



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th June, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:50 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 13th June, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Closed Session:**
Closed Session — 10:53 a.m.
Open Session — 11:20 a.m.

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues bordering on the workings of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

4. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:
 - (i) Members of Nigeria Economics Student Association, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of Royal Kidz Castle Montessori Private Academy and Educational Services, Kaduna, Kaduna State;
 - (iii) Students of Department of Mass Communication, Dorben Polytechnic, Bwari, Abuja; and
 - (iv) Staff and Students of New Ideas Montessori Academy, Bwari, Abuja.
5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Binta Masi Garba (*Adamawa North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the collapse of two (2) bridges destroyed by rains storm in her Constituency on Tuesday, 13th June, 2017. She 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. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Ben Murray-Bruce (*Bayelsa East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the reimbursement of funds for the rehabilitation of Federal roads across the country to affected States Governments by the Federal Government. 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)].

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Federal Co-operative Colleges (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.418) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal Polytechnic Ogbomosho (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 467) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Medical and Dental Practitioners Act CAP M8 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.497) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Fire Arms Act CAP F28 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 489) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Nigerian Automotive Industry Development Plan (Fiscal Incentives Assurances and Guarantees) Bill, 2017 — *Read the First Time.*

8. Motions:**(a) *The Need for National Unity and Peaceful Coexistence in Nigeria:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes with serious concern that the greatest challenge facing Nigeria today is the threat to national unity, as centrifugal forces, calls for self-determination, ethnicity and religious intolerance have enveloped national consciousness:

notes also that since Independence national integration has been the priority of Government in Nigeria which saw the establishment of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), the Unity School System, the Federal Character Principles and many other affirmative policies intended to achieve national integration and peaceful coexistence amongst others;

observes that various integration policies and programmes in Nigeria have yielded some desired outcomes, but there is more to be done as primordial ethnic sentiments and loyalties are still deep rooted;

concerned that some citizens rather than working for integration into a cohesive nation with a common sense of national identity and destiny, are preaching and supporting primordial affiliation for identity, loyalty and security;

concerned also that recently, there have been clamouring for ethnically based and regionally supported threat to one united Nigeria in various parts of the country;

observed that Nigeria's efforts at achieving national integration and unity have remained largely challenged with entire social matrix characterized by inter-community and intra-community; inter- ethnic and intra-ethnic; inter- religious and intra-religious strifes;

reiterates that the amalgamation of the Southern and Northern Protectorates in 1914 was not a mistake, but a design by the Almighty God as a nation of brothers and sisters united in common destiny;

acknowledges that Nigeria as it is currently constituted is the envy of so many nations across the globe; and

commend the spirit of patriotism and nationalism exhibited by Nigerians in support of our journey to nationhood.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) convey the commitment of the 135 million Nigerians who voted us into office that we live together in unity and harmony as one indivisible, indissoluble sovereign nation under God;
- (ii) urge all Nigerians to desist from actions and utterances that are capable of jeopardizing the corporate existence of our dear nation;
- (iii) urge Distinguished Senators to intensify their representative role by embarking on sensitization campaign in their various constituencies to highlight the importance of harmonious and peaceful co-existence; and
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation; and other relevant Agencies to intensify enlightenment and advocacy of loyalty to the nation (*Senator Ahmad I. Lawan — Yobe North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do convey the commitment of the 135 million Nigerians who voted us into office that we live together in unity and harmony as one indivisible, indissoluble sovereign nation under God.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Proposed Resolution (i) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“convey the commitment of all Nigerians that we live together in unity and harmony as one indivisible, indissoluble sovereign nation under God” (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North-East*).

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

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge all Nigerians to desist from actions and utterances that are capable of jeopardizing the corporate existence of our dear nation — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge Distinguished Senators to intensify their representative role by embarking on sensitization campaign in their various constituencies to highlight the importance of harmonious and peaceful co-existence.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Proposed Resolution (iii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“urge the leadership of the Senate to facilitate Senators who are the representative of the people to embark on sensitization campaign in their various constituencies to highlight the importance of harmonious and peaceful co-existence” (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

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

Proposed Resolution(iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation; and other relevant Agencies to intensify enlightenment and advocacy of loyalty to the nation — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolutions:

insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows

- (i) “Urge the Security Agencies to ensure the prompt prosecution of anyone found making inflammatory statements that will threaten the corporate existence of Nigeria” (*Senator Emmanuel Bwacha — Taraba South*).

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

- (ii) “Urge the Federal Government to resend the Report of the last National Conference to National Assembly for deliberation” (*Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa — Abia North*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) convey the commitment of all Nigerians that we live together in unity and harmony as one indivisible, indissoluble sovereign nation under God;
- (ii) urge all Nigerians to desist from actions and utterances that are capable of jeopardizing the corporate existence of our dear nation;
- (iii) urge the leadership of the Senate to facilitate Senators who are the representative of the people to embark on sensitization campaign in their various constituencies to highlight the importance of harmonious and peaceful co-existence;
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation; and other relevant Agencies to intensify enlightenment and advocacy of loyalty to the nation;
- (v) the Security Agencies to ensure the prompt prosecution of anyone found making inflammatory statements that will threaten the corporate existence of Nigeria;
- (vi) urge the Federal Government to resend the Resolutions of the last National Conference to National Assembly for deliberation (*S/Res/003/03/17*).

(b) *The Urgent Need to Save the 215 Megawatt (MW) Kaduna Power Plant:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.227):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.424):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Mandatory Haemoglobin-Genotype Testing Bill, 2017 (SB.414):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Federal Capital Territory Act CAP F6 LFN (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 115):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
13. **National Fertilizer Quality Control Bill, 2017 (SB.338):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
14. **Correction, Reformation and Reintegration Centre (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.308):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
15. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on the National Open University of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 066):
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
16. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**
Report on the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.359):
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
17. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron Bill, 2017 (SB. 309):
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
18. **Committee on Environment:**
Report on the Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.32):
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
19. **Animal Health and Husbandry Technologies (Registration, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 320) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
20. **Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HBs.99 & 118) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
21. **Compulsory Treatment and Care of Victims of Gunshots Bill, 2017 (HB. 119) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
22. **Corporate Manslaughter Bill, 2017 (HB. 273) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
23. **National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency Bill, 2017 (HB. 127) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

24. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 15th June, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:51 p.m.

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