SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10th December, 2015

1. The Senate met at 11:09 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**
Closed Session — 11:14 a.m.

Open Session — 11:33 a.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session discussed issues affecting the smooth running of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 9th December, 2015.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcements:**

(a) ***2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) Referral:***
The Senate President announced that the Committee on Appropriations should join other Committees on the referral.

(b) ***Burial of Madam Daizy Ngalo:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) as follows:

Senator Mao Ohuabunwa FNIST, NPOM, KSC
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ABIA NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

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BURIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The burial of my mother-in-law Madam Daizy Ngalo comes up on Saturday, 19th December, 2015 at Old Bakana, Rivers State.

All Senators that intend to attend should please submit their names to Senators Olaka Nwogu, Osinakachukwu Ideosu or Senator Theordore Orji (Ochendo Worldwide).

Thanks.

(Signed)
Senator Mao Ohuabunwa

(c) Acknowledgement:

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

(*i*) Members of Diploma in Law Students Association of Nigeria, University of Abuja, Gwagwalada, Abuja;

(*ii*) Members of Ohanaeze Ndi-Igbo Students' Association, University of Abuja, Gwagwalada, Abuja; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Key Science Academy, Masaka, Nasarawa State.

5. Privileges:

Rising on Rules 14 and 15, Senator Olusola Adeyeye *(Osun Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to numerous text and email messages that he has received which cast aspersion to his person; and the Senate as an institution that is not alive to its responsibilities. He said that his privilege has been breached. However, he maintained that he will remain proud of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which has ensured the growth of democratic principles through its activities by:

(*a*) ensuring that there was no vacuum in governance at the death of an incumbent President by invoking the doctrine of necessity;

(*b*) amending the Constitution and the Electoral Act which has promoted credible elections and led to the smooth transition of government from one person to another, and from one party to another in our constitutional democracy; and

(*c*) exposing corruption and waste in the management of our national wealth, even the recent Treasury Single Account (TSA) among others.

6. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Report on the petition from Mrs Esther M. Amuta against the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions, on a petition from Mrs Esther M. Amuta against the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) for alleged gross injustice against her (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That Mrs. Esther M. Amuta be immediately restored to her position as the temporary Head/Deputy Director in charge of Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Directorate pending the appointment of a substantive Director to that position — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That no punitive measure should be taken against her on account of her petitioning of NAFDAC over her struggle for justice — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:
That:

(*i*) Mrs. Esther M. Amuta be immediately restored to her position as the temporary Head/Deputy Director in charge of Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Directorate pending the appointment of a substantive Director to that position; and

(*ii*) no punitive measure should be taken against her on account of her petitioning of NAFDAC over her struggle for justice ***(S/Res/067/01/15)***.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the petition from Corporal Abdullahi Tanko against the Nigeria Police Force:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the petition from Sergeant Amos Olaniyan against the Nigeria Police Force:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Police Act CAP 359 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2015 (SB. 100):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal Sections 59-69 of the Police Act CAP 359 LFN 2004, to enact the Traffic Warden Service and for other related matters, 2015 be read the Second Time (*Senator Buhari Abdulfatai — Oyo North*).

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.

10. Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act CAP C34 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (SB. 055):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act CAP C34 Laws of the Federation and for other matters connected therewith, 2015 be read the Second Time (*Senator Biodun C. Olujimi — Ekiti South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Health; and Drugs and Narcotics to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. Motions:

(a) Abandonment of Projects: A Menace to Development in Nigeria:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(b) Demise of His Royal Majesty, Orchivirigh, Alfred Akawe Torkula, Tor Tiv IV, the paramount Ruler of the Tiv Nation:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(c) Gas Flaring in Nigeria Particularly in the Niger-Delta Region:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 15th December, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:24 *p.m.*

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