



THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28th November, 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 Thursday, 23rd November, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Appreciation:**

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope O. Uzodinma (*Imo West*) as follows:



SOUTHERN SENATORS' FORUM

27 November, 2017.

*The Senate President,
Distinguished Senator (Dr) Bukola Saraki, CON
The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,*

Your Excellency,

Appreciation

This is to express the Southern Senators Forum's fullest appreciation to the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Distinguished Senator (Dr) Abubakar Bukola Saraki CON, for finding time out of his very busy schedule to attend and declare open the Southern Senators Forum's "Retreat on Restructuring", which held in Calabar from Friday 24th to Saturday 25th November, 2017, and for his invaluable contribution at the opening ceremony.

Our deep appreciation also goes to the Distinguished Members of the Forum, who were able to attend, and receive the various contributions of resources persons and other invited guests at the event.

The huge success and the resolutions therefrom are contained in the communique issued at the end of the retreat.

It is our fervent hope that the ingredients of the communique will form a major part of what will translate to meet the very loud call to restructuring in Nigeria that would ensure justice, fairness and equity for our citizens.

Please accept assurances of our highest esteem.

(Signed)

SENATOR HOPE UZODINMA

(Chairman)

(b) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Staff and Students of Junior Secondary School, Dutse, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Grace of God Nursery/Primary/Secondary School, Mararaba, Nasarawa State;

4. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Joshua M. Lidani (*Gombe South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Suswam, Ogbole & Co. on behalf of Alfa David Ibrahim, against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), over wrongful termination of 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.

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Albert A. Bassey (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Youth Coalition for Change, against the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), over breach of Public Procurement Act. 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.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Mohammed A. Ndume (*Borno South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the insecurity in the North Eastern States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe as a result of renewed insurgent activities. 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. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Donald O. Alasoadura (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the need to enforce the terms of 1993 Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) Agreement between International Oil Companies (IOCs) and 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. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 53(6), Senator Kabir G. Marafa (*Zamfara Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the screening of nominees for confirmation as Resident Electoral Commissioners which was considered on Thursday, 23rd November, 2017 in which the Zamfara State nominee Ahmad Bello Mahmud (*Zamfara*) (*New appointment*) was rejected on the ground that he was not an indigene of Zamfara State. He urged the Senate to revisit the matter. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present a Motion Rescinding the decision of the Senate.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

8. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Act CAP N123 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.572):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.578):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act 2000 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi — Delta North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Niger Delta to report within One (1) week.

10. 2018 Appropriation Bill, 2017 (SB.575):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦8,612,236,953,214 (Eight Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Fourteen Naira) only, of which, ₦456,458,654,074 (Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Seventy-Four Naira) only is for Statutory Transfers, ₦2,233,835,365,699 (Two Trillion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira) only is for Debt Service, ₦3,494,277,820,219 (Three Trillion, Four Hundred Ninety-Four Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Thousand, Two Hundred and Nineteen Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,427,665,113,222 (Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Seven Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Naira) is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2018 be read the Second Time (*First Allotted Day*) (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe
- (ii) Senator Joshua M. Lidani
- (iii) Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf
- (iv) Senator Adesoji R. Akanbi
- (v) Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa
- (vi) Senator Ben Muray-Bruce
- (vii) Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe

- (viii) Senator Donald O. Alasoadura
- (ix) Senator Umar I. Kurfi
- (x) Senator George Akume
- (xi) Senator Francis A. Alimikhena

Further consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 29th November, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
(*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:56 p.m.

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