



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 31st January, 2018

1. The Senate met at 10:51 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 30th January, 2018.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received two letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:
(a) ***Transmission of Proposed Nigerian Minerals and Mining Bill, 2017:***



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

25th January, 2018

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**TRANSMISSION OF PROPOSED NIGERIAN
MINERALS AND MINING BILL, 2017**

I forward herewith the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Bill, 2017, for the kind consideration and passage by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

While hoping that the Bill will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Senate, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

- (b) *Re: Report on the Review of Security Infrastructure on Nigeria on the Emergency Visit to Benue State:*



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Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**RE: REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE
ON NIGERIA ON THE EMERGENCY VISIT TO BENUE STATE**

I thank you for your letter Reference NASS/8S/R/01/33 dated 18th January, 2018 and I have carefully studied the resolutions and comments contained therein.

2. *As I briefed you and the Rt. Hon. Speaker when we met on the 14th January, 2018, several courses of action had already been taken prior to the Senate Resolutions. You may recall that I told you of the following steps taken as soon as information came to me about the Benue killings.*

- (i) *On Thursday 4th January, I sent the Minister of Interior and the Deputy Inspector General of Police in charge of Operations for an on the spot assessment of the situation.*
- (ii) *On Friday, 5th January, the Inspector General of Police briefed me verbally on the latest situation. Calm had by then been restored.*
- (iii) *On Monday 8th the Minister of Interior met with the following:*
 - (i) *Governors of Adamawa, Kaduna, Niger, Taraba, Benue and Nasarawa States together with*
 - (ii) *Director General of the State Security Services (DG SSS)*
 - (iii) *Inspector General of Police*
 - (iv) *Commandant General, Civil Defence*
 - (v) *Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development*
 - (vi) *Commissioners of Police from the six aforementioned states*
 - (vii) *Comptrollers of Civil Defence from the six aforementioned States.*

3. *After the meeting I instructed the Minister of Interior to brief you on the information gathered so far and steps taken. On Tuesday 9th January, I had a long session with Governor Ortom of Benue State during which I informed him of police arrest of some suspects with Kalashnikovs. In addition, I told him that I had instructed the IGP to speed up trial and prosecution of the suspects and give wide publicity to the police efforts.*

4. *At the request of the Governor a meeting was held in the Presidential Villa on 15th January, with a wide-cross-section of Benue personages where frank and open discussions were held and everybody in the meeting appreciated the complexity and difficulties of this farmer/herder strife. I assured all and sundry of my commitment to ensure that justice is expeditiously done.*

5. *To infer, therefore that nothing has been done is incorrect. The police are strenuously working to apprehend the rest of the culprits of these heartless killings. Furthermore, I have instructed the Inspector General of Police to relocate to Benue State, redeploy forces to the most sensitive areas. The Federal Government is initiating additional measures to address these and other security challenges, alleviate the consequences of these attacks and forestall reoccurrences. The Senate Resolutions itemised in your letter will be taken into consideration and I am instructing all relevant MDAs to factor them in their work.*

6. *Earlier, on December 19th 2017 to be precise, while receiving the Report of the Committee which I had set up to review the operational, technical and administrative structure of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) I underscored the need to review the entire national security architecture - as I promised in my inaugural Address on 29th May, 2015. Action is being initiated and I expect to receive maximum cooperation from the Senate, in line with paragraph (iii) of the Senate Resolutions.*

7. *Please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.*

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcement:

Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Members of the Students' Union Government, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State; and
- (ii) Members of Experience the Senate, Abuja.

5. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Kebbi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Umar B. Sambo Esq, on behalf of late Hon. Justice Bashiru Sambo, against the Federal Capital Territory Administration, over injustice on the sale of House No.1(23) Aso Drive, Maitama Abuja. 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 Ovie A. Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Lawrence Oritseje, against the Nigeria Police, over his pre-mature retirement. 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.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the recent Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) remittances by Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, from ₦5 billion in 2016 to ₦7 billion in 2017. He stated that the former Heads of JAMB needs to be investigated to determine sudden increase the revenue remittance to the Board. He urged the Senate to mandate the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) that oversight National Examinations Council (NECO) and West African Examinations Council (WAEC) to improve on their revenue generation to the Federal Government.

By the leave of the Senate, Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) is mandated to oversight National Examinations Council (NECO) and West African Examinations Council (WAEC) on their revenue generation to the Federal Government. The Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TEDFUND is also mandated to investigate the previous fall in Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) revenue to the Federal Government and report within one(1) week.

7. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Joshua M. Lidani (*Gombe South*) drew the attention of the Senate to its Resolution on *Ad hoc* Committee on Security visit to Benue which stated “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)(S/Res/149/03/18).”. He emphasised that the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) has never made any arrest or prosecute these culprits, therefore urged the Senate to invite the-IGP to appear before the Senate.

By leave of the Senate, Committees on Police Affairs; and National Security and Intelligence should summon the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) on Thursday, 1st February, 2018 and report to the Senate on Tuesday, 6th February, 2018 accordingly.

8. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Kabiru G. Marafa (*Zamfara Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to two (2) issues:

- (i) the message he received regarding the blockage of Suleja road by the Tanker Drivers Association, agitating for the repair of Jebba - Mokwa Federal Highway. He stated that this obstruction is not actually the solution to the problem. He reiterated the effort of the Senate and Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) at resolving Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) crisis across Nigeria.
- (ii) to his previous comment on the terrible insecurity situation in Zamfara State where armed bandits are causing mayhem and destruction of lives and properties which has attracted the attention of the general public to social, print and electronic media. He observed that miscreants moves around Zamfara Central Senatorial District freely in Army and Police Uniforms. While the citizens are now procuring arms to protect themselves against insurgents. He emphasised that Zamfara State Government is involved and laid his letter of invitation to the State Capital by the Government. He also informed the Senate that he still stands by his comment because killings and kidnappings of innocent citizens continues in the State. He further informed the Senate of his desire to honour the invitation, and in case anything unforeseen happens to him or his family, those that extended the invitation to him should be held accountable.

By leave of the Senate, the National Security Summit coming up would examine the insecurity in Zamfara State.

9. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Aliyu A. Sabi (*Niger North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the activities of armed bandits at Kainji National Park on the 23rd January, 2018 in which lives and properties were reported to have been destroyed. He informed the Senate that as at now the bandits have taken over the Park which is strategically located between Niger and Kwara States; and the Republics of Benin and Niger, these according to him has poised danger to Nigerian border security. He therefore called on the relevant security agencies to provide necessary border security in order to curtail their activities.

By leave of the Senate, matter accordingly referred to the Ad hoc Committee on the Review of Security Infrastructure of Nigeria.

10. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Isah H. Misau (*Bauchi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the security situation in Kano State resulting from the planned visit of Senator Rabi'u M. Musa. This trip was stopped by the Police authority. He noted that Kano is a connecting town to many Northern Nigeria States, hence there is absolute need for peace in Kano State. He further stated that open display of weapons even among youths and women of political affiliations fuels political crises.

By leave of the Senate, the Chairman, Police Affairs Committee should contact the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to provide security to Senator Rabi'u M. Musa to enable him visit his Constituency. While the Senate workout the mechanism to resolve crises within the States before it snowball into National crises.

11. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Federal Polytechnic Maiduguri (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 607) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal College of Education Gwoza (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 608) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) National Income, Salaries and Wages Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 597) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal College of Education Monguno (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 609) — *Read the First Time.*

12. Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors in Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.584):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors in Nigeria to provide for the registration and regulation of membership and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Ahmad I. Lawan — Yobe North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment, Public Service to report within Four (4) weeks.

13. Residency Rights for every Citizen of Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (SB.356):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for Residency Rights for every Citizen of Federal Republic of Nigeria who have lived or resided consecutively and paid taxes to the relevant Local Government of the Area where such a person have lived or resided for a long period of not less than 5 years consecutively and for any child of such person who is less than 18 years of age and have lived with the person for the same period of time and for Other Connected Matters, 2018 (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

14. Federal University of Technology Manchok, (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.536):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal University of Technology Manchok, and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Danjuma Laa'h — Kaduna South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

15. Federal Polytechnic Adikpo, Benue State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.494):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Federal Polytechnic Adikpo, Benue State to provide full-time courses in technology, applied science management and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the general administration of such Polytechnics, 2018 (*Senator Barnabas A.I. Gemade — Benue North-East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

16. Federal Polytechnic Kaltungo, Gombe State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.471):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Federal Polytechnic Kaltungo, Gombe State to provide full-time courses in technology, applied science management and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the general administration of such polytechnics, 2018 (*Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

17. Federal College of Education Dass, Bauchi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 605):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education Dass, Bauchi State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Mallam A. Wakili — Bauchi South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

18. Federal University of Sports (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 393):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) Act 2011 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.300):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) Act 2011 and for Related Matters, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abdullahi Adamu — Nasarawa West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

20. National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act N4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB12):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act N4 LFN 2004 by increasing its membership and functions for strategic operation and interest and vest in the Authority powers to establish Farm Settlements across the country for the purpose of attaining food sufficiency and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa — Abia North*).

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 Four (4) weeks.

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

21. Electricity Theft, Vandalization of Public Power Infrastructure (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.496):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to prohibit and prevent electricity theft, vandalization of public power infrastructure and protection of power company personnel and for Related Matters, 2018 (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

(ii) *Reference: Leadership Newspaper of 31st January, 2018, page 25, Captioned "GENCOS Foresee Shut Down of Thermal Plant Over ₦600 Bn Debt":*

By the leave of the Senate, Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy is mandated to investigate the matter and report within one (1) week.

22. Federal Referral Hospital (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.589):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. **Integrated Corporate Data Management Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.461):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Integrated Corporate Data Management Commission as the body responsible for comprehensive collation, harmonization of certificates issued by corporate statutory bodies and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

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.

24. **Chartered Institute of Finance and Control in Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.172):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Chartered Institute of Finance and Control in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

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.

25. **Adjournment:**
And it being 2:23 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 1st February, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:23 p.m.

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