Immigration Services to take effective measures towards preventing the trafficking in persons and illegal migration — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) mandate the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs; and Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organisations to investigate the causes and proffer solutions to the problems of irregular migration across the Sahara/Mediterranean Sea to Europe; and
 - (ii) urge the Federal Government to strengthen the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Person (NAPTIP) and the Nigerian Immigration Services to take effective measures towards preventing the trafficking in persons and illegal migration (*S/Res/190/02/17*).
- (c) ***Urgent need for the completion of Bodo/Bonny Road; linking the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Complex:***

Motion made: That the Senate is aware of the 37km Bodo/Bonny Road project in Rivers State linking Bodo Community in Gokana Local Government Area to Grand Bonny in Bonny Local government; that hosts the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas complex was awarded in 2002 by the President Olusegun Obasanjo's administration at a contract value of Twenty Billion (₦20,000,000,000.00) Naira only;

aware also that President Obasanjo's administration did not do much on the project after mobilizing the contractor to site as it was poorly funded and later abandoned till 2014;

recalls that in 2014 with passionate efforts from the people of Bonny kingdom and other prominent Rivers elders, the former President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan's administration re-awarded the road project after revalidation at the contract value of One Hundred and Twenty Billion Naira (₦120,000,000.00) and appropriated Twenty Billion (₦20,000,000,000.00) Naira only for it in the 2015 budget to recommence its construction;

regrets that the Federal Government did not spend any amount out of the appropriated amount in 2015 and to worsen matters the project was not captured in the 2016 budget thus making the lack of understanding of the importance of this road for national economic development obvious;

aware that in the 2017 budget, the Federal Government has proposed to spend a meagre Nine Billion (₦9,000,000,000.00) Naira only, which is not adequate to mobilize the contractors to site;

regrets that this is the same attitude of the past administrations that eventually caused the abandonment of the project for this long;

acknowledges that in 2016, the Governor of Rivers State, Chief Barrister Nyesom Ezenwo Wike approached the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) management and appealed to the corporation to partner with the Federal Government to execute the project as it would benefit both the Federal Government, the NLNG business empire, the people of Bonny, other communities along the Road and indeed the business community in the country;

recalls that while acknowledging the importance of the road and the urgent need for its completion, the NLNG management accepted to contribute a whopping sum of 50 % of the contract Value of One Hundred and Twenty Billion (₦120,000,000,000.00) Naira only; that is, they are to make a contribution of Sixty Billion (₦60,000,000,000.00) Naira only;

regrets with deep concern that the Federal Government which has a major business concern worth over \$13 Billion USD at Bonny and who would benefit more from the completion of the project has not taken the needed steps to actualize the commencement of the project when even over 50% of the cost would be defrayed through partnership with the Management of the NLNG;

recalls that at the inception of the present administration when funds were extremely scarce to kick-start the new administration, it was the dividend of over \$11 Billion USD from the NLNG that enabled the Federal Government to commence the administration effectively;

also recalls that outside the dividend that accrued to the Federal Government at the appropriate time, the three tiers of government have been receiving between \$500 million and \$1,000,000,000 USD from the NLNG annually in form of taxes;

believes that the completion of the road project would enhance the status of the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Corporation and attract more revenue to the government, improve the business environment and assist in uplifting the standard of living for the indigenes who have accepted to peacefully host this gigantic liquefied natural gas processing facility; and

regrets that the Federal Government which makes over \$1.5 Billion USD annually from the NLNG; from both taxes and dividends could abandon such an important road linking their investment site to other parts of the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) invite the Federal Minister of Power, Works and Housing to brief the Senate Committee on Works on the circumstances surrounding the Federal Government's inability to partner with the NLNG management to complete the Bodo/Bonny road project or any other issue that had stood against the completion of the Bodo/Bonny road within two weeks; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to carry out an independent comprehensive evaluation of the Bodo/Bonny road project and brief the Senate within four weeks (*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do invite the Federal Minister of Power, Works and Housing to brief the Senate Committee on Works on the circumstances surrounding the Federal Government's inability to partner with the NLNG management to complete the Bodo/Bonny road project or any other issue that had stood against the completion of the Bodo/Bonny road within two weeks — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Works to carry out an independent comprehensive evaluation of the Bodo/Bonny road project and brief the Senate within four weeks — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) invite the Federal Minister of Power, Works and Housing to brief the Senate Committee on Works on the circumstances surrounding the Federal Government's inability to partner with the NLNG management to complete the Bodo/Bonny road project or any other issue that had stood against the completion of the Bodo/Bonny road within two weeks; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to carry out an independent comprehensive evaluation of the Bodo/Bonny road project and brief the Senate within four weeks (*S/Res/191/02/17*).

