



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018

1. The Senate met at 10:51 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 10:54 a.m.

Open Session — 11:55 a.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues bordering on the workings of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 22nd May, 2018.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcement:**

Appreciation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Joshua M. Lidani (*Gombe South*) as follows:



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator Joshua M. Lidani

(Baraden Kaltungo)

GOMBE SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON DRUGS & NARCOTICS

23rd May, 2018

My Distinguished Colleagues

APPRECIATION

On behalf of my family I write to appreciate all distinguished Senators who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the wedding of my son Kwagam Lidani.

I also appreciate those who supported by gifts, cash, prayers or one way or the other towards the success of the wedding.

May the good Lord continue to reward you abundantly.

(Signed)

Sen. Joshua M. Lidani.

5. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to three (3) petitions from:

- (i) Igbiniedion O. Peter, against the First Bank Plc. over unlawful termination of appointment;
- (ii) Oboite D. Kingsley, against the Police Service Commission (PSC), over his compulsory retirement from the Service; and
- (iii) Alfred K. Darosha on behalf of late Inspector Sunday Aghedo (F/N. 77570), against the Nigeria Police, over delay in paying his benefits.

He urged the Senate to look into the 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 a Bill:

Federal University of Environment, Science and Agriculture Ogoni, Rivers State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 680) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Executive Communication:

Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Non-Executive Directors of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria:

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| (i) | Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo | — | North East |
| (ii) | Professor Justina Odinakachukwu Nnabuko | — | South East |
| (iii) | Professor Mike I. Obadan | — | South South |
| (iv) | Dr. Abdu Abubakar | — | North West |
| (v) | Adeola Adetunji | — | South West
(Senate Leader). |

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within two (2) weeks.

8. Conference Committee:

Report on the 2018 Appropriation Bill (SB. 575):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Report on the 2018 Appropriation Bill (Senator Mohammed D. Goje — Gombe Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

2018 APPROPRIATION BILL: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Clause	Provisions of the Principal Act	Bill as Passed by the Senate	Bill as passed by the House of Representatives	Remarks
1.	Issue and Appropriation of ₦8,612,236,953,214 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for 2018 (i) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall, when authorised to do so by Warrants signed by the Minister charged with responsibility for finance, pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation during the year ending on the 31st day of December 2018, the sums specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate ₦8,612,236,953,214 (Eight Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Thirty Six Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Fourteen Naira) (ii) The amount mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriated to heads of expenditure as indicated in the Schedule to this Act. (iii) No part of the amount aforesaid shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation after the end of the year mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.	Issue and Appropriation of ₦9,120,334,988,225 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for 2018 (i) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall, when authorised to do so by Warrants signed by the Minister charged with responsibility for finance, pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation during the financial year beginning from the date this Bill is signed into law, the sums specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate ₦9,120,334,988,225 (Nine Trillion, One Hundred and Twenty Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty Four Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Five Naira) only. (ii) The amount mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriated to heads of expenditure as indicated in the Schedule to this Bill. (iii) No part of the amount aforesaid shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation after the end of the year mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.	Issue and Appropriation of ₦9,120,334,988,225 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for 2018 (i) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall, when authorised to do so by Warrants signed by the Minister charged with responsibility for finance, pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation during the year ending on the 31st day of December 2018, the sums specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate ₦9,120,334,988,225 (Nine Trillion, One Hundred and Twenty Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty Four Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Five Naira) only. (ii) The amount mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriated to heads of expenditure as indicated in the Schedule to this Bill. (iii) No part of the amount aforesaid shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation after the end of the year mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.	Senate version adopted

