



THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 2nd November, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:58 a.m. The Senate President read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 1st November, 2017.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

Laying of the 2018 Budget Proposal:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

1st November, 2017

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex;
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**LAYING OF THE 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL
BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Pursuant to section 81 of the 1999 constitution, may I crave the kind indulgence of the National Assembly to grant me the slot of 1400hrs on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017 to formally address a Joint Session and lay before the National Assembly the 2018 Budget Proposal.

Please extend, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards to the Distinguished Senators as I look forward to addressing the Joint Session.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

4. Announcements:

(a) Notification of Burial Arrangement:

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



**THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

2nd November, 2017

NOTIFICATION OF BURIAL ARRANGEMENT

This is to notify Distinguished Senators that the Burial Rites of the late wife of Distinguished Senator Mohammed Danjuma Goje, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations is scheduled as follows:

*Date: Friday, 3rd November, 2017
Venue: Emir's Palace, Gombe, Gombe State;
Time: 2:00 p.m prompt*

Distinguished Senators desirous of attending the event should please contact:

Senator Isah Hamma Misau, Suite 2.17, Senate New Wing, National Assembly Complex.

*(Signed)
Senator Isah Hamma Misau
Chairman, Committee on Navy*

(b) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Members of Students' Union Government, University of Jos, Jos, Plateau State; and*
- (ii) Staff and Students of Habiba Standard School, Karu, Nasarawa State.*

5. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Andy E. Uba (Anambra South) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Comrade Anayo Nweke, against the Independent National Electoral Commission, over proposed re-run election in Anambra Central Senatorial District. 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 Biodun C. Olujimi (Ekiti South) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from her constituent, Prof. Martins Fabunmi, against the Governing Council of University of Ibadan, over his dismissal. She 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 Yahaya A. Abdullahi (*Kebbi North*) drew the attention of the Senate to two (2) petitions from:
- (a) Aminci Law Chambers on behalf of Alhaji Musa and Malam Muhammadu, against the Nigerian Army, over extra-judicial killing of two (2) All Progressives Congress (APC) supporters at Koko, Besse Local Government Area of Kebbi State; and
 - (b) Aminci Law Chambers on behalf of Malam Hassan and three (3) others, against the Nigerian Army, over extra-judicial killing of four (4) All Progressives Congress (APC) supporters at Bayan Dutse Village, Suru Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

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 Rule 42, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the monumental fraud in the Power Sector, where \$350 million Eurobond meant for the Fast Power Project at the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing was being misallocated and instrumentally stolen without appropriation. 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. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Francis A. Alimikhena (*Edo North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the failure of the Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Mr. Ibrahim K. Idris to appear before the *Ad hoc* Committee investigating various allegations leveled against Nigeria Police. He informed the Senate that the IGP, through a letter from his lawyer, Alex Izinyo (SAN) did not honour the invitation on the premise that the matter was before a court of law. He further informed the Senate that the Committee has rescheduled the appearance of the IGP for Tuesday, 7th November, 2017.

By the leave of the Senate, the Inspector-General of Police was strictly urged to comply with the new invitation date.

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

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on:

- a. The Emergency Powers (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 182); and
- b. The Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Bill, 2017 (SB. 391) (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

9. National Tea and Coffee Development Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 462):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the National Tea and Coffee Development Council and for Other Connected Matters, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to report within Two (2) weeks.

10. Legal, Fiscal and Regulatory Framework for Sustainable Energy Development in Nigeria Bill, 2017 (SB.431):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for Legal, Fiscal and Regulatory Framework for Sustainable Energy Development in Nigeria with the Overall Objective of Providing Clean, Affordable, Adequate and Reliable Energy and for Other Related Matters, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Act CAP F6 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 115):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Act CAP F6 LFN 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

12. Nigerian Bank of Industry (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.366):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Nigerian Bank of Industry charged with the responsibility of providing capital to indigenous entrepreneurs, corporate bodies and persons for medium and long term investment for industrialization and for Related Matters, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Samuel O. Egwu — Ebonyi North*).

