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NO. 81

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th May, 2014

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

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 13th May, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the Northern Senators Forum (NSF):

Date: *Today, Wednesday, 14th May, 2014*

Venue: *Hearing Room 1, Old Wing Senate Building, NASS*

Time: *Immediately after Plenary*

(Sign)
Senator Ahmad Lawan
Secretary

4. **Petitions:**

(*i*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Nenadi E. Usman *(Kaduna South)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from her constituent, Sheyin Paul Mutum, on the wrongful termination of his appointment by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation(NNPC). She urged the Senate to look into the matter.

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

(*ii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu *(Lagos Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Pastors Nike Adeyemi, Funke Felix-Adejumo, Ifeanyi Adefarasin, Omowumi Idowu and Barrister Bisi Adebayo, over the abduction of female students of Government Secondary School, Chibok, Borno State. She urged the Senate to look into the matter.

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

(*iii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Abdul A. Ningi *(Bauchi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Ms Aisha Falode, over the alleged murder of her son, Oluwadamilola Oloruntoba Falode, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

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

(*iv*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ifeanyi A. Okowa *(Delta North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Ogadi Maclary Augustine, on the wrongful termination of his appointment by the Nigeria Customs Service. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

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

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Victor Lar *(Plateau South)* appreciated the effort of the Senate on its legislation on Money Laundering which has promoted the image of Nigeria in the Committee of Nations. The effort made so far, had not qualified Nigeria to be a Member of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) which has South Africa as its only Member from Africa. He urged the Senate to expedite action on the Financial Intelligence Centre Bill currently before it to enable Nigeria qualify to bid for membership of FATF.

6. Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the Federation:

Report on the Financial Statements of the Federal Capital Territory Administration:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the Federation on the Financial Statements of the Federal Capital Territory Administration for the year ended 31st December, 2011 and 31st December, 2012 respectively (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to report within three (3) weeks.

7. 2013 Annual Report on the Implementation of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2011 of the Attorney-General of the Federation:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the 2013 Annual Report of the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice on the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2011(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within three (3) weeks.

8. Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:

Report on the screening of nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the screening of Dr. Salihu Yunusa Musa for appointment as a Commissioner, Federal Character Commission(*Senator Dahiru A. Kuta — Niger East*).

Report on the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund Act N88 LFN 2011(Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 221):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity on the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund Act N88 LFN 2011(Amendment) Bill 2014 (*Senator Wilson A. Ake — Rivers West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. Motion:
***Extension of State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States*:**

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Briefing by Minister of Defence; Minister of Police Affairs; Chief of Defence Staff; Service Chiefs; Inspector-General of Police; Director-General, State Security Service and National Security Adviser:
Motion made: That the Senate do invite the Minister of Defence; Minister of Police Affairs; Chief of Defence Staff; Chief of Army Staff; Chief of Air Staff; Chief of Naval Staff; Inspector-General of Police; Director-General, State Security Service and National Security Adviser to brief the Senate on Thursday, 15th May, 2014 at 10:00 am on the performance of the State of Emergency so far in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

13. Criminal Procedure Act, CAP C41 LFN 2004, Criminal Procedure (Northern States) Act CAP C42 LFN 2004, the Administration of Justice Commission Act CAP A3 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (HB. 433):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Criminal Procedure Act, CAP C41 LFN 2004, Criminal Procedure (Northern States) Act CAP C42 LFN 2004, the Administration of Justice Commission Act CAP A3 LFN 2004 and enact the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

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.

14. Nigerian Electricity Management Services Authority (NEMSA) (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.447):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Authority (NEMSA), to carry out the functions of enforcement of Technical Standards and Regulation, Technical Inspection, Testing and Certification of all categories of Electrical Installations, Electricity Meters and Instruments etc. to ensure the efficient production and delivery of safe, reliable and sustainable electricity power supply and guarantee safety of lives and property in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Phillip T. Aduda — FCT*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

15. Chemical Weapons Authority Bill 2014 (SB. 287):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Committee on Investment:
Report on the National Sugar Development Council Act N78 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 198):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:
Report on the Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists (Registration, etc) Bill, 2014 (SB.161):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 15th May, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. *(Senate Leader).*

Adjourned accordingly at 1:30 *p.m.*

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.