



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27th March, 2018

1. The Senate met at 11:16 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings(2) of Thursday, 22nd March, 2018.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
(a) **Re: Submission of Report on 2018 Appropriation Bill, 2018:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Mohammed D. Goje (Gombe Central) as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
THREE ARMS ZONE,
P. M. B. 141, GARKI, ABUJA-NIGERIA

26th March, 2018

*His Excellency,
The President of the Senate,
Sen. Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON,
Senate Chamber.*

Your Excellency,

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sub-Committees on Appropriations are hereby reminded that the submission and defence of 2018 budget reports will end by 6pm on Thursday, 29th March, 2018.

The Appropriations Committee will take appropriate decision for any Committee that fails to submit/present its report within the scheduled time.

The venue remains Meeting Room 224, Senate Building.

(Signed)
Sen. Mohammed Danjuma Goje
Chairman

(b) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Members of Department of Accounting, University of Maiduguri, Borno State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Topfaith International Secondary School, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State;
- (iii) Staff and Students of Debiruss Schools, Lekki, Lagos State; and
- (iv) Staff and Students of Bill Clinton International Academy, New Nyanyaya, Nasarawa State.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf (*Taraba Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a fundamental and very serious issue raised by Gen. Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma (rtd.), during the first convocation ceremony of Taraba State University, Jalingo on Saturday, 24th March, 2018 where he alleged that military were colluding with the militia to cause mayhem and killings across the country, and urged Nigerians to defend themselves. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

5. Privileges:

Rising on Rules 14 and 15, Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi (*Delta North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a front page newspaper publication of The Sun of Monday, 26th March, 2018 captioned "Plot to Bribe National Assembly Thickens" in which it was alleged that Members of the National Assembly were being bribed with \$50,000 and \$30,000 for Senators and Hon. Members respectively. He felt that the allegation impugned on his integrity as a Senator and the entire Senate as an institution, noting that the Senate is always above board. He urged the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions to investigate the matter.

Newspaper accordingly Laid.

Debate:

By leave of the Senate, Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions was mandated to investigate the matter and report within one (1) week.

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator James E. Manager (*Delta South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the recent occurrence of landslide in Delta South Senatorial District. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

7. 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 impending breakdown of law and order in Kogi State regarding the activities of the Nigeria Police via Force Public Relation Officer (FPRO) ACP. Jimoh Moshood and Senator Dino Melaye. He stated that the Nigeria Police has taken side by intimidating Senator Dino Melaye despite the pending Court case on his alleged assassination attempt. He further stated that Senator Dino Melaye and the State Governor have their respective political loyal groups and called for justice and fair play in the interest of democracy. He emphasised that the man declared wanted by the Police in the Court case, is the same person who was alleged to have been criminally mobilised by Senator Dino Melaye. He noted that all these agitations are dangerous as the country approaches another election year.

Accordingly resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions to investigate the matter and report to the Senate.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions to investigate the matter and report to the Senate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Proposed Resolution and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do mandate the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Police Affairs to investigate the matter and report to the Senate within 48 hours” (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate mandate the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Police Affairs to investigate the matter and report to the Senate within 48 hours (S/Res/211/03/18).

8. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Electoral Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 645) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act CAP R4 LFN 2004 (Repeal) Bill, 2018 (SB. 646) — *Read the First Time.*

9. Conference Committee:

Report on the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 (SB. 22):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Primary Healthcare and Communicable Disease:

Report on the National Centre for Disease Control Prevention (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.256):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Defence:

Report on the Influx of Refugees from the Republic of Cameroun to some border communities in Cross River State:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Ad hoc Committee:

Report on the Investigation of Arrest Episodes of Tuesday, 21st November, 2017 between Officers of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), National Intelligence Agency (NIA) and Directorate of State Security (DSS):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Motions:

- (a) ***The urgent need to include the Eastern Rail Lines in the Nigerian Railway Development Project:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (b) ***Need to address recurring mass failure in West African Examination Council examination results:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Housing:

Report on the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2018 (SB. 216):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

That the Senate do consider the Reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- (a) Mr. Nnochiri Anosike Igbokaike, against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) over his wrongful dismissal from Service for alleged misconduct;
- (b) Agboola Olawale Matthew, against the Police Service Commission (PSC) for alleged denial of Police Training and eventual employment;
- (c) Lynda Orie Ukpo, against the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) for alleged unlawful termination of her appointment by the Corps;
- (d) P. C. Onang Inamang, against the Nigeria Police for inappropriate placement in the Service;
- (e) Mr. Tochukwu Dunu, against the Nigeria Police for his unlawful arrest and detention; and fraudulent sale of his tanker truck loaded with petroleum product;
- (f) Eagle-Eyes Network Chambers on behalf of G. Cappa Plc, against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for refusal of the Corporation to effect payment of the outstanding financial claim for the construction and handing over of Blocks "B" and "C" of NNPC Towers, Abuja;
- (g) Mr. Donald E. Ovie, against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for alleged wrongful disengagement from the Corporation;
- (h) PC Ohadaka Ifeanyichukwu, against the Nigeria Police for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Service;
- (i) Insp. Festus O. Mrakpor, against the Police Service Commission (PSC) for wrongful dismissal from Service, over alleged misconduct; and
- (j) Mr. Lawrence Opiti Ogbeni, against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Corporation.

Consideration of Reports deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 28th March, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:06 p.m.

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