



# THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th March, 2018

1. The Senate met at 11:02 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 13th March, 2018.

*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Message from Mr. President:**

The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

**Confirmation of Appointment:**



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

26th January, 2018

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

*Dear Distinguished Senate President,*

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT**

*In accordance with the provisions of Section 8(1) (2) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) (Establishment) Act 2007, I have the pleasure to present Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for confirmation as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, replacing one of the Bank's Deputy Governors who retired in December, 2017.*

*Please find attached a copy of his Curriculum Vitae.*

*While looking forward for your usual expeditious consideration, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.*

*Yours Sincerely,  
(Signed)  
Muhammadu Buhari*

**4. Announcements:**

**(a) Burial:**

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

14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

*DR BUKOLA SARAOKI, CON  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX  
ABUJA*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BURIAL SCHEDULES OF MY LATE MOTHER MRS MATILDA OLUABUNWA**

*I wish to announce to you and to my colleagues attending my mother's burial ceremonies that the following arrangements have been made for events:*

1. *Body leaves Port Harcourt for Arochukwu by 11am on Thursday 5th April, 2018 after a commendation service at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Opposite Shell Industry Area Gate.*
2. *Christian Wake-keeping starts by 9pm, 5th April at the Family House in Atani, Arochukwu.*
3. *6th April, 2018, 11 am - Funeral Service holds at the Mini Stadium, Barrack Road, Arochukwu.*
4. *6th April, 1pm - Internment of the body of Mama at the Family Home, Atani, Arochukwu.*

*For enquiries, especially for our Senators coming by Air, contact persons have been provided for the routes as follows:*

1. *Owerri*
  - *Senator T.A. Orji (Ochendo)*
  - *Senator Sam Anyanwu*
2. *Uyo:*
  - *Senator Godswill Akpabio*
  - *Senator Bassey Akpan*
3. *Port Harcourt:*
  - *Senator Magnus Abe*
  - *Rt. Hon Austin Opara*

*I look forward to seeing everyone there and thank you for coming!*

*(Signed)*

**SENATOR MAO OLUABUNWA, FNIST, NPOM, KSC**

**(b) Meeting:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Donald O. Alasoadura (*Ondo Central*) as follows:



**THE SENATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM INDUSTRY  
GOVERNANCE BILL**

14th March, 2018

*His Excellency  
The Senate President  
Senate Chamber  
National Assembly Complex  
Abuja.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

*There will be a meeting of the Conference Committee on the Petroleum Industry Governance Bill as follows*

*Date: Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018*

*Venue: Conference Room 313, Senate Building*

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Distinguished Senators are please requested to be in attendance.*

*(Signed)*

*Senator Omotayo Donald Alasoadura  
Chairman*

**(c) Senate Delegation to Edo State:**

The Senate President named the following Senators to condole the family, people and Government of Edo State over the death of Senator Sunday O. Iyamen:

|       |                             |   |                      |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| (i)   | Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi  | — | Leader of Delegation |
| (ii)  | Senator Matthew A. Urhohide | — | Member               |
| (iii) | Senator Stella A. Oduah     | — | Member               |
| (iv)  | Senator Ahmed S. Ogembe     | — | Member               |
| (v)   | Senator Mallam A. Wakili    | — | Member               |
| (vi)  | Senator Gbolahan J. Dada    | — | Member               |
| (vii) | Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi | — | Member               |

**(d) Acknowledgement:**

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

- (i) Staff and Students of Nigeria Canadian College, Jabi, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Baptist School, Garki, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of Emmanuel's Learning Spring High School, Mararaba, Nasarawa State; and

(iv) Staff and Students of Handmaids Girls' Secondary School, Kuje, Abuja.

