



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11th October, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:40 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 10th October, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Invitation to National Prayer Breakfast:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade (*Benue North-East*) as follows:

**THE CHRISTIAN LEGISLATORS
PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**
*National Assembly Complex, Senate Wing, Room 316
Three Arms Zone, Abuja.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear colleagues, it is my pleasure to announce and invite you to the 8th National Prayer Breakfast which is scheduled to hold on Thursday, 26th October, 2017 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.

Time: 7:00 a.m Prompt.

The theme of this year's event is: RECONCILIATION: GOD'S POWER AND THE NEW PATH TO NATIONAL UNITY.

Keynote Address will be delivered by the Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, GCON, SAN

To participate, please ensure you register online via: www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org.ng

Thank you and God Bless you!

(Signed)

Senator Barnabas Gemade

Chairman, Central Planning Committee for the 8th National Prayer Breakfast

(b) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Francis A. Alimikhena (*Edo North*) as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST
THE POLICE, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION.
 National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone P.M.B. 141, Abuja - Nigeria.

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*The Senate President,
 National Assembly,
 Abuja.*

Your Excellency Sir,

MEETING OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST THE POLICE, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION.

There will be a meeting of the Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the various allegations levelled against the Police, Inspector-General of Police and Police Service Commission as follows;

<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Wednesday, 11th October, 2017</i>
<i>Venue</i>	-	<i>Committee Meeting Room 305, 3rd Floor, Senate New Building, National Assembly Complex, Abuja</i>
<i>Time</i>	-	<i>2:00 pm prompt.</i>

AGENDA: To draw up modalities for the Ad-hoc Committee's assignment.

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

*Senator Francis A. Alimikhena
 Chairman Ad hoc Committee.*

(c) North East Senators Caucus Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Isah H. Misau (*Bauchi Central*) as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

NOTICE OF MEETING

This is to invite you to the North-East Senators Caucus Meeting, today 11th October, 2017 by 3:00 p.m at Senate Hearing Room 1.

(Signed)

Senator Isah Hamma Misau

(d) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill, 2017:

(i)	Senator Mustapha Bukar	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Foster Ogola	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Kashamu Buruji	—	Member
(iv)	Senator John O. Enoh	—	Member
(v)	Senator George Akume	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Abu Ibrahim	—	Member

(e) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Members of the Students Representative Council, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Fort Famous International Academy, Suleja, Niger State.

4. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Abdullahi A. Sabi (*Niger North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Jegede Suzanne (Mrs) and Seventy others, against the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, over non-compliance with Presidential directive/selective implementation of scholarship awards for combined set of 2012, 2013 and 2014 President, National Youth Service Corp honours awardees. 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 Obinna J. Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Adonu C. Ogbonna, against Fidelity Bank Plc., over wrongful termination of his appointment. 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 Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*) drew the attention of the Senate to three (3) petitions from:

- (a) Bala Ishaku, against the Nigeria Police, on his appeal for reinstatement;
- (b) Muawiyya Usman on behalf of Miltara Traders Association, against the Nigeria Customs and Army, over market assault; and
- (c) Cpl. Usman Na'ibi, against the Nigeria Police, over wrongful termination of his appointment.

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.

- (iv) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from:

- (a) PC. Uduma Godswill, against the Nigeria Police, over wrongful dismissal; and
- (b) ASP. Akpan Emmanuel (Rtd.), against the Nigeria Police, over assault.

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.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade (Benue *North-East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of General Victor Malu on Monday 9th October, 2017. He was the former ECOMOG Commander in Liberia and former Chief of Army Staff of the Nigeria Army. 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)].

6. Federal University of Health Science Otukpo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.540):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. Existing Vacant Position Publication Bill, 2017 (SB.52):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to make it an offence for vacant positions in the Federal Civil Service to be filled without being advertised and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Biodun C. Olujimi — Ekiti South*).

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.

8. National Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 469):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Electoral Offences Commission and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abubakar Kyari — Borno North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Independent National Electoral Commission; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

9. Motion:

Rescission of Senate Resolution (S/Res/049/03/17).

Rising on Rule 53(6) Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) drew the attention of the Senate to its Resolution of Tuesday, 3rd October, 2017. In the Resolution, an *Ad hoc* Committee was constituted to look into the situations in the Nigerian Missions abroad by inviting various stakeholders. Since the Committee on Foreign Affairs handles the annual budget of Foreign Missions, he moved for rescission of the Resolution and urged the Senate to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Question put and agreed to.

