



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11th April, 2018

1. The Senate met at 10:47 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 10th April, 2018.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Members of the Department of Pure Applied Chemistry, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Sokoto State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Petition:**

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Kabiru I. Gaya (*Kano South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Alhaji Suleiman Kabiru, against the National Assembly Service Commission, over non payment of his entitlement. 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.

5. **Privileges of the Floor:**

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senator Ita S. J. Enang, Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate) to the Floor of the Senate for the purpose of witnessing the Valedictory Session of late Senator Mustapha Bukar (*Katsina North*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senator Ita S. J. Enang, Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate) accordingly admitted.

6. **Valedictory Session:**

Demise of Late Senator Mustapha Bukar (*Katsina North*) (31st December, 1954 - 4th April, 2018):

Motion made: That the Senate notes with shock the demise of Senator Mustapha Bukar on Wednesday, 4th April, 2018 at the Nizamiye (Turkish) Hospital, Abuja at the age of 63. The Distinguished Senator was born in Daura on December 31, 1954;

notes that he was first taken to a Qur'anic teacher to master the art of recitation of the Holy Quran from 1957 to 1961 before he was enrolled into Elementary School. He attended Daura Primary School from 1961 to 1968; proceeded to Government College Katsina from 1969 to 1973. For his University Education, he attended the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria from 1974 to 1978 where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He thereafter did his compulsory one year National Youth Service (NYSC) in Imo State;

observes that Senator Mustapha Bukar, later became a Chartered Engineer. He was a Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria, Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), American Water Work Association and also the President, Nigerian Water Supply Association; Chairman, African Water Resources; and Member, Nigeria Institute of Management;

aware that between 1978 and 1987 he worked with the first World Bank that financed Kaduna Water Supply extension projects as an Engineer and later became Project Manager of the project which was officially commissioned in 1987;

recalls that with the creation of Katsina State in 1987, Engineer Bukar was deployed to help set up the project department of the new State Water Board as Chief Engineer, Projects. As head of the new department, he was responsible for the design, supervision and execution of all water supply projects of the Board. He was later appointed General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Katsina State Water Board and was made the Commissioner of Agriculture, Water Resources after the rationalization of Ministries;

aware that he was appointed Director of Social Duties in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development in 1992, a position that placed him in charge of many large scale water supply projects including the World Bank Financed National Water Rehabilitation Project which was aimed at physical rehabilitation of urban water schemes in the 36 States, including Federal Capital Territory (FCT) as well as the institutional development of the 36 States with State Water Agencies. Others were the preparation and implementation of water sector reform programmes, which included private sector participation in water supply in urban centers and small towns and water resources management strategy for the country;

aware also that it is in recognition of his remarkable achievements in his chosen career that he was honoured by the Construction Digest Forum with the highest Award for Excellence in Engineering;

observes that as a result of his achievements, the people of Daura in particular and Katsina as a whole, persuaded him to join politics with the good intention and hoped that he would continue with his good works of rendering services to humanity, thus he registered with the All Progressives Congress (APC) and contested for the Katsina North Senatorial District seat where he accordingly emerged as the Senator;

notes that Senator Mustapha Bukar made his mark through his progressive and pro-people legislative interventions, particularly through his Chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Capital Market, Vice Chairman Senate Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy by sponsoring the following Bills and Motions;

Bills:

- Federal Polytechnic Daura (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2018;
- Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018;
- Nigerian Assets Management Agency (Establishment and Regulations) (Amendment) Bill 2018; and
- Legal Framework for Public Private Partnership (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018.

Motions:

- Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability;
- Urgent need to stop the plan to raise a Federal Government-secured bond of ₦309 billion to finance the shortfall in the Nigerian electricity market;

- Non usage of Coin Currencies in Nigeria and its negative effects on the economy;
- The demise of Senator Kanti Bello; and
- The need to establish and delegate special purpose vehicles to execute and operate major Power Sector Development Projects.

observes that the late Senator Mustapha Bukar stood out for the quality articulation and eloquence of his contributions to debates, his pragmatism and his work to strengthen the institution of the legislature. We shall surely miss his vibrancy and progressive mindset;

adieu, Senator Mustapha Bukar.

May Allah SWT grant him Aljanatu Firdaus and give his family the fortitude to bear the loss.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in his honor; and
- (ii) revisit the resolution of the 7th Senate on the immortalization of Senators for further legislative actions (*Senate Leader*).

