SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16th April, 2015

1. The Senate met at 11:06 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 15th April, 2015.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Burial Notification of Mrs. Rebecca Achana Ali Okwoli:
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Atai Aidoko Ali (Kogi East) as follows:

Senator Atai Aidoko Ali
Kogi East Senatorial District
Chairman Senate Committee on Federal Character
and Inter - Governmental Affairs

16th April, 2015

His Excellency,
Sen. (Dr). David Mark, GCON, fnim
Senate President,
Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Your Excellency,

Burial Notification of My Mother Mrs. Rebecca Achana Ali Okwoli (JP) (Nee Adejoh)

It is with heavy heart but with total submission to the will of God Almighty that I and the entire members of Ali Okwoli Family announce the passing unto-eternal glory of our mother and the Matriarch of the Ali Okwoli family, Mrs. Rebecca Achana Ali Okwoli (JP) on the 2nd of March, 2015.

Mama was a devout Christian who served the Lord with all her heart; she is very generous and touched many lives positively.

The entire family members hereby invite you to the burial ceremony programmes line-up to bid our mother farewell which is scheduled as follows:-

- *Wednesday 22nd April 2015: Service of Songs: At her residence. FHA Owner Occupier Kubwa Abuja.*
- *Thursday 23rd April, 2015: Body leaves Abuja on Thursday to the family compound, Ugbamaka Igah, Olamaboro, Kogi State. Wake Keeping at family compound in Ugbamaka Igah, Olamaboro LGA, Kogi State.*
- *Friday 24th April, 2015: Interment service at U. E. C Okpo, Kogi State.*
  Time 10am. Interment follows after the service at her residence in Okpo, Olamaboro LGA, Kogi State.

It is our hope that you will join our family in prayers towards the success of the programme. Also this could be taken as a form of invitation in case the invitation gets to you late.

Kindly spare your precious time to celebrate with us the passing away of our dear mother.

With best assurances and regards.

(Signed)
Senator Atai Aidoko Ali

4. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Hon. Justice Amiru Sanusi, for appointment as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria *(Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

5. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the illegal termination of the appointment of Shehu Balarabe by Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on illegal termination of the appointment of Shehu Balarabe by Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) *(Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Nigerian Army Institute of Technology and Environmental Studies (NAITES) (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2015 (SB. 513):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Nigerian Army Institute of Technology and Environmental Studies (NAITES) and for other matters connected therewith 2015 be read the Second Time (*Senator Kabir G. Marafa — Zamfara Central*).

(SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR)

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Defence and Army; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within two (2) weeks.

7. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ike Ekweremadu *(Enugu West)* drew the attention of the Senate to letter of Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Act 2015, which was referred to the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution. Unfortunately, Mr. President's letter was not accompanied with the orignal signed Bill. Hence, he sought the leave of the Senate for the Original Bill signed to be returned to the Senate for necessary action.

By the leave of the Senate request granted.

8. Joint Committee on Appropriations; and Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc.) 2015 (HB. 454):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations; and Establishment and Public Services on the Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2015 (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND RESEARCH OFFICE, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH OBJECTIVE, TIMELY AND NON-PARTISAN ANALYSIS NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC AND BUDGET DECISIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2015

Clause 1: Establishment of the office:
(1) There is established under this Bill the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (in this Bill referred to as "NABRO").

(2) NABRO shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, an official seal, and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 2: Functions.
The functions of NABRO shall be to —
(a) provide independent, unbiased and non-partisan analysis of the national budget estimates;

(b) provide independent unbiased analysis of the budget of the National Assembly and assist all the Committees of the National Assembly in developing their annual budgets;

(c) provide independent and continuous review of the budget of the Federal Government including monitoring of existing and proposed programme and budgets

(d) provide assistance to all Committees in both Chambers of the National Assembly, including —

(i) information with respect to budget and all bills relating to new budget heads;

(ii) information with respect to estimated future revenue and changing revenue conditions;

(iii) aggregate of all current liabilities and existing financial commitments; and

(iv) any related information as the Committees may request.

(e) provide analysis of the economic implication on the private sector, the budgetary and financial implication on States and Local Governments of any proposed legislation;

(f) prepare and present to the National Assembly periodic forecasts of economic trends and alternative fiscal policies;

(g) provide the National Assembly with cost estimates including an analysis of the inflationary impact of any proposed legislation;

(h) submit to both Chambers of the National Assembly, (not later than June every year), a report of —

(i) all items funded in the preceding financial year for which no appropriation was made by the National Assembly; and

(ii) all items contained in the Appropriation Act in the preceding financial year but which were not funded by the Federal Government.

(i) publish and disseminate on its website information it generates including reports, analysis, forecasts, etc; and

(j) carry out any other functions as the Board may direct from time to time.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: **Power of the office.**
The Office shall have the power to do all things necessary to or in connection with the performance of its functions, including, but not limited to the power to—

(a) enter into agreement, acquire, hold and dispose of property;

(b) procure the services of experts, consultants and organisations;

(c) enter into partnership or affiliation with any company, firm, organization, agency or person, which in its opinion will facilitate the discharge of its functions;

(d) request for and obtain, from any public enterprise, statistical and other information including reports, memoranda, audited accounts and other information relevant to its functions;

(e) liaise with relevant bodies or institutions, national or international for effective performance of its functions;

(f) conduct any study necessary, to enable it fulfill its mandate; and

(g) determine the methodologies needed for use in its works.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 4: Governing Board.

(1) There shall be for the Office, a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").

(2) The Board shall comprise a Chairman and 6 members representing the 6 geopolitical zones of the country and representatives of Clerk of National Assembly not below the rank of a Director—

(i) Chairman and 6 members representing each of the geo-political zones;

(ii) the Director General of the Office;

(iii) three Ex-Officio members comprising the representative of Clerk to the National Assembly and the two Executive Directors of the Office.

(3) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by both the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(4) The Chairman and members of the Board shall hold office for a single tenure of 5 years only.

(5) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be part-time members.

(6) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall apply with respect to proceedings of the Board.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 5: Qualification for membership.
Members of the Board shall have relevant professional's qualification and experience.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: **Removal from Office.**
The Chairman or any member of the Board other than ex officio members shall be removed from office, by simple majority votes of each Chamber of National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: **Allowances and remunerations of members of the board.**
There shall be paid to every member of the Board except the Director-General, such remunerations, allowances and expenses as determined by the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8: **Powers and functions of the governing board.**
The Governing Board shall have supervisory authority over the Office and shall exercise the following powers —

(a) appointment and discipline of Directors in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;

(b) approval and ratification of appointments, promotion and discipline of professional analysts and other professional staff of the Office, as may be recommended by the Management Committee and in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;

(c) approval of the Office budget subject to ratification by National Assembly;

(d) to make regulations and guidelines for the operation of the Office;

(e) approval of establishment of departments as the need arises; and

(f) to take any action necessary for the proper functioning of the Office.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9: Establishment and functions of the management committee.

(1) There shall be for the Office a Management Committee comprising the Director-General and the Directors who shall be responsible for—

(a) the implementation of the requests from the Committees of the National Assembly and the day-to-day administration of the Office;

(b) making recommendations to the Governing Board on appointment, promotion and discipline of professional staff other than Directors, and

(c) any other duties as the Governing Board may direct.

(2) The Office shall be structured into functional departments each headed by a Director.

(3) Subject to the power of the Governing Board to create additional departments, the following departments shall exist—

(a) Budget Analysis Department;

(b) Research Analysis Department; and

(c) Administrative and Services Department.

(4) Functions and duties of each department shall be as defined in an operational manual approved by the Governing Board.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: Appointment, duties, tenure and removal of the Director-General.

(1) The Director-General shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Office.

(2) The Director-General shall be appointed upon a resolution of a simple majority of both Chambers sitting separately after considering recommendation of the appropriate committees in both Senate and House of Representatives and the appointment shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.

(3) The Director-General shall be a person of proven integrity who has had at least 15 years post bachelor's degree career with not less than a Master's degree qualification in the field of either economics, finance, accountancy, business administration, public administration.

(4) The Director-General shall not be a member of a political party.

(5) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of 4 years, and may be eligible for reappointment for one more term of 4 years only, provided the Governing Board considers his performance satisfactory.

(6) The Director-General shall be responsible for the overall operations of the Office including but not limited to—

(a) steering and overseeing the provision of analysis of the annual budget estimates of the Federal Government and the implementation of the requests or directives of Legislative Committees;

(b) general management and administration of the Office;

(c) controlling and disbursing amounts from funds established in accordance with this Bill; and

(d) performance of such other duties as may be specified, directed and determined by the Governing Board; and

(7) The Director-General may be removed from office upon a resolution of the appropriate Committees in both Senate and House of Representatives on consideration of a recommendation of the Governing Board for the Director-General's inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.

(8) The Director-General may resign from office upon giving 3 months written notice of resignation to the Governing Board or payment of 3 months basic salaries in lieu of notice.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 10 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 11: Appointment, duties, tenure and removal of Directors.

(1) The Directors for the Departments shall be appointed by the Governing Board in a transparent manner and the appointments shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.

(2) The Directors shall be professionals in the relevant fields and shall be persons of proven integrity with at least a Master's degree and a minimum of 15years post qualification and relevant experience.

(3) The Directors shall not be members of a political party.

(4) The Directors may be removed from office by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the Director-General for inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.

(5) A Director may resign his office upon giving 3 months written notice of resignation to the Governing Board or payment of 1 month basic salary in lieu of notice.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 11 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 12: Other staff.

(1) The Management Committee shall appoint such other staff as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the Office in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards and such appointments shall be made solely on the basis of qualification and competence.

(2) In carrying out the duties and functions of the Office, the Management Committee may procure the services of experts or consultants by contract, subject to ratification by the Governing Board.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 13: Remuneration of Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff.

(1) The Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff of the Office shall receive such remuneration as shall be determined by the Governing Board.

(2) Such remuneration shall be competitive.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 13 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 14: Remuneration of other Staff Pension Cap 4 LFN.

(1) Service in the Office shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Office in respect of their service shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the public service of the Federation.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person in the Office on terms, which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in the Office.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 15: **Regulations.**

The Governing Board may by regulations, first laid before the National Assembly, and published in the Gazette prescribe the —

(a) duties and responsibilities of the Director-General, Directors, Professional Analysts, Professional Staff and other Staff of the Office;

(b) disciplinary control of employees of the Office and mode of appeal by such employees against dismissals or other disciplinary measure;

(c) administrative or organizational structure of the Office; and

(d) promotion and staff welfare; and

(e) other guidelines.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 16: **Funds, estimates of expenditure, etc.**

(1) The Office shall derive its Fund from —

(a) such monies as may in each year be approved by the National Assembly under the Appropriation Act for the purposes of carrying out the duties and functions of the Office;

(b) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or deposited with the Office by the National Assembly or anybody or institution within the country;

(c) all monies raised for the purposes of the Office by way of gifts, loans, grants-in-aid, testamentary dispositions or otherwise;

(d) proceeds from other assets that may from time to time accrue to the Office.

(2) Such monies derived for the purpose of running the Office shall be declared to the National Assembly who shall then appropriate such funds before spending except for grants in aids attached to programme or projects.

(3) The Office shall defray from the Fund all expenditures incurred by it and shall include —

(a) the cost of administration;

(b) the payment of salaries, fees or other remunerations or allowances and pensions and gratuities payable to members and employees of the Office; and

(c) anything done in connection with any of its functions under this Bill.

(4) The Director-General shall prepare not later than 31stJune of each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Office for the succeeding year which shall be submitted to Clerk to the National Assembly through the Governing Board for approval for Appropriation.

(5) The Director-General shall keep accounts and receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year prepare a statement of account in such form as the National Assembly may direct.

(6) The Director-General shall within 3months after the end of the financial year to which the account relates, cause the account to be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 16 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 17: **Obtaining of data by the Director-General.**
The Director-General may, for the purpose of coordinating the operations of the Office with those of the National Assembly Agencies, obtain information, data, estimates and statistics developed by the Committees, Clerk and all other offices of the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 17 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 18: **Obtaining of data from public bodies.**

(1) The Director-General shall obtain information, data, estimates and statistics directly from ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments; and all such ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments shall furnish the Director-General with all materials that are necessary in the performance of his duties.

(2) The Director-General may, upon agreement with the head of any Ministry, Extra-Ministerial departments, parastatals, agency, Commission or establishment, utilize its services, facilities and personnel as needed by the Office.

(3) The Director-General may assign Professional and other staff of the Office to any Ministry, Extra-Ministerial department, parastatals, agency, commission or establishment including joint ventures where Government is a party for the purpose of obtaining primary data and statistics.

(4) The Director-General may assign Professional Staff or Consultants to conduct surveys as may be required by the Office.

(5) It shall be mandatory for any MDAs to submit information, data, estimates and statistics as requested by the Office, failure of compliance will be reported to the Senate President and the Speaker.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) *— Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 18 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 19: Interpretation.
In this Bill —

"committees" means committees established under the rules of both Chambers;
Question: That the word "committees" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"core revenue" means accruable revenue;

Question: That the word "core revenue" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"economic related committees" mean committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management; Appropriation; Banking and Currency; Capital Market; Finance; Legislative Budget and Research; National Planning and Population; Public Accounts; and any other committee(s) that may be established according to the Standing Orders of either House of National Assembly;

Question: That the word "economic related committees" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"misconduct" as provided in the Code of Conduct for Public Officers;
Question: That the word "misconduct" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"permissible aggregate government expenditure" means the total spending ceilings or limits;

Question: That the word "permissible aggregate government expenditure" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"property" means land or building and includes intellectual property;

Question: That the word "property" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Public Bodies" means any corporation, board, company or parastatals established by, or under enactment in which the Government of the Federation, a Ministry, or Extra-Ministerial Department, agency, or equity interest and include a partnership, joint venture, or any form of business arrangement or organization;

Question: That the word "Public Bodies" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"the Office" means National Assembly Budget and Research Office.

Question: That the word "the Office" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 19 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 20: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the National Assembly Budget and Research Office Establishment Bill, 2015.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 20 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

SCHEDULE

Supplementary Provision Relating to the Board, ETC.

1. (1) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside and in his/her absence, such member of the Board as the other members may elect from among themselves for that purpose.

(2) The Director-General shall be the Secretary; and shall provide secretariat services for all meetings of the Governing Board.

(3) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceeding or those of any of its Committees.

2. The Quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman and 3 other members of the Board.

3. The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions as the Board may determine, but no decision of any such Committee shall have effect unless ratified by the Board.

4. The Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board to any meeting of the Board or any Committee and such persons may take part in the deliberations of the Board or any Committee but shall not be entitled to vote.

5. The fixing of the seal of office shall be authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman or any other member of the Board generally or, specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose and the Director-General -

(a) a document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Office shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed so executed.

6. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a Committee shall not be adversely affected by —

(a) the validity in the membership of the Board or Committee;

(b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or Committee; or

(c) reason that a person not entitled to do so, took part in the proceeding of the Board or Committee.

Question that paragraphs 1, 2,3,4,5, and 6 under the Head "Supplementary Provision Relating to the Boards Etc" stand part of the Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations; and Establishment and Public Services on the Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2015 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 20	—	As Recommended
Schedule	—	As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

9. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the intimidation coupled with threat of removal of seventeen (17) employees of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Mr. S. A. Adeyanju, on his intimidation coupled with threat of removal of seventeen (17) employees of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) *(Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central).*

Question put and agreed to.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Petitioners whose credentials have been officially documented sent for training and found medically fit to serve their fatherland in that capacity be reinstated back to duty in the interest of justice and fair play:

The affected Staff with their qualifications are as follows:

(6) Oluwatemi Clement Tayo (NCE)
(7) Akinola Olajide Olalekan (Bsc Political Science)
(8) Daramola Taluwa John (Bsc Economics)
(9) Akomolafe Funke Esther (NCE)
(10) Oke Oluwafisayo Julius (NCE)
(11) Olakorede Taiwo J. (HND Banking and Finance)
(12) Afolabi Idowu Oluwakemi (NCE)
(13) Oke Yinka Elizabeth (Bsc Ed. Accounting/Education)
(14) Amuda Omotayo Samuel (HND Banking & Finance)
(15) Alufa Olarewaju Emmanuel (HND Mechanical Engineering)
(16) Oke Opeyemi Oluwadamilola (Bsc Education/Accounting)
(17) Ajisafe Mathew Adelaja (HND Business Admin & Mgt)

— *Negatived.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Comptroller General of NSDC be mandated to discipline the affected Officers of the Corps involved in appointment racketeering and any of them found guilty of the allegation be summarily dismissed out of service accordingly and made to refund the processing fees collected from innocent petitioners/victims — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That some existing staff alleged of malpractices by the petitioners, but allegation against them have not been proved beyond reasonable doubt be re-deployed by the Management to other locations across the country with serious warning letter to that effect — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That all fraudsters identified as operating illegal website to defraud innocent Nigerians seeking employment into Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps be handed over to Police and ICPC for prosecution to act as deterrent to others henceforth — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

(*i*) That the Comptroller General of NSDC be mandated to discipline the affected Officers of the Corps involved in appointment racketeering and any of them found guilty of the allegation be summarily dismissed out of service accordingly and made to refund the processing fees collected from innocent petitioners/victims;

(*ii*) That some existing staff alleged of malpractices by the petitioners, but allegation against them have not been proved beyond reasonable doubt be re-deployed by the Management to other locations across the country with serious warning letter to that effect; and

(*iii*) That all fraudsters identified as operating illegal website to defraud innocent Nigerians seeking employment into Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps be handed over to Police and ICPC for prosecution to act as deterrent to others henceforth ***(S/Res/018/04/15)***.

10. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Complaints against Newspaper Publications on Allegation of Three Billion Naira (₦3BN):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 21st April, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:56 *p.m.*

Dr. David A. B. Mark, GCON, fnim
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.