SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 21st April, 2016

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

2. **Closed Session:**
Closed Session — 11:04 a.m.

Open Session — 12:20 p.m.

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues relating to the 2016 Appropriation Bill and the way forward for quick resolution of all matters relating to Budget in the best interest of Nigeria.

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

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.

4. **Announcements:**
(a) Meeting:
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope O. Uzodinma (*Imo West*) as follows:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the 12-man Reconciliation Committee of the Senate immediately after Plenary in the Leader's Office.

Attendance is mandatory, please.

(Signed)
Hope O. Uzodinma
21st April, 2016

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(b) ***Northern Senators Forum:***
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Abdullahi Adamu (*Nasarawa West*) as follows:

SENATOR (DR.) ABDULLAHI ADAMU, CON
SARKIN YAKIN KEFFI
Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development
Nasarawa West Senatorial District .

The Senate President
National Assembly
Abuja

Your Excellency,

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of Northern Senators forum on Tuesday, 26th April, 2016 immediately after the Senate Sitting.

Venue: *Senate Hearing Room 022, White House*

Please ensure you attend as very important matter will be discussed.

(Signed)
CHAIRMAN
Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Adamu, CON

(c) ***Acknowledgement:***
The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Members of the National Union of Enugu State Students, University of Abuja, Gwagwalada, Abuja;

(*ii*) Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gwagwalada, Abuja;

(*iii*) Students of the Supreme Parliament, University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State; and

(*iv*) Chief Osita Chidoka, former Aviation Minister.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Kebbi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the fire incidence that affected the Federal Technical College, Zuru, Kebbi State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

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

6. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contract Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 252) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Warehouse Receipts Bill, 2016 (SB. 253) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Anti-Piracy Bill, 2016 (SB. 254) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) National Centre for Disease Control Prevention (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 256) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) Federal Competition Bill, 2016 (SB. 257) — *Read the First Time.*

7. National Poverty Eradication Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 23):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Poverty Eradication Commission and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs to report within Four (4) weeks.

8. Acts and Conduct that are Undemocratic by Elected Officials Bill, 2016 (SB.51):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act CAP N4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.12):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Bill, 2016 (SB. 108):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Motions:

(*a*) ***Need for the establishment of Inland Ports at Onitsha, Enugu and other Landlock States:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(*b*) ***Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(*c*) ***Outbreak of gastroenteritis epidemic in Ohafia and some parts of Umunneochi Local Government Areas of Abia North:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(d) The Need to Prosecute Building Laws Violators:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 26th April, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:29 *p.m.*

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.