**5. Petitions:**

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Bassey A. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Sgt. Ekpo Bassey Force No. 371533, against the Nigeria Police, over his 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.*

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Jibrin I. Barau (*Kano North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Mrs J.R.I.M. Yahaya Kabo, against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), over her unlawful 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.*

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Rev. Dr. Caleb O.S. Ahima on behalf of other Churches, against the Nigerian Army, over reprisal attacks. 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. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the action of Kogi State Government by enacting a law creating Vigilante Group which contradicts Section 214 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended). He stated that the scope of operation of this group is in conflicts with the functions of the military and other paramilitary establishment of Nigeria. He added that killings is ongoing in Okene, Adavi and Lokoja. He informed the Senate that militia of Maitatsine in Kano and Boko Haram group in the North-East started in this form. He noted that the alleged ammunition impounded by the Nigeria Customs Service in the name of sports equipment belong to this illegal group.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to urge the National Security Adviser to investigate and advise the Attorney-General of the Federation with a view of disbanding this unconstitutional body.

*Debate:*

***Proposed Resolution:***

*Question:* That the Senate do mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to urge the National Security Adviser to investigate and advise the Attorney-General of the Federation with a view of disbanding this unconstitutional body — *Agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That the Senate mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to urge the National Security Adviser to investigate and advise the Attorney-General of the Federation with a view of disbanding this unconstitutional body (S/Res/206/03/18).

**7. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) National Board for Technical Education (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 560) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Leadership and Training Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 642) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) National Commission for Colleges of Education Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 561) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 562) — *Read the First Time.*

**8. Executive Communications:*****Confirmation of Nomination:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN):

- (i) Professor Adeola Festus Adenikinju
- (ii) Dr. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi
- (iii) Dr. Robert Chikwendu Asogwa
- (iv) Dr. Asheikh A. Maidugu (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within one (1) week.*

**9. Confirmation of Nominations:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nominations of Mrs. Aishah Ahmad, and Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for appointment as Deputy Governors of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within one (1) week.*

**10. Motion:*****Demise of His Excellency, Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma (OON):***

*Motion made:* That the Senate notes with a deep sense of loss and absolute submission to the will of Almighty God, the passing away of the former Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma (OON) Madauchin Doma whose death occurred on Tuesday, 6th March, 2018 after a brief illness in Israel;

*notes also* that the Late Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma, was born on the 1st of September, 1942 in Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State. He attended Doma Junior Primary School and Lafia Senior Primary School between 1951 and 1957;

*notes further* that Late Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma attended Government Secondary School, Kastina Ala and Higher Teacher Training College, Gombe, where he obtained Grade II Teachers' Certificate in 1963;

*aware* that he attended University of Ibadan from 1964 to 1966, the British Drama League, London, England 1968, and the World Tourism Organization Centre for Advanced Tourism Studies, Turin, Italy, 1973. Late Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma furthered his Education in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, in 1976, and Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma in 2002, where he obtained his Master's Degree in Public Administration;

*aware also* that the Late Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma enjoyed an excellent career in the Civil Service of Northern Nigeria, Benue and Plateau States culminating in attaining the pinnacle as a Super-Permanent Secretary. While serving as a Permanent Secretary, he was drafted into politics by Late Chief Solomon Lar as his Deputy Governor from 1983 until 1984, when the military terminated the Second Republic;

*observes* that the highlights of his Civil and Public Service Career included but not limited to the fact that he was an outstanding cultural tourism manager and policy developer. He was the Artistic Director of the Nigeria Contingent to FESTAC 77. For a long period of time, he was the Chairman of the Centre for Black and African Civilization CBAC;

*further observes* that he was appointed a member of the Presidential Joint National Consultative and Advisory Committee of Traditional Rulers and Leaders of thought between 1995 and 1998, a member of the National Committee on the future of Higher Education in Nigeria, from 1996 to 1998;

*recalls* that he was appointed a Member of the Technical Committee of Presidential Council on Tourism in 2004. He held Private Sector Positions as Chairman of Integrated Tourism Consultants in 2003 and as a representative of Steyr Nigeria. Late Aliyu Akwe Doma capped his political career when he became the 2nd Executive Governor of Nasarawa State in 2007 on the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) succeeding my Distinguished Colleague, Senator Abdullahi Adamu;

