



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 25th April, 2018

1. The Senate met at 10:53 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 24th April, 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:

Supplementary Input to the 2018 Appropriation Bill:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

13th April, 2018

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**SUPPLEMENTARY INPUT TO THE 2018 APPROPRIATION
BILL: PURCHASE OF SUPER TUCANO AIRCRAFT FROM THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

I wish to draw the attention of the Senate to the ongoing security emergencies in the country. These challenges were discussed with the State Governors and subsequently at the meeting of the National Economic Council on 14th December, 2017, where a Resolution was passed, with the Council approving that up to US\$1 billion may be released and utilised from the Excess Crude Account to address the situation.

Subsequent upon this approval, we are preparing a comprehensive schedule of all the requirements for each of the Security Services for presentation to the National Assembly for consideration.

It would be recalled that, for a number of years, Nigeria had been in discussions with the United States Government for the purchase of Super Tucano Aircraft under a direct Government-to-Government arrangement. Recently approval was finally granted by the United States Government, but with a deadline within which part payment must be made otherwise the contract would lapse.

In the expectation that the National Assembly would have no objection to the purchase of this highly specialised Aircraft, which is critical to national security, I granted anticipatory approval for the release of US\$496,374,470.00. This was paid directly to the Treasury of the United States Government.

I am therefore writing, seeking approval of the Senate for the sum of US\$496,374,470.00 (equivalent to ₦151,394,421,335.00) to be included in the 2018 Appropriation Bill, which the National Assembly is currently finalising. The balance of the requirements for critical operational equipment is still being collated from the different Security Services, and will be presented in the form of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill, in due course.

The Honourable Minister of Defence and other appropriate officers will be available to provide further details, as may be required.

While thanking the Distinguished Senate for the usual cooperation, please accept Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)*

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcements:

(a) Appreciation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir (Sokoto South) as follows:



**SENATOR IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI GOBIR, MFR
Ph.D, M. Eng, B. Eng, C. Eng, MBA, FIEE, FNSE, FNIM
Sardaunan Gobir Sokoto East Senatorial District
CHAIRMAN SENATE SERVICES**

25th April, 2018

*His Excellency,
President of the Senate,
Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki,*

APPRECIATION LETTER

I wish to, on behalf of myself and family, express our sincere appreciation to His Excellency, the President of the Senate and my distinguished colleagues for finding time out of their tight schedules to attend the Wedding Fatihah of our daughter Dr. Saratu Ibrahim Gobir and her heartthrob Habib Abubakar Gajam which took place on Saturday, 21st of April, 2018 at Sokoto.

2. We also acknowledge all those that sent in apologies for their inability to attend the ceremony physically due to other commitments and believe they have included the couple in their prayers for a happy and prosperous matrimonial life.

3. I wish to, once again, express our profound gratitude to all of you for your show of love and friendship and pray that God Almighty will continue to bless you abundantly.

(Signed)

Sen. Dr. Ibrahim A. Gobir, MFR

(b) **Invitation to Thanksgiving Service:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Andrew I. Uchendu (*Rivers East*) as follows:



SENATOR ANDREW UCHENDU, NPOM, OON .
Representing Rivers East Senatorial District
Deputy Chairman, Senate Committee on Public Procurement

11th April, 2018

His Excellency, Sen. Dr. Bukola Saraki CON
The President of the Senate
National Assembly
Three-Arms-Zone
Garki-Abuja

His Excellency,

INVITATION TO MY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

I am most pleased inviting His Excellency, the Senate President, Senator Bukola Saraki, CON and the Distinguished Senators of the 8th Assembly to my Thanksgiving Service scheduled to hold on the 28th April, 2018 at Port Harcourt. A formal invitation card will be issued later to all Distinguished Colleagues.

His Excellency, my journey to the Senate has been very tortuous and long-drawn, but the good Lord finally saw me through. To Him alone shall all Glory go to.

I will, therefore, be greatly honoured with the presence of His Excellency, the President of the Senate, and my Distinguished Colleagues on this particular occasion.

Sincerely Yours

(Signed)

SEN. ANDREW UCHENDU, OON

(c) **Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives:**

The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives to investigate the incident of the Senate Chamber invasion on Wednesday, 18th April, 2018:

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| (i) | Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator David Umaru | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Gbolahan J. Dada | — | Member |

(iv)	Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu	—	Member
(v)	Senator Shehu Sani	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Usman B. Nafada	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Rose O. Oko	—	Member

5. **Petition:**

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Theodore A. Orji (*Abia Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to two (2) petitions from:

- (a) Nwaoha L. Peter, against the Nigerian Airforce, over his wrongful dismissal from Service; and
- (b) Prince Udochi E. Ezem, against Union Home Savings and Loan Mortgage Bank, over non-release of his funds.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

6. **Privileges:**

Rising on Rules 14 and 15, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Executive Communication read by Senate President regarding the purchase of Super Tucano Aircraft from the United States Government amounting to US\$496,374,470.00. He stated that the action violates Section 80 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) which is explicit on revenue and expenditure procedure on public fund. He further stated that the disbursement ahead of National Assembly's approval has impugned on his privilege.

