SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 3rd November, 2015

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

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 29th October, 2015.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) ***Meeting:***

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, PRIVILEGES &PUBLIC PETITIONS
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX

3rd November, 2015

The Senate President,
Senate Chamber,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

Announcement

The Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges & Pubic Petitions will meet today, Tuesday, 3rd November, 2015 at Meeting Room 120, First Floor, New Senate Wing at 2:00pm.

Committee Members are advised to be punctual, please.

(Signed)
Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu
Chairman

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(b) Thanksgiving Service:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Amori Ighoyota (*Delta Central*) as follows:

SENATOR IGHOYOTA AMORI (JP)
DELTA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT

2nd November, 2015

The Senate President/All Distinguished Senators
of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly
Abuja.

My Brothers/Sisters

INVITATION AS GUESTS OF HONOUR DURING MY ELECTION VICTORY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

I am pleased to invite all Distinguished Senators during the thanksgiving service on my election as Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, representing Delta Central Senatorial District, Delta State, and to also thank God for the victories recorded in the election tribunal. It can only be God, and I owe Him my appreciation.

Date: *Sunday, 29th November, 2015*
Venue: *Catholic Church of Assumption, Mosogar, Delta State*
Time: *l0.00am*

Distinguished colleagues, please accept this as a formal invitation to the event as the invitation card is being prepared.

Reception follows immediately at No 1, Ighoyota Amori Way, Mosogar, Delta State.

Kindly accept the assurances of my warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Senator Ighoyota Amori JP

(c) Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Senate Caucus Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Tanimu P. Aduda (*FCT*) as follows:

SENATOR TANIMU PHILIP ADUDA
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY SENATORIAL DISTRICT

3rd November, 2015

Mr President,

There will be Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Senate Caucus meeting immediately after Plenary at Hearing Room 1.

(Signed)
Senator Tanimu P. Aduda
Minority Whip

(d) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Kabiru I. Gaya (*Kano South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ADHOC COMMITTEE ON LOCAL & FOREIGN DEBTS
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX

3rd November, 2015

The Senate President,
Senate Chamber,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

Announcement

The Adhoc Committee on Local and Foreign Debts will meet today, Tuesday, 3rd November, 2015 at Meeting Room 424, Fourth Floor, New Senate Wing at 2:00pm.

Committee Members are advised to be punctual, please.

(Signed)
Senator Kabiru I. Gaya
Chairman

(e) Acknowledgement:

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

(*i*) Students of Political Science Department, Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD), Ekiti State.

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Florence Ade-Akodu International School, Maitama, Abuja; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Noble Heights College, Karu District, Abuja.

4. Petitions:

(a) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa *(Abia North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG); and Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN) Seawolf Oilfield Services Limited chapter, alledging non-payment of their entitlement by Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) since it took over the Company. 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.

(b) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Theodore A. Orji *(Abia Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from aggrieved parents of graduates of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike who were recalled from the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Camp for non-accreditation of the programmes which they were graduated. 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. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Sabi A. Abdullahi (*Niger North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Emir of Borgu, Senator (Dr.) Haliru Dantoro on Friday, 30th October, 2015. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter on the next legislative day.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

6. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Control of Delegated Legislation Bill, 2015 (SB. 53) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome processed foods (Miscellaneous provisions) Act LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (SB. 55) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) National Youth Development Agency Bill, 2015 (SB. 62) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Approval of Lagos State Development Policy Operation II (DPO II) loan of US$200million:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for special approval of Lagos State Development Policy Operation (DPO) loan (Budget Support) of US$200 million from the World Bank (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to ad hoc Committee on Local and Foreign Debts to report within One (1) week.

8. Motion:

Recent Bomb Blast in Adamawa State:

Motion made: That the Senate notes that insurgency began in North-Eastern Nigeria when the insurgent terrorist group (Boko Haram) unleashed an unprecedented war on the Nigerian state;

further notes that several thousands of people have been killed and property worth billions of Naira destroyed as a result of the nefarious activities of the insurgents;

disturbed that on Friday, 11th September, 2015 suspected members of the terrorist group struck the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Yola and Madagali town, killing innocent people;

further disturbed that on Friday, 23rd October, 2015 a teenage suicide bomber disguised as a worshipper, detonated explosives that killed many worshippers at Jambutu Jumma'at Mosque in Yola, Adamawa State in which about 40 people died and more than 100 were critically injured;

concerned that the incessant terror unleashed on the people of the North-East has resulted in massive destruction of farmlands, near collapse of economic activities at Lake Chad Basin, medicare has almost broken down while shortage of food and water has compelled the people to eating whatever they come across; and

further concerned that humanitarian crisis in the North-East is so pathetic that Nigeria has the largest population of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa and one of the largest in the world.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) condemn the bomb blast in its entirety and urge the Security Agencies to intensify the hunt for the perpetrators to bring them to justice; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to commiserate with the Government and the people of Adamawa State and condole with the families of the victims (*Senator Ahmad M. Abubakar — Adamawa South*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do condemn the bomb blast in its entirety and urge the Security Agencies to intensify the hunt for the perpetrators to bring them to justice — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to commiserate with the Government and the people of Adamawa State and condole with the families of the victims — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) condemn the bomb blast in its entirety and urge the Security Agencies to intensify the hunt for the perpetrators to bring them to justice; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to commiserate with the Government and the people of Adamawa State and condole with the families of the victims ***(S/Res/039/01/15)***.

Senate Delegation to Adamawa State:
The Senate President named the following Senators to commiserate with the Government and the people of Adamawa State and condole with the families of the victims:

(*i*)	Senator Mohammed A. Ndume	—	Leader
(*ii*)	Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa	—	Member

(*iii*)	Senator Mohammed S. Lafiagi	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Solomon O. Adeola	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Gershom O. Bassey	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Kabiru G.Marafa	—	Member
(*vii*)	Senator Binta M. Garba	—	Member
(*viii*)	Senator Ahmad M. Abubakar	—	Member
(*ix*)	Senator Abdulaziz M. Nyako	—	Member

9. **Crime and Criminal Tracking System Bill 2015 (SB. 003):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the design, development installation and management of a robust Crime and Criminal Tracking System for the Nigeria Police to enhance National Security through automation of Criminal records with biometric identification information for background security checks, crime investigation and prosecution, and counter-terrorism and for Related Matters 2015 be read the Second Time (*Senator Hope O. Uzodimma — Imo West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Police Affairs to report within Four (4) weeks, when constituted.

10. **Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, No. 16 of 1979 CAP B2 Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2015 (SB. 009):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to, Repeal the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, No. 16 of 1979 CAP B2 Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-Enact. The Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act to make Provision for Corporate and Individual Insolvency to Provide for the Rehabilitation of the Insolvent Debtor and to create the office of the Supervisor of Insolvency; and for other matters therewith be read the Second Time (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North-East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within Four (4) weeks, when constituted.

11. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 4th November, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:04 *p.m.*

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