



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9th May, 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, 8th May, 2018.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Meeting:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) as follows:



Senator Ahmad I. Lawan

SENATE LEADER

9th May, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the Senate Ad hoc Committee on the Review of the National Security Infrastructure today, Wednesday, 9th May, 2018;

Venue: *Senate Leader's Meeting Room;*

Time: *2:00 p.m.*

(Signed)

Senator Ahmad I. Lawan
Senate Leader (Chairman)

(b) Wedding Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Joshua M. Lidani (*Gombe South*) as follows:



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Senator Joshua M. Lidani

(Baraden Kaltungo)
 GOMBE SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
 CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON DRUGS & NARCOTICS

9th May, 2018

Distinguish Senators
National Assembly Abuja.

My Distinguished Colleagues,

WEDDING INVITATION: A REMINDER

This is to remind you of the nuptial handshake across the Niger between my son Kwagam Lidani of Gombe State and his heartthrob Cynthia Anokwuru of Rivers State scheduled to take place on Saturday, 12th May, 2018.

The Church wedding will take place at the ECWA Church Central Area Opposite Churchgate and adjacent World Trade Centre Towers Abuja at 11:00am. Reception will take place thereafter at Bahamas Events Centre, Plot 1080, Joseph Gomwalk Street behind Ajuji Hotel, Gudu, Abuja.

Accordingly, we will be most grateful if you will find time within your crowded schedule to grace the occasion with your presence. In the event that you may not be able to do so, kindly include the couple in your prayers that God may grant them a happy and blessed married life.

While looking forward to your attendance, kindly accept the assurance of our highest esteem.

(Signed)

Sen. Joshua M. Lidani

(c) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Members of Students' Representative Assembly, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Sokoto State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Wesley Nursery and Primary Schools, Wuse, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of Godscare Academy, New Nyanya, Nasarawa State; and
- (iv) Staff and Students of New Era International School, Masaka, Nasarawa State.

4. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Ukpai Ukairo & Associates on behalf of Victory Early Learning Centre and Victory College International Aba, Abia State, against the Federal Inland Revenue Service, over encroachment of land. 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 Chukwuka G. Utazi (*Enugu North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Amobi Onuigbo & Co. on behalf of Charles O. Ani, against the Nigerian Energy Commission, over refusal of his reinstatement. 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 Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the request by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the confirmation of nominees of Board of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). He informed the Senate that the Central Bank of Nigeria as at today is the only Central Bank in the whole of Africa without a Board, this limits the functions and performance of such an important financial institution which has vital role to play in the nation's financial policies. He appealed to the Senate to passionately look into this issue and screen the Board of the CBN so that the apex bank can exercise its role effectively and efficiently.

By leave of the Senate, the request would be considered accordingly.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) National Commission for Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees, Stateless Persons and other Persons of Concern Bill, 2018 (HB. 603) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Nigerian Police Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 894) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 951) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 401) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Public Service Institute of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 675) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2018:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Executive Communication:

Promissory Note and Bond Issuance Programme:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the approval of a Promissory Note Programme and a Bond Issuance to settle inherited Local Debts and Contractual Obligations (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to an Ad hoc Committee to report within two (2) weeks.

9. Ad hoc Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of *Ad hoc* Committee on Promissory Note Programme and a Bond Issuance to settle inherited Local Debts and Contractual Obligations:

(i)	Senator Francis A. Alimikhena	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Shehu Sani	—	Member
(v)	Senator Mohammed D. Goje	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Rafiu I. Ibrahim	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu	—	Member

10. Motion:

The Twin Bomb Blast in Mubi and the need for immediate action to prevent recurrence:

Motion made: That the Senate notes that on Tuesday, 1st May, 2018 two suspected suicide bombers shattered the relative peace in Mubi and its environs through a Twin bomb explosion at a Mosque within the popular second-hand clothes market known as Kasuwan Yan Gwonjo. Over Twenty-Nine (29) innocent people were officially confirmed dead but the grave diggers said they buried Eighty-Five (85) people and over Fifty (50) others were hospitalized and some in critical conditions, while properties worth millions of Naira were also destroyed;

aware that the recent attacks have seriously brought back fears not only in Mubi but the entire Adamawa North Senatorial District and this will definitely affect businesses of the area especially Mubi being a commercial centre of Adamawa State;

further notes the prompt response by the two Chairmen of Mubi North and South Local Government Areas in evacuating victims and providing immediate medical services and ambulances which evacuated seriously injured victims to the Federal Medical Centre, Yola;

also notes the action taken by the State Government to take care of treatment of victims of the attack; and

appreciates the directives given by the Vice President to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to victims and the visit of the Chief of Army staff to Mubi on Sunday, 6th May, 2018 to assess the security situation in the area.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) condemn this dastardly act;
- (ii) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the deceased;
- (iii) urge the Security Agencies especially the Nigerian Army, Airforce, Nigeria Police, Directorate of State Services (DSS) and Nigerian Immigration Service to beef up security in Mubi and the entire Adamawa North Senatorial Zone;
- (iv) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Presidential Committee on North East Initiative (PCNI) to as a matter of urgency provide relief materials to the affected community as directed by the Vice President;
- (v) urge the National Orientation Agency, Traditional Councils, Local Government Councils to intensify enlightenment campaign and synergy between the Security Agencies/traditional institution in ensuring adequate security in the Senatorial Zone; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Army; National Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North East to monitor implementation of the resolutions (*Senator Binta Masi Garba — Adamawa North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do condemn this dastardly act — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the deceased — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Security Agencies especially the Nigerian Army, Airforce, Nigeria Police, Directorate of State Services (DSS) and Nigerian Immigration Service to beef up security in Mubi and the entire Adamawa North Senatorial Zone — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Presidential Committee on North East Initiative (PCNI) to as a matter of urgency provide relief materials to the affected community as directed by the Vice President — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(v):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Orientation Agency, Traditional Councils, Local Government Councils to intensify enlightenment campaign and synergy between the Security Agencies/traditional institution in ensuring adequate security in the Senatorial Zone — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(vi):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committees on Army; National Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North East to monitor implementation of the resolutions — *Negated.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) condemn this dastardly act;
- (ii) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the deceased;
- (iii) urge the Security Agencies especially the Nigerian Army, Airforce, Nigeria Police, Directorate of State Services (DSS) and Nigerian Immigration Service to beef up security in Mubi and the entire Adamawa North Senatorial Zone;
- (iv) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Presidential Committee on North East Initiative (PCNI) to as a matter of urgency provide relief materials to the affected community as directed by the Vice President; and
- (v) urge the National Orientation Agency, Traditional Councils, Local Government Councils to intensify enlightenment campaign and synergy between the Security Agencies/traditional institution in ensuring adequate security in the Senatorial Zone (S/Res/244/03/18).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

11. Conference Committee:

Report on the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act CAP 17, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Committee Report on the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act CAP 17, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (Senator Sabo Mohammed — Jigawa South-West).

Report Laid and presented.

Question put and agreed to.

ANNEXURE 1

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (INCOME TAX RELIEF) ACT CAP.17, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause	Senate Version	House Version	Recommendation
4	(a) Section 3(6) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new "subsection (c) & (d) after the existing subsection (b) to read as follows - (c) for any company whose investment is in the rural area where infrastructures like road, electricity, housing, water etc are provided by the company, the pioneer certificate may specify the maximum tax relief period, not exceeding seven years; and (d) for any company whose investment is in Agriculture and Agro processing, where over 90% of inputs are local materials, the pioneer certificate may specify the maximum tax relief period, not exceeding fifteen years. (b) by inserting a new "subsection (7) "immediately after the existing "subsections (6)" to read as follows - (7) where an application for the issue of a pioneer certificate is made pursuant to section 1 (4) of this Bill , the company shall be required to prepare and maintain separate audited accounts in respect of income and expenditure from the expansion of the pioneer industry or pioneer product.	Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection "(7) "immediately after the existing subsection "(6)" to read as follows: "(7) where an application for the issue of a pioneer certificate is made pursuant to section 1 (4) of this Bill , the company shall be required to prepare and maintain separate audited accounts in respect of income and expenditure from the expansion of the pioneer industry or pioneer product".	Senate version adopted
6	Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the definition of the words: "Commission" means Nigeria Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC) immediately after the definition of the words "company" "Board" means Federal Inland Revenue Service established under section 1 of the principal Act.	Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the definition of the words "Council" means Nigerian Investment Promotion Council (NIPC) immediately after the definition of the words "company"	Senate version adopted

Report accordingly adopted.

12. **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.

13. **Briefing by Inspector General of Police (IGP):**
The spate of killings across the country and the inhuman treatment of Distinguished Senator Dino Melaye:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Inspector General of Police to brief this Distinguished Senate on the spate of killings across the country and the inhuman treatment of Distinguished Senator Dino Melaye over a matter that is pending before a competent court of law (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Closed Session — 12:24 p.m.

Open Session — 1:09 p.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on the non appearance of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) before the Senate in Plenary after series of invitations;

The Senate notes that this is disrespect to the Institution and constituted authority;

The Senate also notes his earlier refusal to appear before the *Ad hoc* Committee Investigating the various allegations leveled against the Police, Inspector General of Police and Police Service Commission which was overruled by Court of competent jurisdiction;

The Senate viewed his present refusal as danger to democracy;

Therefore, the Senate resolved to declare Ibrahim Kopotum Idris, the Inspector General of Police (IGP), as enemy of democracy and unfit to hold any public office within and outside Nigeria; and

The leadership of the Senate was mandated to look into the matter for further necessary action.

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

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Sheriffs and Civil Process Act CAP S56 LFN 2004 and for Related Matters, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

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

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend Section 6 of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act CAP R7 LFN 2004 and for Other Related Matters Therewith, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Francis A. Alimikhena — Edo North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

16. Joint Admission and Matriculation Board Act CAP J1 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 College of Forestry, Toungo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.320):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
19. **Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.230):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
20. **National Deposit Insurance Corporation Act CAP N102 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.626):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
21. **Federal High Court Act CAP F12 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.648):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
22. **Federal Polytechnic, Ikom, Cross River State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 672):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
23. **Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.615):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
24. **Nigerian Council for Psychologists (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.625):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
25. **Federal College of Education Illo, Kebbi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.620):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
26. **Explosive Act CAP E18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.250):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
27. **National Planning Commission (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.637):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
28. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 15th May, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:58 p.m.

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