By the leave of the Senate, the Executive Communication would be referred to the appropriate Committee for further legislative action.

7. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the arrest of Senator Dino Melaye on Tuesday, 24th April, 2018 by the Nigeria Police who treated him like a common criminal. He stated that some Distinguished Senators were prevented from seeing him at the National Hospital, Abuja by the Police. He observed that the inhuman treatment is a bad reflection on our democracy. He urged the Senate to consider the matter forthwith.

Accordingly resolves to:

invite the Inspector-General of Police to brief the Senate on the inhuman treatment meted on Senator Dino Melaye over a matter that is pending before a competent law court; and other killings across Nigeria

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do invite the Inspector-General of Police to brief the Senate on the inhuman treatment meted on Senator Dino Melaye over a matter that is pending before a competent law court; and other killings across Nigeria — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

"That the Senate do adjourn sitting to visit Senator Dino Melaye at the National Hospital, Abuja to ascertain his state of health" (*Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa — Abia North*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate:

- (i) invite the Inspector-General of Police to brief the Senate on the inhuman treatment meted on Senator Dino Melaye over a matter that is pending before a competent law court; and other killings across Nigeria; and
- (ii) adjourn sitting to visit Senator Dino Melaye at the National Hospital, Abuja to ascertain his state of health (S/Res/227/03/18).

8 Presentation of a Bill:

Federal Polytechnic Ikom, Cross River State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 672).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9 Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors in Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 584):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10 Conference Committee:

Report on the Public Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 232):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11 Committee on Trade and Investment:

Report on the Companies and Allied Matters Act CAP C20 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 355):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Motion:

The recent cross-border invasion of Isu Community of Abia State by Utuma Community of Cross River State:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act CAP R7 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.415):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Joint Admission and Matriculation Board Act CAP JI LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.625):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act CAP E3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.559):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Federal High Court Act CAP F12 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.648):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Nigerian Police Academy (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.270):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **Committee on Public Accounts:**

Report on the Investigation of all Subsidy Monies spent by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) without recourse to National Assembly:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. **National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill, 2018 (SB. 656) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. **Corporate Manslaughter Bill, 2018 (SB. 657) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. **Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (SB. 658) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

24. **National Post Graduate College of Medical Laboratory Science Bill, 2018 (SB. 659) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

25. **Federal Capital Territory Civil Service Commission Bill, 2018 (SB. 660) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

26. **Nigerian Academy of Sciences Bill, 2018 (SB. 662) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

27. **Animal Health and Husbandry Technologist Registration Board of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (SB. 664) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

28. **National Child Protection Bill, 2018 (SB. 665) - Committee of the Whole:**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

29. Franchise Bill, 2018 (SB. 666) - Committee of the Whole:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

30. 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) Mrs. Maryam Danna Mohammed, against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) for wrongful termination of her appointment;
- (b) Kalu Samuel and 348 Others, against Michael Okpara Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State for unlawful suspension from office;
- (c) Tanzila Petroleum Company Limited, against Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) for non-payment of subsidy on Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) imported;
- (d) Mr. Nnochiri Anosike Igbokaikie, against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), over his wrongful dismissal from Service for alleged misconduct;
- (e) Agboola Olawale Matthew, against the Police Service Commission (PSC) for alleged denial of Police Training and eventual employment;
- (f) Lynda Orie Ukpo, against the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) for alleged unlawful termination of her appointment by the Corps;
- (g) P. C. Onang Inamang, against the Nigeria Police for inappropriate placement in the service;
- (h) Mr. Tochukwu Dunu, against the Nigeria Police for his unlawful arrest and detention; and fraudulent sale of his tanker truck loaded with petroleum product;
- (i) 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;
- (j) Mr. Donald E. Ovie, against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for alleged wrongful disengagement from the Corporation;
- (k) PC Ohadaka Ifeanyichukwu, against the Nigeria Police for alleged wrongful dismissal from the service;
- (l) Insp. Festus O. Mrakpor, against the Police Service Commission (PSC) for wrongful dismissal from Service over alleged misconduct;
- (m) Mr. Lawrence Opiti Ogbeni, against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Corporation;
- (n) Julex Associates, against the National Council for Arts and Culture (NCAC) for oppression, harassment and avoidable inferno at the Arts and Crafts Village, Abuja;
- (o) Livingstone Nseyo, against the Nigerian Railway Corporation for alleged Non-implementation of Ministerial Approval on promotions;
- (p) complaint from Senator Mallam A. Wakili, against Mr. Fred Itua of the Sun Newspaper for allegedly misleading the public, against the Senate in the Sunday Sun Newspaper Publication of 22nd October, 2017; and

- (q) I. J. Obiachu Esq. on behalf of the People of Eruete Village of Amaoforo Autonomous Community Ibeku, Umuahia North Local Government Area, Abia State, against Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria, Ibadan, Oyo State for alleged non-compensation for land acquired.

Consideration of Reports deferred to another Legislative Day.

31. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 26th April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:46 p.m.

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