The following Senators paid tribute:

- (i) Senator Ike Ekweremadu
- (ii) Senator Godswill O. Akpabio
- (iii) Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah
- (iv) Senator Philip T. Aduda
- (v) Senator Francis A. Alimikhena
- (vi) Senator Abu Ibrahim
- (vii) Senator Rabi'u M. Musa
- (viii) Senator Umar I. Kurfi
- (ix) Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi
- (x) Senator Foster Ogola
- (xi) Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf
- (xii) Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe
- (xiii) Senator Barau I. Jibrin
- (xiv) Senator Nelson A. Efiog
- (xv) Senator James E. Manager
- (xvi) Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir
- (xvii) Senator Jonah D. Jang
- (xviii) Senator Shehu Sani
- (xix) Senator Dino Melaye
- (xx) Senator Abdullahi A. Gumel
- (xxi) Senator John O. Enoh
- (xxii) Senator Philip A. Gyunka
- (xxiii) Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide
- (xxiv) Senator Clifford A. Ordia
- (xxv) Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi

The Senate President also paid tribute:



**President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria**

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR MUSTAPHA BUKAR BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, HIS EXCELLENCY (DR.) ABUBAKAR BUKOLA SARAHI, CON, MBBS - APRIL 11, 2018.

1. *Distinguished colleagues, I thank you for your heartfelt tributes to Senator Mustapha Bukar. It is a huge loss to the Senate and to Nigeria as a whole, because he still had so much to contribute to our country. He had that sense of urgency about the need to do everything possible to make Nigeria great. He devoted every moment to that quest, that sense of duty, that sense of purpose. This is perhaps why, as many have observed over the last few days, he was able to do so much, even in the limited time he had as a first time Senator in this Chamber.*
2. *By all accounts, the qualities that stood him out in the Senate were already apparent in his younger days. He brought his passion and problem solving skills to bear on the challenge of water provision in his home State of Katsina, where he served as General Manager of the Water Board, rising to national prominence as Director of the National Water Rehabilitation Project and later, Director of Water Supply at the Federal Ministry of Water Resources. And one remarkable thing about this career trajectory was the portrait that emerged, of an engineer carefully and patiently honing his skills and expertise in his field - his growth mirroring that of his society.*
3. *These qualities also proved to be the hallmarks of his tenure of duty here in the 8th Senate, where he served in various capacities as Chairman, Committee on Capital Market;*
Vice Chairman, Committee on Power and as Member of the Committees on National Planning, Science and Technology as well as Works. He will be remembered for his sterling contribution as Chairman, Senate Committee on Capital Market, particularly for his work on the Investment Security Act (Amendment) Bill. He was able to work through the conflicts among various Stakeholders, and secured their buy-in for a common purpose. He was able to do this because of his own personal integrity and his unerring ability to build bridges and bring people together to work for a shared vision.
4. *The other pieces of legislation that he helped midwife - including the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Bill and the Demutualisation of the Nigerian Stock Exchange Bill - these are Bills that, when assigned into law, will change the fortunes of the Nigerian Stock Exchange. They will take us up to the required level, comparable to other countries with vibrant capital markets; and also bring us in line with global best practices. This would really be a realisation of Senator Bukar's dream, and stand as a legacy to his work among us.*
5. *It would also be fitting, for he was someone who tied his personal journey as an individual to the trajectory of the nation as a whole. He wanted the best for Nigeria and was concerned about the direction of this country. In my interactions with him, I saw him as a person with a futuristic vision - he projected Nigeria into the future and was prepared to work for it. His energy and the depth of his intellectual capacity were focused on realising the Nigeria of our dreams.*

6. *It is quite a bitter blow to lose him - and doubly so, after the passing of Senator Ali Wakili only a little while ago. But, what can we do? As Shakespeare's Julius Caesar observed, 'Death is a necessary end' which will come when it will. And since we cannot know the measure of our days, we can only give our best to each new day we are granted on this earth, to contribute to humanity and, hopefully, leave our footprints in the sands of time.*
7. *We take consolation and pride in knowing that our departed colleague gave his best in this Chamber for the country and for the people of his constituency, every day. He will be missed.*
8. *On behalf of the entire Senate and the 8th National Assembly, I commiserate with the family of the late Senator Mustapha Bukar, the constituents he represented, and the people and government of Katsina State. May God grant them the fortitude to bear the loss.*
9. *I pray the Almighty grants Senator Mustapha Bukar Aljanatu Firdaus, Ameen.*

(Signed)

Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in his honor — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do revisit the resolution of the 7th Senate on the immortalization of Senators for further legislative actions — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate:

- (i) observe a minute silence in his honor; and
- (ii) revisit the resolution of the 7th Senate on the immortalization of Senators for further legislative actions (S/Res/218/03/18).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 12th April, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:55 p.m.

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