SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 29th July, 2015

1. The Senate met at 10:52 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 28th July, 2015.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.

3. **Announcements:**

(i) **Composition of Special Committees' Membership:**
The Senate President announced the composition of the following Special Committees:

1. Senate Services

1.	Sen. Abdullahi I. Gobir	—	Chairman
2.	Sen. Abubakar Kyari	—	Vice Chairman
3.	Sen. Olufunke F. Raji-Rasaki	—	Member
4.	Sen. Monsurat J. Sunmonu	—	Member
5.	Sen. Sonny O. Ogbuoji	—	Member
6.	Sen. Ibrahim A. Rafiu	—	Member
7.	Sen. Matthew A. Urhoghide	—	Member
8.	Sen. Mohammed Hassan	—	Member
9.	Sen. Yahaya T. Kaura	—	Member
10.	Sen. Aruwa P. Gyunka	—	Member

2. Rules and Business

1.	Sen. Babajide C. Omoworare	—	Chairman
2.	Sen. Mohammed A. Ndume	—	Vice Chairman
3.	Sen. Joshua M. Lidani	—	Member
4.	Sen. David Umoru	—	Member
5.	Sen. Clifford A. Ordia	—	Member
6.	Sen. Chukwuka G. Utazi	—	Member
7.	Sen. Uche L. Ekwunife	—	Member
8.	Sen. Barnabas A. I. Gemade	—	Member
9.	Sen. Kabiru G. Marafa	—	Member

3. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions

1.	Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu	—	Chairman
2.	Senator Bala Ibn-Na'Allah	—	Vice Chairman

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3.	Sen. Omotayo D. Alasoadura	—	Member
4.	Sen. Binta M. Garba	—	Member
5.	Sen. Olaka J. Nwogu	—	Member
6.	Sen. Muhammad U. Shitu	—	Member
7.	Sen. Dino Melaye	—	Member
8.	Sen. Peter O. Nwaoboshi	—	Member
9.	Sen. Jeremiah T. Useni	—	Member
10.	Sen. Ogba J. Obinna	—	Member
11.	Sen. Omogunwa O. Yele	—	Member

(ii) Ad-hoc Committee on Publicity:

The Senate President announced Membership of Ad-hoc Committee on Publicity as follows:

1.	Sen. Dino Melaye	—	Chairman
2.	Sen. Ben Murray-Bruce	—	Member
3.	Sen. Enyinnaya H. Abaribe	—	Member
4.	Sen. Ali M. Wakili	—	Member
5.	Sen. Shehu Sani	—	Member
6.	Sen. Akanbi R. Adesoji	—	Member

(iii) Screening and Confirmation of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs:

The Senate President announced that the screening and confirmation of the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation will hold on Thursday, 30th July, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee of the Whole.

(iv) Demise of Pa Manager:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator James E. Manager (Delta South) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator James E. Manager
DELTA SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

July 28, 2015.

Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

NOTIFICATION OF PASSING UNTO GLORY OF PA MANAGER EMIEMOKUMOR

With heavy heart, but with gratitude to God for a life well spent, I write to inform you of the passing on to glory of my beloved Father, Pa Manager Emiemokumor who slept in the Lord on Wednesday, 24th day of June, 2015 at the age of 84.

"Papa Pure", as he was fondly called was a devout Christian, community leader and a pillar of support to all who came in contact with him.

The funeral arrangement is as follows:
Date: Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August, 2015: Burial ceremony at his residence in Ogbeinama, Bomadi L.G.A, Delta State.

My family and I will be very grateful if you can honour us with your presence during this solemn ceremony. Your tributes and condolence messages can be sent to my office Suite 4.17 Senate New Building on or before August 13, 2015.

Please accept the assurances of warm regards of the family.