*notes* that Aliyu Akwe Doma cuts a father figure image in Nasarawa State being the arrow head in the movement and actualization of the creation of the State. He was concerned for the rapid development of the State and therefore famous for his 13-Point Development Agenda; agriculture being the priority to the extent that the State commenced exportation of yams to Europe;

*notes also* that above all, His Excellency Late Aliyu Akwe Doma will be most remembered for his dogged pursuit of peace and it is to his eternal credit that Nasarawa State did not witness any crisis throughout his four years of governance;

*further notes* that Aliyu Akwe Doma was a major influence in the politics of Nasarawa State and his influence will remain for many years to come because he left behind a huge army of political faithful and unwavering loyalists; and

*contends* that the demise of this Cultural Guru, Astute Administrator, Political Icon and Traditional Title Holder of Okuba (Madauchi) of Doma was a great loss to the people of Nasarawa in particular and Nigeria in general. He was buried on Sunday, 11th March, 2018 in his home town Doma, Nasarawa State in accordance to Islamic rites.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in respect of the Late Alh. Aliyu Akwe Doma Former Governor of Nasarawa State; and
- (ii) send a delegation to condole with the family, Government and the people of Nasarawa State over this great national loss (*Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe — Nasarawa South*).

*Debate:*

**Proposed Resolution(i):**

*Question:* That the Senate do observe a minute silence in respect of the Late Alh. Aliyu Akwe Doma Former Governor of Nasarawa State — *Agreed to.*

**Proposed Resolution(ii):**

*Question:* That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with the family, Government and the people of Nasarawa State over this great national loss — *Agreed to.*

**Resolved:**

That the Senate:

- (i) observe a minute silence in respect of the Late Alh. Aliyu Akwe Doma Former Governor of Nasarawa State; and
- (ii) send a delegation to condole with the family, Government and the people of Nasarawa State over this great national loss (S/Res/207/03/18).

*One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.*

**11. Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act CAP R3 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.593):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act CAP R3 LFN 2004 and re-enact the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act and for Related Matters, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

**Debate:**

*Question put and agreed to.*

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

**12. Public Complaints Commission Act CAP P37 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.580):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**13. Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria Act CAP F18 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.517):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria Act CAP F18 LFN 2004 to provide for the establishment of National Stations in each geo-political zones, Abuja and Lagos to enhance the efficient service delivery of the Corporation and for Other Related Matters, 2018 (*Senator Umaru I. Kurfi — Katsina Central*).

**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.*

**14. Public Service Efficiency Bill, 2018 (SB.610):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to provide for Public Service Efficiency and for Related Matters, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi — Niger North*).

**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.*

**15. Counselling Practitioners Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 636):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to establish the Counselling Practitioners Council of Nigeria to conduct qualifying examination, regulate the counselling profession and for Related Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Isah H. Misau — Bauchi 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.*

**16. National Institute of Construction Technology and Management, Uromi, Edo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.630):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for An Act to establish the National Institute of Construction Technology and Management, Uromi, Edo State, to produce middle and high level manpower for the Nation's economic and industrial growth in the areas of Construction Technology, Applied Sciences And Management Sciences and Other Related Matters, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Clifford A. Ordia — Edo Central*).

*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. Nigeria Coast Guards (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.579):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria Coast Guards and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Yele O. Omogunwa — Ondo South*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

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

**18. Patents and Design Act CAP P2 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.632):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Patents and Design Act CAP P2 LFN 2004 and enact the Patents Act 2018 to provide for the protection of inventions and Other Related Matters, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Andy E. Uba — Anambra South*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

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

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

20. **Federal Capital Territory Act, CAP. F6, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.93):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

21. **Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.615):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

22. **Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.230):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

23. **Nigerian Council for Psychologists (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.625):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

24. **Explosive Act CAP E18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.250):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

25. **Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 15th March, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:57 p.m.*

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