



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16th March, 2017

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1. The Senate met at 10:35 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 10:39 a.m.

Open Session — 11:05 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.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 15th March, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgment:

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

(i) Staff and Students of Triple Values Academy, Bwari, Abuja; and

(ii) Staff and Students of the UKP Standard Schools, Kubwa, Abuja.

5. **Petitions:**

(i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade (*Benue North East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Joseph T. Orbunde, over denial of Short Service Combatant Commission, against Hon. Minister of Defence, Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Army Staff and Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna. 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. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Onyekwere, C. I. (Mrs), over appeal for reinstatement into the Nigeria Customs 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.

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Gbolahan J. Dada (*Ogun West*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:
- (a) Mr. Sam Ayinde, Secretary-General, Association of Cash Managers of Nigeria, against Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), over business operations in cash movement and cash management services sector; and
 - (b) Adashanu B. Ibrahim, over payment of salary arrears and promotion by the Nigeria Customs Service.

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.

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Fatimat O. Raji-Rasaki (*Ekiti Central*) drew the attention of the Senate on the demise of Major-General Adeyinka Adebayo (Rtd), who passed on to glory in the early hours of Wednesday, 8th March, 2017. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate notes with great sadness the passing to the great beyond of a great statesman, leader and a shining symbol of leadership of the Yoruba and Nigeria in general; Major General Adeyinka Adebayo;

also notes that Adeyinka Adebayo was born in 1928, as the son of a Public Works employee from Era Area in Oketoro quarters, Iyin Ekiti and his mother hails also from Aragbo, in the same Oketoro quarters, Iyin Ekiti;

further notes that he had his early education at All Saints School, Iyin-Ekiti, and later attended Eko Boys High School and Christ's School, Ado Ekiti. He was taken to Ilorin by Chief Meoloshirin and later joined the West African Frontier Force in 1948 as a regiment signaler and subsequently completed the Officer Cadet Training Course in Teshie, Ghana from 1950 to 1952. After passing the War Office Examination for Commonwealth Cadets in 1952 as well as the West African qualifying examination in 1953, he was commissioned as an Officer in the Royal West African Frontier Force (RWAFF) and was the 7th Nigerian military officer with number N7 after completing the War Office Cadet Training in Eaton Hall, England. He later attended the Staff College course in Camberley (Surrey) in 1960 and the prestigious Imperial Defence College, London later in 1965 as the only African Officer;

observes that Gen. Adeyinka Adebayo as Governor of the Western Region promoted agricultural extension services in particular with the establishment of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training, Moor Plantation, Ibadan;

observes also that as great statesman and leader during the civil war, Adebayo advised against the use of force in resolving the Biafran crisis. In one of the most prescient and articulate quotations of the war, he declared: "I need not tell you what horror, what devastation and what extreme human suffering will attend the use of force. When it is all over and the smoke and dust have lifted, and the dead are buried, we shall find, as other people have found, that it has all been futile, entirely futile, in solving the problems we set out to solve";

aware that in recognition of his leadership abilities he was the National Vice Chairman and Co-founder of the then ruling party National Party of Nigeria (NPN) from 1979 to 1983 and was also the Chairman of the Yoruba Council of Elders in 2011, a position he held till his passing onto glory; and

aware that his demise is a great loss to the people of Ekiti State in particular and Nigeria in general.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honor of the late General Adeyinka Adebayo; and
- (ii) send a delegation of the Senate to condole with the family of the late General Adeyinka Adebayo, the Government and people of Ekiti State (*Senator Fatima O. Raji-Rasaki — Ekiti Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honor of the late General Adeyinka Adebayo — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a delegation of the Senate to condole with the family of the late General Adeyinka Adebayo, the Government and people of Ekiti State — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honor of the late General Adeyinka Adebayo; and
- (ii) send a delegation of the Senate to condole with the family of the late General Adeyinka Adebayo, the Government and people of Ekiti State (*S/Res/110/02/17*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

Senate Delegation to Ekiti State:

The Senate President named the following Senators to condole the family, Government and people of Ekiti State over the death of General Adeyinka Adebayo:

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| (i) | Senator Donald O. Alasoadura | — | Leader |
| (ii) | Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Foster Ogola | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Suleiman O. Hunkuyi | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Mohammed M. Sani | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Mohammed Hassan | — | Member |

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

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Petition from the Attorney-General and Commissioner of Justice of Rivers State on behalf of the Governor and people of Rivers State against Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) for alleged planned relocation of its operational Base from Port-Harcourt, Rivers State to Lagos;
- b. Petition from Armiyau Y. Abubakar, Esq. on behalf of Late Hajiya Fatima Ladi Mohammed against the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) for Non-payment of retirement benefits;
- c. Petition from Sgt. Godwin Obanga against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for his Wrongful Dismissal from the Force; and

