SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20th April, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:57 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 19th April, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) North-East Senators Caucus Meeting:
The Deputy Senate President announced the meeting of the North-East Senators Caucus with the Hon. Speaker today, Wednesday, 20th April, 2016 in the Speaker's Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

(b) Funeral Announcement:
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi (*Delta North*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
SENATOR PETER NWAOBOSHI
Delta North Senatorial District
Chairman, Senate Committee on Niger Delta

The Senate President
National Assembly
Abuja.

20th April, 2016

Your Excellency,

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND SPECIAL INVITATION

To the Glory of Almighty God, we announce the glorious exit of our Patriarch, Obi Francis Agetueonye Nwaoboshi of Isieke, Umuekea Quarters, Ibusa, Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State, on Saturday, the 16th day of April, 2016 at the age of 87 years.

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Our late father was a respected Community leader and mobilizer who worked assiduously for the development of his community and the nation in general. He also dedicated his life to the service of God and humanity.

This letter is also to serve as a formal invitation to your Excellency and Distinguished colleagues to the funeral ceremony, which is slated for Saturday the 30th day of April, 2016 at the family Compound, Isieke High Street, Ibusa, Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State.

Whilst wishing you all safe journey to the event as scheduled, please, accept the assurances of our esteem regards.

Yours Sincerely.
(Signed)
Senator Peter Nwaoboshi
Chairman, Senate Committee on Niger Delta

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

(*i*) Staff and Students of Skypeak International School, Dutse, Abuja;

(*ii*) Members of the Faculty of Business Administration Students Association, Imo State University, Oweri, Imo State; and

(*iii*) Students of the Political Science Department, Federal University Kashere, Gombe State.

4. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Hope O. Uzodinma *(Imo West)* drew the attention of the Senate to numerous phone calls received from his constituents on matters concerning the workings of the Senate which is perceived in the negative by the public. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to resolve into a Closed Session to discuss the matters.

Closed Session — 11:07 a.m.

Open Session — 1:39 p.m.

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues relating to the workings of the Senate and agreed to resolved all issues that divide the Senate since the inception of the 8th Assembly. It was resolved as follows:

(*i*) to suspend the consideration of the Report of the Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a complaint from Senator Isa H. Misau and two others against Senator Kabir G. Marafa over a publication in the Sunday, Punch of 7th February, 2016 for allegedly misleading the public against the Senate and the National Assembly;

(*ii*) to suspend further consideration of the following Bills:
(*a*) Code of Conduct Act, CAP C15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 248); and

(*b*) Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 249).

(*iii*) to stand by the Senate President in his trial, since he has not been proven guilty;

(*iv*) that all court cases instituted against Senators and the Senate by Senators should be withdrawn forthwith; and

(*v*) to constitute a Committee of two (2) Senators each from the six (6) geo-political zones to address the issues confronting the Senate. The following Senators were nominated:

(*a*)	Senator Ahmad R. Sani	—	North-West
(*b*)	Senator Suleiman O. Hunkuyi	—	North-West
(*c*)	Senator Bukar A. Ibrahim	—	North-East
(*d*)	Senator Joshua M. Lidani	—	North-East
(*e*)	Senator Samuel O. Egwu	—	South-East
(*f*)	Senator Hope O. Uzodinma	—	South-East
(*g*)	Senator Godswill O. Akpabio	—	South-South
(*h*)	Senator James E. Manager	—	South-South
(*i*)	Senator Abdullahi Adamu	—	North-Central
(*j*)	Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade	—	North-Central
(*k*)	Senator Monsurat J. Sunmonu	—	South-West
(*l*)	Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa	—	South-West

5. Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

6. Briefing by the Director-General, Department of State Security; and the Inspector-General of Police:

Motion made: Pursuant to Rule 113, the Senate do resolve into an Executive Session to receive briefing by the Director-General, Department of State Security, Lawal M. Daura; and the Inspector-General of Police, Solomon Arase on their efforts at rescuing the abducted Chibok girls (*Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

(i) Admission of Senior Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Ita S. J. Enang and Hon. Kawu A. Sumaila:

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senior Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Ita S. J. Enang and Hon. Kawu A. Sumaila to the floor of Senate *(Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Senior Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Ita S. J. Enang and Hon. Kawu A. Sumaila accordingly admitted.

(ii) Admission of the Director-General, Department of State Security, Lawal M. Daura; and the Inspector-General of Police, Solomon Arase:

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Director-General, Department of State Security, Lawal M. Daura; and the Inspector-General of Police, Solomon Arase to the Floor of the Senate *(Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Director-General, Department of State Security, Lawal M. Daura; and the Inspector-General of Police, Solomon Arase accordingly admitted.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Briefing by the Director-General, Department of State Security, Lawal M. Daura; and the Inspector-General of Police, Solomon Arase on their efforts at rescuing the abducted Chibok girls:

Executive Session — 1:54 pm

Open Session — 3:47 pm

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in an Executive Session was briefed by the Director-General, Department of State Security, Lawal M. Daura; and the Inspector-General of Police, Solomon Arase on the abducted Chibok girls and their effort to rescue them within the last two years. The Senate urged them to intensify effort at achieving result. Thereafter, they answered questions on other topical national security issues from Distinguished Senators.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

7. Presentation of Bills:

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

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(*ii*) Warehouse Receipts Bill, 2016 (SB. 253).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(*iii*) Piracy Bill, 2016 (SB. 254).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(*iv*) National Centre for Disease Control Prevention (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 256).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(*v*) Federal Competition Bill, 2016 (SB. 257).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the complaint from Senator Isah Misau and two others against Senator Kabir G. Marafa:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. 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.

13. Adjournment:
And it being 3:51 p.m. the Deputy Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 21st April, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:51 *p.m.*

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