(Signed)
SENATOR JAMES E. MANAGER, CON

(v) ***Acknowledgement:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Members of the Students' Representatives Council Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Petition:
Rising on Rule 41, Senator George T. Sekibo *(Rivers East)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Principal Officers and Members of the Rivers State House of Assembly on the protest over undue interference in Rivers State election petitions pending before the Election Petition Tribunals by the Department of State Services (DSS). 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. Motions:

(a) ***Establishment of Presidential Intervention Committee on the Rehabilitation of North-East Zone:***
Motion made: That the Senate notes with dismay the infrastructural damage caused by the Boko Haram insurgency in the North-East Zone of the country, especially in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States;

aware that since the inception of the insurgents assaults in the region several government institutions such as educational and health institutions as well as the Police, the Customs, the Immigration and Military barracks have been completely destroyed with no offices and facilities for use by the institutions affected;

further aware that thousands of personal buildings and properties, social amenities and infrastructures, such as electricity and telephone services have been destroyed and therefore not in service in many parts of the zone;

observes that the livelihood of many indigenes of the area have been disrupted such that majority of the people are either in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps or are helplessly roaming the streets without any hope for their future;

observes further that as a war-torn area, these affected people have no one to go to and ask for alms or support of any kind;

worried that such a situation where people are kept without hope for a future would encourage them to give up themselves as recruits of the Boko Haram sect as there seems the possibility of them having food for sustenance from the sect or engage in other sinister activities that could inadvertently affect the nation negatively;

further worried that government's inability to rehabilitate and rebuild infrastructure of areas that have been taken back from the insurgents is a strong sign of disintegration;

knows that security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government as provided in Section 14 (2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution as amended;

further knows that "the National Assembly may make laws for the Federation or any part thereof with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and public order and providing, maintaining and securing of such supplies and services as may be designated by the National Assembly as essential supplies and services", vide section 11(1) of the 1999 Constitution as amended; and

acknowledges that a stitch in time saves nine.

Accordingly resolves to;

(*i*) condemn the continual assault on the people of the North-East Zone and other parts of the country by the Boko Haram elements;

(*ii*) urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to do everything within his powers as provided by the Constitution to eradicate the Boko Haram insurgents in the country;

(*iii*) urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to establish a "Presidential Intervention Committee on the Rehabilitation of the North-East Zone", especially the three most affected states of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe; and

(*iv*) direct its Committee on Special Duties to monitor the well-being of all internally displaced persons in the region as well as the implementation of the Presidential Intervention Committee (*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do condemn the continual assault on the people of the North-East Zone and other parts of the country by the Boko Haram elements — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to do everything within his powers as provided by the Constitution to eradicate the Boko Haram insurgents in the country — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to establish a "Presidential Intervention Committee on the Rehabilitation of the North-East Zone", especially the three most affected States of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe.

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the word "Zone" in line 2, *leave out* all the words (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That the Senate do direct its Committee on Special Duties to monitor the well-being of all internally displaced persons in the region as well as the implementation of the Presidential Intervention Committee.

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the word "persons" in line 2, *leave out* all the words and *insert* the words "in the country who have been displaced as a result of the insurgency" instead thereof (*Senator Owan J. Enoh — Cross-River Central*).

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

Additional Proposed Resolutions:
(i) *Insert* Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:
"constitute a powerful Senate delegation led by the Senate President to visit Maiduguri particularly the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Centres, the Military Command Centre and the State Government (*Senator Mohammed A. Ndume — Borno South*).

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

(ii) *Insert* Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:
"commend the effort of the Military and other security agencies working in the North-East and other parts of Nigeria in their fight against insurgency (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*).

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

Resolved:
That the Senate do:
(i) condemn the continual assault on the people of the North-East Zone and other parts of the country by the Boko Haram elements;

(ii) urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to do everything within his powers as provided by the Constitution to eradicate the Boko Haram insurgents in the country;

(iii) urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to establish a "Presidential Intervention Committee on the Rehabilitation of the North-East Zone";

(iv) direct its Committee on Special Duties to monitor the well-being of all internally displaced persons in the country who have been displaced as a result of the insurgency;

(v) constitute a powerful Senate delegation led by the Senate President to visit Maiduguri particularly the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Centres, the Military Command Centre and the State Government; and

(vi) commend the effort of the Military and other security agencies working in the North-East and other parts of Nigeria in their fight against insurgency ***(S/Res/008/01/15)***.

(b) Indiscriminate Use and Abuse of Waivers for Rice Importation:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(c) Destruction and damage of bridges in the Northern Senatorial Zone of Adamawa State:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 30th July, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:35 *p.m.*

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