- d. Petition from Oluchukwu Ulasi, Esq. and Associate on behalf of the family of Late Arerebo Dressman against the Port-Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) alleged Brutal Killing of Arerebo Dressman by Officials of the Company (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Report on Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the nomination of 47 Non-Career Ambassadors for Confirmation as Ambassador Designate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu — Oyo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Committee on Anti-Corruption and financial Crime:

Report on Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crime on the Confirmation of members of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EPCC) (*Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi — Enugu North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Briefing by the Comptroller General of Customs and his Team:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to receive the Comptroller General of Customs Service to brief this Distinguished Senate on the proposed retrospective duty payment on vehicles in Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Briefing by the Comptroller General of Customs Service to Distinguished Senate on the proposed retrospective duty payment on vehicles in Nigeria:

Privileges of the Floor:

- (i) ***Admission of Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Ita S. J. Enang:***

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Ita S. J. Enang to the floor of Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Ita S. J. Enang accordingly admitted.

(ii) **Admission of the Comptroller General of Customs and his Team:**

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Comptroller General of Customs and his team to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Comptroller General of Customs and his team accordingly admitted.

The Senate in the Committee of the Whole received the Comptroller General of Customs Service. The Senate observed that the Comptroller General of Customs Service was not properly dressed in Customs uniform and rank.

His presence without uniform was unacceptable to the Senate. The Senate therefore, resolved to receive the Comptroller General of Customs in appropriate uniform on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. prompt.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole received the Comptroller General of Customs Service. The Senate observed that the Comptroller General of Customs Service was not properly dressed in Customs Uniform and Rank.

His presence without uniform was unacceptable to the Senate. The Senate therefore, resolved to receive the Comptroller General of Customs in Uniform on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. prompt for briefing on the proposed retrospective duty payment on vehicles in Nigeria and other related matters.

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

11. Conference Committee:

Report on the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) Bill, 2017 (SB. 173 & SB. 183):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (*Senator Bayero U. Nafada — Gombe North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the accumulated Laid Petitions amounting to forty (40). The inability of the Senate to always consider these Reports might discourage my Committee Members from further consideration of pending petitions at the committee level. He urge the Senate to expedite action.

The Senate shall rigorously dispense with these Petitions from next week.

13. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:

Report on the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Bill, 2017 (SB. 236):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:

Report on the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 88):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Reports on the following Petitions:

- a. Petition from TRLP Law on behalf of Senator Buruji Kashamu against NDLEA, Former Chairman NDLEA, Mr. Ahmad Giade and the Attorney-General of the Federation for the alleged intention to abduct Senator Buruji Kashamu and forcefully transport him to the USA without recourse to due process;
- b. Petition from Yahaya Ibrahim Shinko against the Nigerian Army over his Wrongful and Abrupt Compulsory Retirement from the Nigerian Army in 1999 without reason;
- c. Petition from Y.B. Aminu on behalf of the Next of Kins of Alh. Haruna Musa (Deceased) of Koko Town, against the Nigerian Army for Extra Judicial Execution of APC Supporters at Koko Besse LGA and Suru LGA, Kebbi State;
- d. Petition from War Affected Pioneer Officer Cadets of the Nigerian Air Force against the Nigerian Air Force for Non Payment of Gratuity and Pensions by the Military Pensions Board;
- e. Petition from Mr. Anoke Wilson Akuma against the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and the West African Examination Council (WAEC) over Unlawful Termination of his Appointment by the FIRS on False Assumption of Forged Certificate; and
- f. Petition from Farouk Umar Ibrahim against the Nigerian Navy for Alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Navy.

Consideration of Reports deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Nigerians in Diaspora (Establishment) Commission Bill, 2017 (HB. 160) - (Concurrence):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Chartered Institute of Project Managers of Nigeria (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (HB. 18) - (Concurrence):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB.77) - (Concurrence):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. Chartered Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill, 2017 (HB. 108) - (Concurrence):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 28) - (Concurrence):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 78) - (Concurrence):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. Nigerian Council for Social Work (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (HB. 161) - (Concurrence):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. **Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 85) - (Concurrence):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

24. **Local Government Act No.8 of 1976 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.365):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

25. **Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, CAP C4 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.64):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

26. **Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Akure (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2017 (SB.399):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

27. **Federal University of Education, Zaria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.400):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

28. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 21st March, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:16 p.m.

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