



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21st February, 2018

1. The Senate met at 10:51 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 20th February, 2018.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) ***Senate Delegation to Plateau State:***

The Deputy Senate President named the following Senators to condole the family, people and Government of Plateau State over the death of Senator John N. Shagaya:

(i)	Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe	—	Leader
(ii)	Senator Victor C. Umeh	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Andrew C. Uchendu	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Binta Masi Garba	—	Member
(v)	Senator Mallam A. Wakili	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Abdulfatah Buhari	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Ubali M. Shitu	—	Member

(b) ***Removal of Northern Senators Forum Chairman:***

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) as follows:



Senator Dino Melaye
Kogi West Senatorial District

February 20th, 2018

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

Dear Sir,

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF REMOVAL OF SENATOR ABDULLAHI ADAMU AS CHAIRMAN,
NORTHERN SENATORS FORUM.**

This is to inform the Senate that, with majority signatories of Members of the Northern Senators Forum, we have removed Senator Abdullahi Adamu as the Chairman of Northern Senators Forum for financial mismanagement and maladministration.

We announce his replacement with Senator Aliyu Wamako immediately.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Yours Faithfully,

(Signed)

Senator Dino Melaye

Director of Publicity

Northern Senators Forum (NSF)

(c) 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 Jewel Model Schools, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Hopemed International School, Suleja, Niger State; and
- (iii) Members of Enugu State Association of Law School Students, Nigerian Law School, Abuja.

4. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Comrade Wordam Simdik on behalf of Coalition of Closed Unpaid Textile Workers, Kaduna, against five(5) Textiles Companies, over non payments of their emoluments. 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 Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from R. S. John Esq. on behalf Mr Amadi Victor and three (3) others, against the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), over wrongful termination of their appointments. 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.

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Foster Ogola (*Bayelsa West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Comrade Oyinemi D. Bekekeme, Chairman, Ijaw Youths Council, against the Nigeria Police, over his assault. 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.

- (iv) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Hassan Mohammed (*Yobe South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Musa A. Ibrahim NN Service No. 4868, against the Nigerian Navy, over posting and unpaid salaries. 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.

- (v) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Clifford A. Ordia (*Edo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Commander Lucky Anetor, PhD, against the Nigerian Navy, over non acceptance of his resignation letter. 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 Suleiman A. Adokwe (*Nasarawa South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the World Radio Day celebrated on 13th February, 2018 to mark the importance of Radio in educating, entertaining and enlightening the populace. He used this opportunity to felicitate and commend all radio stations in the country for their continued reach to Nigerians on many laudable government policies. He urged the National Assembly to adequately fund Radio Nigeria to acquire equipment to meet the challenges of the modern digital programmes.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Jibrin I. Barau (*Kano North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the adopted Report of his Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on modality of establishing Tertiary Institutions across Nigeria. Regrettably, requests on these have continued unabated. The report ought to have guided the subsequent agitations. He urged the Committee on Rules and Business to comply with the provisions of the report.

By the leave of the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Business was mandated to synergise with the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND regarding the upgrading or establishment of Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria.

7. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to Tuesday, 20th February, 2018, Senate Resolution on the Press Conference he granted over the amendment to the Electoral Act, which was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions. He tendered an unreserved apology to the Leadership and entire Senate over his press interview which impugned on the privileges of Senators.

By the leave of the Senate, the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions was mandated to discuss with him and forward its report to Senate.

8. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 519) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Biotechnology Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 33) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 615) — *Read the First Time.*

- (iv) National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 537) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) National Commission for the Prohibition of the Importation of Small Arms, Ammunition and Light Weapons (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 339) — *Read the First Time.*

9. Committee on Public Accounts:

Report on the Status of Compliance of Parastatals submission of Audited Accounts and Auditors Report:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the Status of Compliance of Parastatals submission of Audited Accounts and Auditors Report thereon to the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide — Edo South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Motion:

Illegal Siege on the Headquarters of the Nigerian Peace Corp by the Nigeria Police and other sister Security Agencies in flagrant disregard to subsisting court orders:

Consideration of Motion withdrawn.

11. Nigerian Customs Service Pension Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.538):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Federal College of Education Ila-Orangun, Osun State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.616):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Public Complaints Commission Act CAP P37 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.58):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. City University of Technology Auchi (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.447):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the City University of Technology Auchi and for Other Connected Matters Bill, 2018 (*Senator Francis A. Alimikhena — Edo North*).

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. National Youth Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 385):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the National Youth Development Commission and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Sports and Social Development to report within Four (4) weeks.

16. Nigerian Press Council Act 1992 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.547):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Press Council Act 1992 as amended and to enact thereof the Nigerian Press Council Act 2018 and for Related Purposes, 2018 (*Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe — Nasarawa South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Information and National Orientation to report within Four (4) weeks.

17. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act CAP C4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.448):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act CAP C4 LFN 2004 and for Related Matters, 2018 (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within Four (4) weeks.

18. Medical and Dental Practitioners Act 1988 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.497):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to repeal the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act 1988 and establish the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria for the Registration of Medical practitioners and Dental Surgeons and to provide for a disciplinary Tribunal for the discipline of members and Related Matters Thereto, 2018 (*Senator Adamu M. Aliero — Kebbi Central*).

Debate:

Bill withdrawn for further legislative consultation.

19. National War College Act CAP N82 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.551):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the National War College Act CAP N82 LFN 2004 to provide for change of name to National Defence College and Other Connected Purposes, 2018 (*Senator Hope O. Uzodinma — Imo West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

20. Educational Policy Bill, 2018 (SB.332):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to translate and expand the educational policy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on access to educational services by institutionalizing Open Distance Learning in collaboration with National Universities Commission and National Board for Technical Education and for Related Matters, 2018 (*Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi — Niger North*).

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.

21. Federal Polytechnic Item (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 520):

Motion made: That a Bill for an act to establish the Federal Polytechnic Item to provide full-time courses in technology, applied science management and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the general administration of the polytechnic, 2018 (*Senator Mao A. Oluwabunwa — Abia North*).

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.

22. Sheriffs and Civil Process Act CAP S56 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.599):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 22nd February, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:27 p.m.

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