8TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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No. 61

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 25th February, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:34 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 24th February, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgement:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Members of Students' Representative Council, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Sacred Heart Schools, Narayi, Kaduna State; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Jil Royal Academy, New Karu, Nasarawa State.

4. **Presentation of Bills:**

(*i*) 2015 Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 225) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Nigerian Airforce Institute of Technology Bill, 2016 (SB.180) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Postgraduate Physiotherapy College of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.204) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Foreign Exchange (Control and Monitoring) Bill, 2016 (SB.181) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) National Land Reform Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.184) — *Read the First Time.*

(*vi*) Credit Bureau Services Bill, 2016 (SB.205) — *Read the First Time.*

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5. Motion:
Nigerians involvement in illicit global drugs trade and increase in domestic drug abuse by Nigerian youth:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. Committee on Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organisations:
Report on the Interactive Session with Civil Society Organisations on the 2016 Budget:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Diaspora and Non-Governmental Organisations on the National Assembly Interactive Session with Civil Society Organisations on the 2016 Budget (*Senator Rose O. Oko — Cross River North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate adopts the resolution entered on Wednesday, 10th of February, 2016 between Civil Society Organisations and the legislature of the National Assembly as listed below:

(*a*) call upon all concerned stakeholders to actively participate in the process of addressing the needs of the general public;

(*b*) express appreciation for the response to the clarion call, encouraging the youth and younger population to actively participate;

(*c*) confirm the desire and agreement to work on future budgets together, on an annual basis;

(*d*) express hope for the maintenance of a cordial, civil partnership built on mutual respect and trust;

(*e*) designate the civil society as watchmen over future budget implementations, returning crucial feedback on the desired and required changes within a specified time period;

(*f*) remind civil society organisations of their commitment to serve the interests of the public in a non-partisan manner;

(*g*) trust all stakeholders will act accordingly and play a huge part in shaping the future of the country; and

(*h*) initiate legislative processes towards institutionalizing National Assembly/Civil Society Organisation engagement towards robust inclusiveness in budget preparation, monitoring and appraisal — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That in order to strengthen and build a sustainable partnership with Civil Society Organisations, budget hearings with CSOs should be done on an annual basis — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

(*i*) That the Senate adopts the resolution entered on Wednesday, 10th of February, 2016 between Civil Society Organisations and the legislature of the National Assembly as listed below:

(*a*) call upon all concerned stakeholders to actively participate in the process of addressing the needs of the general public;

(*b*) express appreciation for the response to the clarion call, encouraging the youth and younger population to actively participate;

(*c*) confirm the desire and agreement to work on future budgets together, on an annual basis;

(*d*) express hope for the maintenance of a cordial, civil partnership built on mutual respect and trust;

(*e*) designate the civil society as watchmen over future budget implementations, returning crucial feedback on the desired and required changes within a specified time period;

(*f*) remind civil society organisations of their commitment to serve the interests of the public in a non-partisan manner;

(*g*) trust all stakeholders will act accordingly and play a huge part in shaping the future of the country; and

(*h*) initiate legislative processes towards institutionalizing National Assembly/Civil Society Organisation engagement towards robust inclusiveness in budget preparation, monitoring and appraisal.

(*ii*) that in order to strengthen and build a sustainable partnership with Civil Society Organisations, budget hearings with CSOs should be done on an annual basis ***(S/Res/097/01/16)***.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Petition from contract staff of Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited (TEPNG):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from contract staff of Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited (TEPNG) against Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited for unlawful disengagement from Service (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate is unable to provide the petitioners any form of relief — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the petitioners be further advised to desist from obstructing legitimate conduct of business of Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited to avoid any unpleasant future situation after the matter had been resolved by the Senate — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

(*i*) That the Senate is unable to provide the petitioners any form of relief; and

(*ii*) That the petitioners be further advised to desist from obstructing legitimate conduct of business of Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited to avoid any unpleasant future situation after the matter had been resolved by the Senate ***(S/Res/098/01/16)***.

8. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the petition from Dr. George Uboh against the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Dr. George Uboh against the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde for alleged financial crimes and corruption (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Pursuant to Section 89 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde is to be issued a warrant/summon to compel his attendance to Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions.

9. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the petition from Mrs Iroezi O. Chinyere against the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Mrs Iroezi O. Chinyere against the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia for unlawful dismissal from Service by the Centre (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That Mrs. lroezi O. Chinyere had been unlawfully retired and should be immediately re-instated and accorded the promotions, if any, by the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia and be paid all entitlements — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate Committee on Health be directed to ensure compliance with the Senate Resolution on the matter — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

(*i*) That Mrs. lroezi O. Chinyere had been unlawfully retired and should be immediately re-instated and accorded the promotions, if any, by the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia and be paid all entitlements; and

(*ii*) That the Senate Committee on Health be directed to ensure compliance with the Senate Resolution on the matter ***(S/Res/099/01/16)***.

10. Deep Off-Shore and Inland Basin Sharing Contract Cap D3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.119):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Deep Off-Shore and Inland Basin Sharing Contract Cap D3 LFN 2004 and for other matters connected thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Theodore A. Orji — Abia Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service Bill, 2016 (SB. 81):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji — Ebonyi South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to report within Four (4) weeks.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 1st March, 2016 at 10.00a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:41 *p.m.*

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