8TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST SESSION
NO. 54

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 21st January, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 20th January, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Petitions:**
(*a*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Shehu Sani *(Kaduna Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Yusuf Mohammed Baba, on wrongful dismissal from 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 [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

(*b*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Suleiman M. Nazif *(Bauchi North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Corporal Musa Ibrahim, on wrongful dismissal by the Nigerian Army. 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.

(*c*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Monsurat J. Sunmonu *(Oyo Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from her constituents:

(*i*) Solomon Ojo Dalley, on the payment of his service benefits from the Police Service Commission; and

(*ii*) Staff of African Regional Centre for Engineering Design, on the non-payment of their salaries and the resuscitation of the Centre.

She urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

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(*d*) Rising on Rule 41 and 43, Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu *(Imo East)* drew the attention of the Senate to 11 petitions that were directly sent to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions through the Senate President's Office during the recess. He urged the Senate to receive the petitions and refer them to the relevant Committee.

(*i*) Muslim Council of Taraba State, Zing Local Government Branch, on the Violation of Fundamental Human Rights;

(*ii*) Comrade Aku Obidinma on behalf of Imo Bilie Initiative, on the inability of the Imo State House of Assembly to perform its functions;

(*iii*) Comrade Noble Eyisi, on appeal for justice in his case and a remedy for the inhuman treatment and injustice he was subjected to by the Vice-Chancellor and Management of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State;

(*iv*) David-Kafanchan Israel Vayin, on appeal for intervention on denial of posting of Mrs. Isiwat Eyitola David-Kafanchan, Senior State Counsel by the Federal Ministry of Justice, Abuja;

(*v*) Ahmed Somoye on behalf of Afenifere Youth Movement, on political manipulation of judicial proceedings on collapsed building of the Synagogue Church of all Nations;

(*vi*) Mr. Okorie Obinna, against the Chairman, EFCC and Staff for allowing a suspect to jump bail without prosecution;

(*vii*) Mr. Victor Giwa, on alleged diversion of development fund meant for the payment of 2013 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by State House Contractors under the Special Intervention MDG 1 and 2; and abuse of Public Procurement Act by the Office of Senior Special Assistant to the President, MDGs;

(*viii*) Eze (Dr.) A.N. Osoh, against Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Limited on alleged maltreatment of an AGIP Double Landlord;

(*ix*) Mr. Ken Emeakayi, on alleged anarchy and bloodshed in Anambra State due to continued breach of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the State Government under Governor Willie Obiano;

(*x*) Effiong Ita Okon, against Federal Ministry of Education for conflict of interest, infringement/stealing of creative work - Academic Data Bank (ADB) for Nigerian School Children; and

(*xi*) Mr. Anaele Mark E., against Nigeria Customs Service on alleged injustice meted on him in the course of his employment.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

4. 2016 Appropriation Bill (SB. 212):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦6,077,680,000,000.00 (Six Trillion, Seventy-Seven Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, of which, ₦351,370,000,000.00 (Three Hundred and Fifty-One Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Million Naira) only is for Statutory Transfers, ₦1,475,320,000,000.00 (One Trillion, Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only is for Debt Service, ₦2,648,600,000,000.00 (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Forty-Eight Billion, Six Hundred Million Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦1,845,540,000,000.00 (One Trillion, Eight Hundred and Forty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Forty Million Naira) only inclusive of ₦157,150,000,000.00 (One Hundred and Fifty- Seven Billion, One Hundred and Fifty Million Naira) Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfer and ₦86,000,000,000.00 (Eighty-Six Billion Naira) as interest on Capital Loans is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Second Allotted Day*) (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contribution:

(*i*) Senator Abubakar Kyari
(*ii*) Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi
(*iii*) Senator Biodun C. Olujimi
(*iv*) Senator Joseph G. Dada
(*v*) Senator Dino Melaye
(*vi*) Senator Abu Ibrahim
(*vii*) Senator Baba K. B. Garbai
(*viii*) Senator Olusola Adeyeye
(*ix*) Senator Joshua M. Lidani
(*x*) Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim
(*xi*) Senator Danjuma Laah
(*xii*) Senator Binta M. Garba
(*xiii*) Senator Mohammad U. Shitu
(*xiv*) Senator Albert B. Akpan
(*xv*) Senator David Umaru
(*xvi*) Senator Samuel O. Egwu
(*xvii*) Senator Gershon H. Bassey
(*xviii*) Senator Yele O. Omogunwa

Further debate deferred to the next Legislative Day.

5. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition from Maritime Professionals against the Ministry of Transport:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 26th January, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:16 *p.m.*

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