(d) ***Urgent need for the Senate to look into the Re-occurring Shortfall in allocation for Personnel Cost in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria:***

Motion made: That the Senate is aware of the provision for Personnel Cost for the Federal Government owned Tertiary Institutions in the 2017 Appropriation Bill is the same with the 2016 Budgetary Allocation in terms of shortfall;

disturbed about the deliberate reduction of budgetary allocation for personnel in all Federal Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria, thereby dampening the morale of Administrators, Academic and non-Academic staff nationwide and threatening the fragile industrial peace in our tertiary institution campuses;

worried that this unhealthy practice has continued to force administrators in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria to pay salaries in some cases half salaries largely with Internally Generated Revenue, which is often not enough;

further worried that the reduction in the allocation for personnel cost has led to situations where staff union deductions, PAYE deductions and National Housing Fund deductions are usually paid in arrears. The situation affects the ability of Tertiary Institutions to implement promotions which are long overdue;

informed that the Presidential Initiative on continuous Audit had visited most of the Federal Government Owned Tertiary Institutions and verified their nominal rolls without corresponding action;

further informed that consequent upon this development, industrial action now looms across the Tertiary Institutions; and

convinced that necessary measures must be taken to address the issues so as to provide a more conducive atmosphere for teaching and learning in our Tertiary Institutions, thereby boosting the quality of our educational system.

Accordingly resolves to:

urge the Federal Ministries of Budget and National Planning; Finance; and Education to take steps to correct these anomalies in the subsequent Appropriation Bills (*Senator Tijjani Y. Kaura — Zamfara North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministries of Budget and National Planning; Finance; and Education to take steps to correct these anomalies in the subsequent Appropriation Bills — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND to investigate the circumstance of the shortfall in personnel allocation to our Tertiary Institutions and report to Senate in six (6) weeks” (*Senator Magnus N. Abe — Rivers South-East*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Budget and National Planning; Finance; and Education to take steps to correct these anomalies in the subsequent Appropriation Bills; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND to investigate the circumstance of the shortfall in personnel allocation to our Tertiary Institutions and report to Senate in six (6) weeks (*S/Res/192/02/17*).

11. Committee on Foreign Affairs:**Report on the Screening of 3 Non-Career Ambassadorial Nominees:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of the following persons as Non-Career Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

S/N	Name	State	Remarks
1.	Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor	Imo	Re-submission
2.	Joseph Olusola Iji	Ondo	Replacement
3.	Commodore Yusuf Jonga Hinna (Rtd)	Gombe	Replacement

(*Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu — Oyo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the screening of the following persons as Non-Career Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

1.	Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor (<i>Imo</i>) (<i>Re-submission</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
2.	Joseph Olusola Iji (<i>Ondo</i>) (<i>Replacement</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
3.	Commodore Yusuf Jonga Hinna (Rtd) (<i>Gombe</i>) (<i>Replacement</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

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 Foreign Affairs on the screening of Non-Career Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approved their nominations.

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

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor (*Imo*) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor (Imo) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Joseph Olusola Iji (*Ondo*) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Joseph Olusola Iji (Ondo) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Commodore Yusuf Jonga Hinna (*Rtd*) (*Gombe*) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Commodore Yusuf Jonga Hinna (Rtd) (Gombe) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

12. Committee on Trade and Investment:

Report on the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Bill, 2017 (SB. 257):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Witness Protection Programme (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 157):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Works:

Report on the Federal Roads Authority (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 219):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Works:

Report on the National Roads Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 218):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Animal Health and Husbandry Technologies (Registration, etc) Bill, 2017 (HB. 320) - Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB.99 & 118) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Compulsory Treatment and Care of Victims of Gunshots Bill, 2017 (HB. 119) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Corporate Manslaughter Bill, 2017 (HB. 273) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency Bill, 2017 (HB. 127) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. **Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, CAP C4 LFN, 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.64):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, CAP C4 LFN, 2007 to ensure Transparency and Accountability in the Operations of the Bank and subject its intervention advances to the National Assembly and for Related Matters, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Rose O. Oko — Cross River North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within Four (4) weeks.

22. **National Directorate of Employment Act CAP 28 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 144):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Directorate of Employment Act CAP 28 LFN 2004 and to establish the National Youth Employment and Development Agency to provide for the Promotion, Coordination and the Employment of Youths throughout Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Bassey A. Akpan — Akwa-Ibom North-East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to report within Four (4) weeks.

23. **Unclaimed Dividend Fund Bill, 2017 (SB.195):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Reporting, Managing and Enforcing of Unclaimed Funds to establish the Unclaimed Funds Regulatory Authority and the Unclaimed Funds Regulatory Trust Fund and Other Purposes Connected Thereto, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Robert A. Boroffice — Ondo North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

24. South East Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.303):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the South East Development Commission in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to act as a catalyst to develop the commercial potentials of the South East and Other Connected Matters, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

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.

25. National Fertilizer Quality Control Bill, 2017 (SB. 338):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

26. Prevention and Punishment of Torture Bill, 2017 (SB.47):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

27. Federal Capital Territory Act CAP F6 LFN (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.115):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

28. Non-Governmental Organizations Regulation Bill, 2017 (SB.111):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

29. National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.153):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

30. Anti-Criminal Gang Bill, 2017 (SB.39):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

31. Personal Information Protection Bill, 2017 (SB.310):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

32. Social Safety Nets Service Bill, 2017 (SB. 371):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

33. Management of Mental Health in Nigeria Bill, 2017 (SB.49):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

34. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 8th June, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:58 p.m.

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