



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 25th January, 2018

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 Wednesday, 24th January, 2018.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Thanksgiving:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Magnus N. Abe (*Rivers South-East*) as follows:



SENATOR MAGNUS NGEI ABE
(RIVERS SOUTH EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT)

His Excellency
Sen. Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki
Senate President
National Assembly
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

23rd January, 2017

Mr President,

NOTIFICATION OF MY THANKSGIVING

God has been Gracious to me and my family, after two years of a torturous journey encompassing cancellations, shifts in election dates due to insecurity and a tough legal battle, it culminated by the grace of God to my electoral victory and return to the 8th National Assembly.

In consultation with some of my colleagues who participated in the election we decided to have a thanksgiving celebration to almighty God for his mercies and grace over the years.

In the light of the above I write to most respectfully invite you and my Distinguished colleagues to honour us by gracing this occasion with your esteemed presence on the 10th of February 2018 by 10 am, at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral Church, Garrison Junction, Aba Road. A reception follows by 1pm at Port-Harcourt Polo Club, Tombia Street, GRA, Port-Harcourt.

While looking forward to your distinguished presence at the occasion, Please accept as always the assurances of my esteemed regards.

(Signed)

Sen. Magnus Abe

(b) Membership of Committees for Senator Victor C. Umeh:

The Senate President announced the Membership of Committees of Senator Victor C. Umeh as follows:

(i)	Employment, Labour and Productivity	—	Vice Chairman
(ii)	Trade and Investment	—	Member
(iii)	Environment	—	Member
(iv)	Finance	—	Member
(v)	Housing	—	Member
(vi)	Land Transport	—	Member
(vii)	Upstream Petroleum Resources	—	Member
(viii)	Culture and Tourism	—	Member

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Abubakar A. Gumel (*Jigawa Nort-West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Dahiru Musdapher, former Chief Justice of Nigeria. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

aware that Justice Dahiru Musdapher, (15th July, 1942 - 22nd January, 2018) served as Chief Judge of the Kano State Judiciary from 1979 to 1985; Member of the Court of Appeal from 1985 until 2003; and the acting Chief Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He started his educational carrier at Babura Elementary School, 1950-1953; Birnin Kudu Middle School, 1954-1956; Rumfa College, Kano, 1957-1962; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, 1963-1964; University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies, 1964-1967; Inns of Court School of Law (Middle Temple), 1964-1967; and Nigerian Law School, 1967-1968;

observed that he engaged in private legal practice, 1968-1976; Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Kaduna State, 1976-1978; Judge of High Court, Kano State, 1979; Chief Judge, Kano State Judiciary, 1979-1985; Justice, Court of Appeal, 1985-2003; and Justice, Supreme Court of Nigeria, from 2003;

further observed that he was a regular contributor on BBC West Africa Service (BBC News), 1964-1967; Member, Kano Emirate Council, 1968-1975; Member, Kano Metropolitan Council, 1969-1976; Non-Executive Director, National Electric Power Authority Board, 1974-1976; and Director, Kano Co-operative Bank, 1972-1976;

notes that he was national merit award holder of the Commander of the Order of the Niger, CON 2003; Commander of the Federal Republic, CFR 2008; and Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger, GCON 2011;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in his honour; and
- (ii) send a delegation to condole with the family, people and Government of Jigawa State.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in his honour — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with the family, people and Government of Jigawa State — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate:

- (i) observe one minute silence in his honour; and
- (ii) send a delegation to condole with the family, people and Government of Jigawa State (S/Res/170/03/18).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Kabir G. Marafa (*Zamfara Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Resolution of the Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives on Petroleum Resources with the top Management of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on the lingering Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) crisis in the country as follows:

- (i) urge the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to ensure adequate supply of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) and disappearance of queues at our petrol stations nationwide within 7 days;
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Customs, Police, Army, Airforce, Navy, Civil Defense, and Department of State Services to ensure effective border control to curb smuggling of petroleum products to our neighboring countries; and
- (iii) urge Department of Petroleum Resources to double its efforts in enforcing price control and monitoring.

By the leave of the Senate, Interim Report noted, and urged for an end to the Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) crisis.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Armed Forces Comfort Act CAP A21 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 600) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal College of Education Misau, Bauchi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 604) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal College of Education (Technical) Arochukwu, Abia State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 601) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal Polytechnic Kwale, Delta State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 603) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Federal College of Education Dass (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 605) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Executive Communication:***2017 Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Budget Estimates:***

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the Approval of 2017 Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Budget Estimates (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Niger Delta to report within two (2) weeks.

8. Committee on Trade and Investment:

Report on the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Act CAP D5 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2018 (SB. 06):

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of Whole to resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Act CAP D5 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2018 (*Adjourn Consideration Thursday, 18th January, 2018*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE OIL AND GAS EXPORT FREE ZONE AUTHORITY ACT CAP. 05, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT, CONTROL AND CO-ORDINATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE OIL AND GAS FREE ZONES IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2018.

Report referred back to the Committee for further Legislative Action.

Chairman to report Progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Act CAP D5 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2018, The Report referred back to the Committee for further Legislative Action.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

9. Committee on Works:

Report on the National Road Funds (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 49 & 163):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. 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.

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

Report on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act CAP A18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 427):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Report on the Emergency Powers (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 182):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on the Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 398):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
14. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on the Federal University of Education, Kano (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 397):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
15. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.399):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
16. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 30th January, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:18 p.m.

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