SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th March, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:58 a.m. The Senate President read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 15th March, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Oaths:**
Senator-Elect, Mao Arukwe Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) took and subscribed to Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as required by law.

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

(*i*) Staff and Students of Wesley Nursery/Primary School, Bwari, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of ECWA Seminary Staff School, Kagoro, Kaduna State; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Intelligence Quotient (IQ) Academy, Garki, Abuja.

5. **Petitions:**

(*a*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Jibrin I. Barau *(Kano North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Ghali Mustapha, over his wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force. 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 Shehu Sani *(Kaduna Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:

(*i*) Nine (9) disengaged staff of the Nigeria Railway Corporation, on appeal for reinstatement as employees of Nigeria Railway Corporation; and

(*ii*) Sgt. Godwin Obanga, over his wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force.

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He urged the Senate to look into these matters.

Petitions 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 Tijani Y. Kaura *(Zamfara North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Usman Umar, over his wrongful dismissal from 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.

(*d*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Umar I. Kurfi *(Katsina Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from:

(*i*) Mr. Nuradeen Abubakar Banye, over his wrongful termination from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA); and

(*ii*) Haruna Garba Kaita, Abdullahi Shawai and Sadauki Iro, on behalf of over 350 employees of Dana Katsina Steel Rolling Mill, over their wrongful disengagement from Service.

He urged the Senate to look into these matters.

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

6. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Climate Change and Green House Emissions Reduction Bill, 2016 (SB. 108) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Institute of Fraud Examiners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 167) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Immigration Act, 2014 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 203) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Federal Road Authority (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 219) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) Public Procurement Act, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 238) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Act, No. 15, 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.176):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Act No. 15, 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Motion:

The demise of Distinguished Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru:

Motion made: That the Senate notes with grief the demise of Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru, the first democratically elected Governor of Delta State, a revered illustrious leader and Olorogun of the Urhobo ethnic nationality of Delta State;

notes also that the Distinguished Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru represented Delta Central Senatorial District of Delta State in the 5th Senate from 2003 to 2007 and he served the country with pride as a quintessential legislator, a bridge builder and a great force for national development, unity and peace;

notes further that as the first Executive Governor of Delta State from 1991 to 1993, Senator Ibru laid the developmental foundations of the democratic Delta State we all know today;

notes furthermore that between 2007 to 2010, Senator Ibru also served as the President-General of the Urhobo Progressive Union (UPU) - the umbrella social political body of the Urhobo People and in that capacity, nurtured intra- and inter-ethnic harmony with public admiration;

notes even furthermore, that Senator Ibru was a major architect of the Ibru business empire that contributed immensely to put our dear nation Nigeria on the world of business and lifted the image of our nation; and

aware, that it is the tradition of this Distinguished Senate to honour our colleagues, past and present, even in death.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Distinguished Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to condole with the family of the late Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru, the people and Government of Delta State and, also participate in the late Senator's funeral (*Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege — Delta Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the late Distinguished Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with the family of the late Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru, the people and Government of Delta State and, also participate in the late Senator's funeral — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

(*i*) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Distinguished Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to condole with the family of the late Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru, the people and Government of Delta State and, also participate in the late Senator's funeral ***(S/Res/121/01/16)***.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

Senate Delegation to Delta State:
The Senate President named the following Senators to condole with the family of the late Senator Felix Ovuodoroye Ibru, the people and Government of Delta State and, also participate in the late Senator's funeral:

(*i*)	Senator Ike Ekweremadu	—	Leader
(*ii*)	Senator Mohammed D. Goje	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Godswill O. Akpabio	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Mohammed S. Lafiagi	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa	—	Member

9. **Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.25):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars to regulate and control the practice of Registration, and for related matters be read the Second Time (*Senator Francis A. Alimikhena — Edo North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Capital Market to report within Four (4) weeks.

10. **Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.180):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology to provide technical training to personnel of the Nigerian Air Force and other Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces and for other connected purposes be read the Second Time (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Air Force to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. **Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.159):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88, LFN, 2004, to provide Social Security/Protection to serve as a cushion to all working class citizens both in Private and Public Sector, unemployed and aged without discrimination and other related matters be read the Second Time (*Senator Suleiman M. Nazif — Bauchi North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity to report within Four (4) weeks.

12. Counterfeit Goods Bill, 2016 (SB.117):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to introduce measures aimed against the trade in counterfeit goods so as to further protect owners of trademarks and copyright against the unlawful application, to goods, of the subject matter of their respective intellectual property rights and against the release of goods of that nature (called "counterfeit goods") into the channels of commerce and for other matters connected therewith be read the Second Time (*Senator Isa H. Misau — Bauchi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Trade and Investment to report within Four (4) weeks.

13. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):
Report on the Fuel Scarcity around the Country:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 17th March, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:13 *p.m.*

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