Matter accordingly referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

10. Report of Committees on the 2017 Budget of Corporations and Agencies of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Reports of Senate Committees on the 2017 Budget of Corporations and Agencies of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

S/N	Committee	Government Owned Enterprises (GOE)
(i)	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	-Galaxy Backbone Limited; and -National Information Technology Development Agency.
(ii)	Education (Basic and Secondary)	-National Examination Council; and -National Business and Technical Education Board.
(iii)	Sports and Youth Development	-National Lottery Regulatory Commission
(iv)	Agriculture and Rural Development	-Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation
(v)	Science and Technology	-Raw Materials Research and Development Council; and - National Agency for Science, Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI)
(vi)	Capital Market	-Securities and Exchange Commission
(vii)	Customs, Excise and Tariff	- Nigeria Customs Service
(viii)	Interior	-Nigerian Immigration Service
(ix)	Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy	- Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission

(Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(i)	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	-Galaxy Backbone Limited; and -National Information Technology Development Agency.
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Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

(ii)	Education (Basic and Secondary)	-National Examination Council; and -National Business and Technical Education Board.
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Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

(iii)	Sports and Youth Development	-National Lottery Regulatory Commission
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Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

(iv)	Agriculture and Rural Development	-Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation
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Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(a):

Question: That the Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation should intensify efforts in providing financial support to address the issue of risk faced by farmers as a result of incidences of natural hazards such as fire, lightning, wind storm, drought, flood, pest, diseases and invasion of farm by wild animals — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(b):

Question: That the Gross premium income projection totaling One Billion, Eight Hundred Million Naira only (₦1,800,000,000.00) of the Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation be approved for the 2017 financial year — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(c):

Question: That the expenditure proposal of One Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty Two Million, Seventy Three Thousand Naira Only (₦1,452,073,000.00) be approved for the Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation for the 2017 financial year — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (a) That the Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation should intensify efforts in providing financial support to address the issue of risk faced by farmers as a result of incidences of natural hazards such as fire, lightning, wind storm, drought, flood, pest, diseases and invasion of farm by wild animals;
- (b) That the Gross premium income projection totaling One Billion, Eight Hundred Million Naira only (₦1,800,000,000.00) of the Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation be approved for the 2017 financial year;
- (c) That the expenditure proposal of One Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty Two Million, Seventy Three Thousand Naira Only (₦1,452,073,000.00) be approved for the Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation 2017 financial year (*S/Res/066/03/17*).
- (v) Science and Technology -Raw Materials Research and Development Council.

Report presented.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (vi) Capital Market -Securities and Exchange Commission

Report presented.

Debate:**Proposed Resolution:**

Question: That the Senate do approve the sum of Nine Billion, One Hundred and Eighty Three Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Three Thousand, Two Hundred Naira, (₦9,183,933,200.00), only being 2017 Budget be approved for Securities and Exchange Commission — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do approve the Sum of Nine Billion, One Hundred and Eighty Three Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Three Thousand, Two Hundred Naira, (₦9,183,933,200.00), only being 2017 Budget be approved for Securities and Exchange Commission (*S/Res/067/03/17*).

- (vii) Customs, Excise and Tariff - Nigeria Customs Service

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (viii) Interior -Nigerian Immigration Service

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do suspend the consideration of 2017 budget of the Nigerian Immigration Service and constitute a Joint Committee of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Interior; Judiciary Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Anti-corruption and Financial Crimes to contact the Hon. Ministers of Interior; and Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation; Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission; and Comptroller-General of Nigerian Immigration Service on the various agreements concerning Nigerian Immigration Service revenues and to report within two (2) weeks — *Agreed to.*

Resolved.

That the Senate do suspend the consideration of 2017 budget of the Nigerian Immigration Service and constitute a Joint Committee of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Interior; Judiciary Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Anti-corruption and Financial Crimes to contact the Hon. Ministers of Interior; and Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation; Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission; and Comptroller-General of Nigerian Immigration Service on the various agreements concerning Nigerian Immigration Service revenues and to report within two (2) weeks (S/Res/068/03/17).

- (ix) Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy - Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission

Report presented.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes

Report on the Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB. 376):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 12th October, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:45 p.m.

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