



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15th June, 2017

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1. The Senate met at 11:02 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 14th 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) Members of Nigeria National Association of Faculty of Administration Students, Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Members of Students' Union Government, Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State;
- (iii) Staff and Students of Anglican Comprehensive Secondary School, Kubwa, Abuja; and
- (iv) Staff and Students of Star Divine Heritage International School, Kubwa, Abuja.

4. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ike Eweremadu (*Enugu West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Judgement of Code of Conduct Tribunal on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 which discharged and acquitted the Senate President over numerous charges level against him. The verdict according to him, has confirmed the independence of the Judiciary. He thanked Distinguish Senators, Nigerians and Members of the Press for their support throughout the trial. He, on behalf of the Senate, congratulated the Senate President for the victory and assured him of the Senate's continued support.

5. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Kebbi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a statement credited to the Acting President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, over the powers of the National Assembly to alter the Federal Budget. Citing Section 80 of the 1999 Constitution (As Amended), especially sub-section (4), which empowered the National Assembly to prescribe the manner moneys shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund or any other public fund of the Federation, he believed that the Acting President was misquoted.

*The Senate accordingly resolved to continue to defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

**6. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Binta Masi Garba (*Adamawa North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the collapse of two (2) bridges destroyed by rainstorm in her Constituency on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. She explained that the frequent heavy rainfall and its attendant floods affected the two bridges across Delichim and Kudzum rivers which links a greater part of her constituency, and causing an untold hardship to the people. She further reiterated that due to the economic importance of the two bridges, the citizens of Michika reconstructed them when they were destroyed by the Boko Haram insurgency. She called on the Senate to urge Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately mobilise to commence rehabilitation of these bridges.

*The Senate accordingly mandated the Committee on Works to intervene.*

**7. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Dormant Accounts Bill, 2017 (SB. 381) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Police Act CAP P19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 453) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal College of Education, Omuma, Imo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.480) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Central Bank Act CAP P19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 505) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) National Intelligence Agency Pension Bill, 2017 (HB. 842) — *Read the First Time.*

**8. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

***Report on the Petition from Mr. Arinze John against Nigeria Prisons Service (NPS):***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Mr. Arinze John against Nigeria Prisons Service (NPS) for alleged Wrongful Retirement from the service (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**9. Joint Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions; and Media and Public Affairs:**  
***Report on the complaint of Breach of Personal Privilege by the Senate Leader, Senator Ahmad Lawan against Thisday and Punch Newspapers:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions; and Media and Public Affairs in respect of complaint of Breach of Personal Privilege by the Senate Leader, Senator Ahmad Lawan against Thisday and Punch Newspapers for Publication of Untrue and Damaging Stories about His Person (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

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

*Motion made:* That the Senate notes the protracted power shortages in the Northern part of the country has led to the shutdown of the industrial sector in the region;

*also notes* that lack of gas pipelines from the southern part to the northern part of the country has hindered power generation by the 215MW Kaduna Power Plant;

*further notes* that the Federal government through the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is at the verge of awarding the contract for the construction of the 40 X 614KM AJAOKUTA-ABUJA-KADUNA- KANO (AKK) GAS PIPELINE;

*convinced* that to get the Kaduna Power Plant working in the next six(6) months, to allow the northern parts of Nigeria enjoy the benefits of the installed 215MW Power plant is to provide an alternative gas supply mode to the Plant;

*further convinced* that the use of gas to power turbines is key all over the world due to its environmental friendliness, cost implication and in line with the United Nations Charter on Green Energy and Climate Change;

*surprised* that the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing appears to have jettison the use of gas to power the Kaduna Gas Plant and instead opted for the construction of AGO tanks for use of AGO which is 60% higher in cost when compared with gas;

*further surprised* that in the Federal Tenders Journal of Monday, May 28 2017 - Sunday, June 11, 2017, the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing has advertised for the supply of AGO instead of gas to power the Kaduna Power Plant;

*worried* that over 4.7 Trillion Naira was expended by the Federal Government on importation of petroleum products in 2016;

*further worried* that 40% of forex demand in the country is due to the importation of petroleum products; and

*aware* that even General Electric/Rockson Engineering Consortium upon becoming aware of this development has raised alarm on the environmental hazards, cost and efficiency of the plant performance and have threatened to withdraw their warranty for the project.

***Accordingly resolves to:***

mandate the Committees on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy; and Gas to investigate this anomaly and report to the Senate immediately (*Senator Bassey A. Akpan — Akwa Ibom North-East*).

***Debate:******Proposed Resolution:***

*Question:* That the Senate do mandate the Committees on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy; and Gas to investigate this anomaly and report to the Senate immediately — *Agreed to.*

***Resolved:***

That the Senate mandate the Committees on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy; and Gas to investigate this anomaly and report to the Senate immediately (*S/Res/004/03/17*).

**11. National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB227):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Lottery Act 2005 to make provisions for effective operation of Lottery in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Conference Committee on National Lottery Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017.*

**Conference Committee:**

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on National Lottery Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017:

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| (i)   | Senator Obinna J. Ogba   | — | Chairman |
| (ii)  | Senator Duro S. Faseyi   | — | Member   |
| (iii) | Senator Foster Ogola     | — | Member   |
| (iv)  | Senator Dino Melaye      | — | Member   |
| (v)   | Senator Danjuma Laah     | — | Member   |
| (vi)  | Senator Joshua M. Lidani | — | Member   |

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**14. 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.*

**15. 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.*

**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 Environment:**

*Report on the Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.32):*

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

23. **Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 4th July, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 12:19 p.m.*

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