



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 20 March, 2018

1. The House met at 11.15 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 15 March, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *His Excellency International Schools*, Bwari, Abuja;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Winket International Schools*, Jiwa, Abuja; and
 - (iii) Staff and Students of *Higher Ground Private School*, Lugbe, Abuja.

4. **Announcement**
Bereavement:
Mr Speaker announced with regret, the death on Saturday, 17 March, 2018, of Distinguished Senator Ali Wakili (*Bauchi South Senatorial District*). He gave a tribute to the Late Senator as follows:

It is with heavy heart and great sadness that I announce the death of my Senator and Constituent, Distinguished Senator (Malam) Ali Wakili, Mni (Fagacin Bauchi), the Senator for Bauchi South which sad event took place in the morning of Saturday, 17 March, 2018. He has since been buried according to Islamic rites.

2. *He will be sorely missed by his immediate family, relatives, friends, admirers on social media, his constituents and by all of us Members of the National Assembly, most especially, his immediate colleagues at the Senate; not to mention very large number of people he personally touched across Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area of Bauchi State in Nigeria and around the world.*

3. *Before Late Senator Wakili entered Parliament and after leaving Bayero University, Kano, he worked in several positions including the Nigeria Customs Service where he rose to the rank of a Comptroller of Customs before his retirement. He was also a Distinguished Alumnus of the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos and was the Chairman Senate Committee on Poverty Alleviation.*

4. *He was a very forthright person who exuded infectious candour in championing the cause of the downtrodden. He was often 'confrontive' without being combative and his passion for the common man led him to adopt a pugnacious posture towards the "Lords of the manor" of our democracy. No doubt, he was not only a powerful but refreshing voice on the floor of the Senate, he fought for good governance especially in our dear State of Bauchi and Nigeria at large. Merchants and profiteers of bad governance had the knives all out for him but never to be intimidated, he stood his ground and held the lines with rare courage until his death. He represented an idea that death cannot kill.*

5. *As we mourn this departed brother, friend, confidant and comrade, we are consoled by his legacies of service with distinction in the Nigeria Customs Service, the Senate and the Bauchi Emirate Council where he held the title of Fagachin Bauchi.*

6. *We offer our sincere condolences to his immediate family, his constituents, the Bauchi Emirate Council, the Government and people of Bauchi State and the Nigeria Senate.*

7. *May his soul rest in perfect peace.*

By leave of the House, Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso (Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency) and other Members also paid tributes in honour of late Senator Ali Wakili.

Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno and Hon. Sergius Ogun offered the Muslim and Christian prayers respectively for the repose of the soul of the departed Senator.

Adjournment:

That the House do now adjourn in honour of the late Senator Ali Wakili till Wednesday, 21 March, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.18 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker