8TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST SESSION
NO: 5

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 25th June, 2015

1. The Senate met at 10:38 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 24th June, 2015.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) Appointment of Principal Officers of the Senate:
The Senate President announced that he had received three letters from the North-East; North-West; and South-South Caucuses of the All Progressives Congress (APC) nominating the following:

(*i*)	Senator Ali M. Ndume (*Borno South*)	—	Senate Leader
(*ii*)	Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Kebbi South*)	—	Deputy Senate Leader
(*iii*)	Senator Francis A. Alimikhena (Edo North)	—	Senate Deputy Whip

(b) Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the Finance of the Senate:
The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the Finance of the Senate:

(*i*) Senator Ali M. Ndume
(*ii*) Senator Ahmed S. Rufa'i
(*iii*) Senator Shaaba M. Lafiagi
(*iv*) Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji
(*v*) Senator James E. Manager
(*vi*) Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa
(*vii*) Senator Shehu Sani
(*viii*) Senator Ben Murray-Bruce

(c) Ad-hoc Committee on the Legislative Agenda:
The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Legislative Agenda:

(*i*) Senator Babajide C. Omoworare
(*ii*) Senator Samuel D. Faseyi
(*iii*) Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji

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(*iv*) Senator Hope O. Uzodinma
(*v*) Senator Ben Murray-Bruce
(*vi*) Senator George T. Sekibo
(*vii*) Senator John O. Enoh
(*viii*) Senator Muhammad Hassan
(*ix*) Senator Ali M. Ndume
(*x*) Senator Binta Masi Garba
(*xi*) Senator Kabiru I. Gaya
(*xii*) Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah
(*xiii*) Senator Abdulsalami Ohiare
(*xiv*) Senator David Umaru
(*xv*) Senator Joshua C. Dariye

The inauguration of the Ad-hoc Committees by the Senate President would take place today, 25th June, 2015, in meeting room 301, Senate New Building, at 12:30 p.m.

(d) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Rabeto Nursery/Primary and Secondary Schools, 159, Aminu Kano Crescent, Wuse II, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Presentation of Bills:
(*i*) National Payment System Bill, 2015 (SB. 005) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Act CAP 05 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB.006) — *Read the First Time.*

5. Motions:

(a) ***The deplorable state of Obajana - Kabba road, Kabba - Isanlu - Egbe - Ilorin road and Kabba - Iyara Iyamoye - Omuo - Ekiti road:***
Motion made: That the Senate notes the dangerous state of the above mentioned roads in Kogi State;

observes that the roads mentioned above are key to the economic prosperity of Kogi, Kwara and Ekiti State;

aware that the roads have been abandoned for years, the attendant risk, disaster and terror suffered while plying the roads cannot be over-emphasized;

further observe that it has become an abode for armed robbers and vandals; and

further aware that the deplorable state of these roads has been responsible for the death of many Nigerians.

Accordingly resolves to;
(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately commence work on these roads accordingly;

(*ii*) call on the Federal Government and Alh. Aliko Dangote to implement the memorandum of understanding signed on the Obajana - Kabba road;

(*iii*) urge Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to give immediate priority to these roads and save the people of Kogi West Senatorial District and other users of the roads from untimely death and unprecedented agony (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West).*

Debate:

also notes that the landslides were as a result of denudation and torrential down pour in the two communities;

aware that the major roads connecting the communities to neighbouring towns which had been in deplorable state thereby cutting off and making it impossible for commuters to gain access to their homes; and other States as these L.G.A's are border towns to , Akwa Ibom, Ebonyi and Enugu States;

also aware that economic and commercial activities were nipped in the bud while farmers were unable to transport their produce to nearby markets;

concerned that as a result of the rain the inhabitants of the communities have been rendered homeless and property worth millions of naira destroyed; and

perturbed that the victims have migrated to neighbouring communities to seek refuge, thereby exposing them to untold hardships, poverty and socio-economic hazards;

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) set up an Ad-Hoc Committee to visit the communities to commiserate with them over the flood disaster;

(*ii*) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to victims;

(*iii*) urge the Federal Road Maitenance Agency (FERMA) to take palliative measures on the affected roads to enable the inhabitants gain access to their homes; and

(*iv*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to re-award the contract for the construction of Arochukwu-Ohafia and Isuikwuato roads (*Senator Mao Ohuabunwa — Abia North*).

Debate:

Motion deferred to another Legislative Day for further consultations.

6. Adjournment:

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

Adjourned accordingly at 11:34 *a.m.*

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