



THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17th January, 2018

1. The Senate met at 10:41 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 16th January, 2018.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Demise:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa (Abia North) as follows:



Senator Mao Oluabunwa FNIST, NPOM, KSC
ABIA NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE & COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & PRODUCTIVITY

Dr Bukola Saraki, CON
President of the Senate
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

17th January, 2018

My President,

RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEMISE OF MY BELOVED MOTHER

With a heavy heart, yet not full of sorrow!

This is to inform you and my colleagues on the demise of my beloved mother, Madam Matilda Nwannediya Oluabunwa, who just passed on to eternity at the age of 90.

Mama lived a truly fulfilled life as a virtuous woman, a devoted Christian, a loving and supportive wife to my late father, and a hard working fashion-entrepreneur - who was also deeply concerned about the sound education and moral upbringing of all her many children, amongst whom is Mazi Sam Oluabunwa, OFR (Former MD/CEO Pfizer Pharmaceutical Plc, and Former Chairman, Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG).

Mama will be missed by everyone, and I will keep you informed on the burial arrangements!

Thank you.

SENATOR MAO OHUABUNWA, FIRST, NPOM, KSC

(b) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ahmad I Lawan (*Yobe North*) as follows:



SENATE LEADER

*The President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

17th January, 2018

Your Excellency,

There will be a meeting of the Senate Adhoc Committee on the review of the security infrastructure in Nigeria immediately after the plenary, in the Senate leader's office.

(Signed)

*Senator Ahmad I. Lawan
Senate Leader.*

4. Petitions:

- (a) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the following petitions ;

S/NO	Name	Petition
1	Mr. Paul Ezugo	Petition against Dangote Group for neglect and abandonment of an accident victim caused by their truck No. DUT 56XA and XC 271 RNG
2	Bernard E. Afu Esq. on behalf Messrs Diamond Group Limited	Petition against the Rivers State Ministry of Works for their neglect and failure to abide by the terms of the contract awarded to Messrs Diamond Group Limited
3	Matthew Uchechukwu on behalf of Abuja Computer Village Technicians and Dealers Association	Petition against the FCT Minister for delayed of allocation of land to Abuja Computer Village Technicians and Dealers Association

4.	HRH Eze (Dr.) Sir M.D Kanu	Petition against Nigeria Ports Authority for alleged appropriation of property, forceful removal and breach of contract by the Authority
5.	Mr. Chijioke Ebezuome (Buchris Int'I Resources Limited)	Petition against the Management of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) for breach of agreement

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.

- (b) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe (*Nasarawa South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Ex. Sgt. Abdullahi Dalla, against the Nigeria Police over wrongful dismissal. 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.

- (c) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Comrade Sam Nzene, on behalf of Nigeria Union of Pensioners (Nigeria Airways Branch) over non payment of terminal benefits. 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.

- (d) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Dan Ose Okoh & Company, on behalf of Irri Community, Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State over abandoned project. 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.

- (e) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi (*Niger North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Pc. Mamman Audu, against the Nigeria Police over wrongful disengagement. 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. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the gruesome murder of Late Hon. Hosea Ibibi of the Taraba State House of Assembly. He stated that he was kidnapped on 30th December, 2017 at Takum town while on Christmas break. He further pointed out that ransom was paid by the family before the kidnappers took his life. The entire Taraba South Senatorial District are mourning his death. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence in his honour.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42 and 52, Senator Shuaibu Lau Isa (*Taraba North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the conflict between herdsmen and farmers ravaging Lau Local Government Area of Taraba State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith.

The Senate:

notes with serious concern the conflict between farmers and herdsmen especially in Lau Local government of Taraba State which has ravaged villages Communities, depriving persons of right to life, destruction of houses, and foodstuff among others;

observe that the conflict started from Numan in Adamawa State being a border community between Taraba and Adamawa and has affected other bordering communities;

worried that this conflict between farmers and nomadic cattle headsman is posing grave damager to National Security, harmonious communal life and national unity;

also notes that over 70 people were killed in the conflict; and

appeal that the Senate should intervene.