Debate:

Further consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Reports 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)	Education (Basic and Secondary)	-National Examination Council; and -National Business and Technical Education Board.
(ii)	Science and Technology	-Raw Materials Research and Development Council.
(iii)	Customs Excise and Tariff	-Nigeria Customs Service
(iv)	Sports and Youth Development	-National Lottery Regulatory Commission.
(v)	Trade and Investment	-Corporate Affairs Commission; -Oil and Gas Free Zone Authority; -Financial Reporting Council; and -Nigerian Export Promotion Council.

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| (vi) | Health | -National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control. |
| (vii) | Aviation | -Nigerian Airspace Management Agency; and
-Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority. |
| (viii) | Information and
Communication Technology
(ICT) | -Galaxy Backbone Limited; and
-National Information Technology Development Agency. |
| (ix) | Privatization | - Bureau of Public Enterprises. |

(Deputy Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

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

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| (ii) | Science and Technology | -Raw Materials Research and
Development Council. |
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Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (a):

Question: That the sum of ₦1,545,546,184.00 (One Billion, Five Hundred and Forty Five Million, Five Hundred and Forty Six Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Four Naira) only, be approved to cover personnel cost — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (b):

Question: That the sum of ₦1,149,402,708.80 (One Billion, One Hundred and Forty Nine Million, Four Hundred and Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Naira, Eighty kobo) only, be approved to cover overhead cost — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (c):

Question: That the sum of ₦2,913,942,336.50 (Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred and Forty Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty Six Naira, Fifty Kobo) only, be approved for capital projects — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (d):

Question: That the Senate do approved the sum of ₦5,608,891,229.30 (Five Billion, Six Hundred and Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety One Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Nine Naira, Thirty Kobo) only, as the 2017 Budget for the Raw Materials Research and Development Council — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (a) That the sum of ₦1,545,546,184.00 (One Billion, Five Hundred and Forty Five Million, Five Hundred and Forty Six Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Four Naira) only, be approved to cover personnel cost;
- (b) That the sum of ₦1,149,402,708.80 (One Billion, One Hundred and Forty Nine Million, Four Hundred and Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Naira, Eighty kobo) only, be approved to cover overhead cost;

- (c) That the sum of ₦2,913,942,336.50 (Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred and Forty Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty Six Naira, Fifty Kobo) only, be approve for capital projects; and
- (d) That the Senate do approved the sum of ₦5,608,891,229.30 (Five Billion, Six Hundred and Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety One Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Nine Naira, Thirty Kobo) only, as the 2017 Budget for the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (S/Res/104/03/17).
- (iii) Customs Excise and Tariff -Nigeria Customs Service

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (iv) Sports and Youth Development -National Lottery Regulatory Commission.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the total expenditure of ₦2,664,270,412 (Two Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty Four Million, Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred and Twelve Naira Only) be approved for National Lottery Regulatory Commission for the year 2017 — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the total expenditure of ₦2,664,270,412 (Two Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty Four Million, Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred and Twelve Naira Only) be approved for National Lottery Regulatory Commission for the year 2017 (S/Res/105/03/17).

- (v) Trade and Investment -Corporate Affairs Commission;
-Oil and Gas Free Zone Authority;
-Financial Reporting Council; and
-Nigerian Export Promotion Council.
- (a) Corporate Affairs Commission;

Report presented.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (b) Oil and Gas Free Zone Authority;

Report presented.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (c) Financial Reporting Council; and

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (d) Nigerian Export Promotion Council.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (vi) Health -National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control.

Report presented.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (vii) Aviation -Nigerian Airspace Management Agency; and
-Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day

- (viii) Information and Communication Technology(ICT) -Galaxy Backbone Limited; and Communication
-National Information Technology Development Agency.

- (a) Galaxy Backbone Limited; and

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (b) National Information Technology Development Agency.

Report presented.

Debate:

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (ix) Privatization - Bureau of Public Enterprises.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Industries:

Report on the Nigerian Automotive Industry Development Plan (Fiscal Incentives Assurances and Guarantees) Bill, 2017 (HB. 896):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:

Report on the Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 445):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. 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.

17. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:

Report on the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 386):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.387):
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
19. **Joint Committee on Land Transport; Marine Transport; and Aviation:**
Report on the National Transport Commission Bill, 2017 (SB. 242):
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
20. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 7th November, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
(Deputy Senate Leader).
Adjourned accordingly at 1:43 p.m.

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