Accordingly resolves to,

- (i) Call on the Senate to send a high powered delegation to in conjunction with the State government resolve this conflict for a harmonious existence.
- (ii) Urge NEMA to as a matter of urgency intervene by providing relief material to affected communities.
- (iii) Urge the Federal government to deploy more Security Personnel-Police, Army, Civil Defence etc, to the affected area.
- (iv) Urge the Federal Government to mount a comprehensive surveillance of the border of Adamawa and Taraba State to proactively detect and deter further attacks.

Proposed Resolution (i)

Question: That the Senate do call on the Senate to send a high powered delegation to in conjunction with the State government resolve this conflict for a harmonious existence — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii)

Question: That the Senate do urge NEMA to as a matter of urgency intervene by providing relief material to affected communities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii)

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal government to deploy more Security Personnel-Police, Army, Civil Defence etc, to the affected area — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv)

Question: That the Senate do Urge the Federal Government to mount a comprehensive surveillance of the border of Adamawa and Taraba State to proactively detect and deter further attacks — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“That the Senate do suspend Plenary Sitting on Wednesday, 24th and Thursday, 25th January, 2018 to hold Security Summit on the security situation in the country” (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) Call on the Senate to send a high powered delegation to in conjunction with the State government resolve this conflict for a harmonious existence;
- (ii) Urge NEMA to as a matter of urgency intervene by providing relief material to affected communities;
- (iii) Urge the Federal government to deploy more Security Personnel-Police, Army, Civil Defence etc, to the affected area;
- (iv) Urge the Federal Government to mount a comprehensive surveillance of the border of Adamawa and Taraba State to proactively detect and deter further attacks; and
- (v) suspend Plenary Sitting on Wednesday, 24th and Thursday, 25th January, 2018 to hold Security Summit on the security situation in the country(S/Res/150/03/18)

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) National Road Funds (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 49 & 163) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 559) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Electronic Deeds Registration System Bill, 2018 (SB. 595) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Conference Committee:

Report on the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 88):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee Report on the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (*Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker — Bayelsa Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Motion:

Implementation of the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Act, 2017 and for other related matters, pursuant to section 122 and 299 of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector:

Report on the Investigation of the Lingering Premium Motor Spirit (Fuel) Crisis Across the country:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector on the Investigation of the Lingering Premium Motor Spirit (Fuel) Crisis Across the country (*Senator Kabir G. Marafa — Zamfara Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Accordingly resolves to:

Proposed Resolution (i)

Question: That Senate do mandate the Committee to review its report and investigate the volume of imported Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii)

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Public Accounts Committee to investigate all subsidy monies already spent by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) without recourse to the National Assembly — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That Senate do:

- (i) mandate the Committee to review its report and investigate the volume of imported Premium Motor Spirit (PMS); and
- (ii) mandate the Public Accounts Committee to investigate all subsidy monies already spent by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) without recourse to the National Assembly (S/Res/151/03/18).

11. Conference Committee:

Report on the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 535):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Joint Committee on Land Transport, Marine Transport and Aviation:

Report on the National Transport Commission Bill, 2018 (SB. 242):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. National Institute of Sports Act CAP N52 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 75):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Acts and Conduct that are undemocratic by elected officials Bill, 2018 (SB.51):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Chartered Institute of Forensic Accountants of Nigeria (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 581):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.289):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 18th January, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:39 p.m.

CORRIGENDA

The Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 17th January, 2018, Page 1527, Amendment Proposed Resolution (ii) was corrected as follows:

- (i) "That the Senate do urge the Inspector-General of Police to within fourteen (14) days arrest and investigate the perpetrators of this act" and Benue State Attorney General to prosecute the offender(s) (*Senator Kabiru I. Gaya — Kano South*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (ii) On page 1529, Resolved: item (ii) was corrected as follows:
That the Senate do urge the Inspector-General of Police to within fourteen (14) days arrest and investigate the perpetrators of this act" and Benue State Attorney General to prosecute the offender(s).