2.	Release of Funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund All amounts appropriated under this Act shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation only for the purpose specified in the Schedule to this Act.	Release of Funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation only for the purpose specified in the Schedule to this Bill.	Release of Funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation only for the purpose specified in the Schedule to this Bill.	No conference
3.	Virement In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Act cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly.	Virement In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly.	Virement In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly.	No conference
4.		Excess Revenue (i) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall immediately upon coming into force of this Bill maintain a separate record for the documentation of Revenue accruing to the Consolidated Revenue Fund in excess of Oil Price Bench Mark adopted in this Budget; and (ii) Such revenues as specified in Sub-section (1) of this section refers to Revenues accruing from sales of government crude oil in excess of the approved benchmark price per barrel, the Petroleum Profit Tax and Royalty on Oil and Gas.	Excess Revenue (i) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall immediately upon coming into force of this Bill maintain a separate record for the documentation of Revenue accruing to the Consolidated Revenue Fund in Excess of Oil Price Bench Mark adopted in this Budget. (ii) Such revenues as specified in Sub-section (1) of this section refers to Revenues accruing from sales of government crude oil in excess of the approved benchmark price per barrel, the Petroleum Profit Tax and Royalty on Oil and Gas.	House version adopted No conference

5.		Authorization (i) No funds shall be paid out of the monies arising from the record specified in Section (4) except by an Act of the National Assembly. (ii) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall forward to the National Assembly full details of funds released to the government Agencies immediately such funds are released.	Authorization (i) No. funds shall be paid out of the monies arising from the record specified in Section (4) except by an Act or approval of the National Assembly. (ii) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall forward to the National Assembly full details of funds released to the government Agencies immediately such funds are released.	House version adopted
6.		Release of funds for Implementation The Minister of Finance shall ensure that funds appropriated under this Act are released to the appropriate agencies and or organs of government as and when due, provided that no funds for any <i>month or</i> quarter of the fiscal year shall be deferred without prior waiver from the National Assembly.	Release of funds for Implementation The Minister of Finance shall ensure that funds appropriated under this Act are released to the appropriate agencies and or organs of government as and when due, provided that no funds for any quarter of the fiscal year shall be deferred without prior waiver from the National Assembly.	Senate version adopted
7.		Due Process Certification The department of government charged with the responsibility of certifying that due processes have been complied with in the process of implementation of projects shall ensure that all processes of approval are completed within the specified period as provided for in the Public Procurement Act.	Due Process Certification The department of government charged with the responsibility of certifying that due processes have been complied with in the processing of implementation of projects shall ensure that all processes of approval are completed within the specified period as provided for in the Public Procurement Act.	Senate version adopted

Section 4(1)(a)

Section 4(1)(b)

Section 4(1)(c)

8.		Information on Internally Generated Revenue All Accounting Officers of Ministries, Parastatals and Departments of Government who control heads of expenditures shall upon the coming into effect of this Bill furnish the National Assembly on quarterly basis with detailed information on the Internally Generated Revenue of the agency in any form whatsoever;	Information on Internally Generated Revenue All Accounting Officers of Ministries, Parastatals and Departments of Government who control heads of expenditures shall upon the coming into effect of this Bill furnish the National Assembly on quarterly basis with detailed information on the Internally Generated Revenue of the agency in any form whatsoever;	No conference
9.		Information on Extra Budgetary/Foreign Assistance All Accounting Officers of Ministries, Parastatals and Departments of government who control heads of expenditures shall upon the coming into effect of this Bill furnish the National Assembly on quarterly basis with detailed information on all foreign and or domestic assistance received from any agency, person or organization in any form whatsoever.	Information on Extra Budgetary/Foreign Assistance All Accounting Officers of Ministries, Parastatals and Departments of government who control heads of expenditures shall upon the coming into effect of this Bill furnish the National Assembly on quarterly basis with detailed information on all foreign and or domestic assistance received from any agency, person or organization in any form whatsoever.	No conference
10.			"Condition for Foreign Loan" "The terms, conditions, lending institution and other details of a foreign loan component approved for the funding of this budget shall be specifically laid before the national assembly for its resolution prior to the procurement of such foreign loan"	[New "10" and renumber accordingly] House version adopted

11.	Clause 4 Interpretation For the purposes of this Act the term "schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached thereto.	Interpretation For the purposes of this Bill the term "schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached thereto	Interpretation For the purposes of this Bill the term "schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached thereto	No conference
12.		Commencement In line with the provisions of Section 318 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, this bill will run for a course of 12 months starting from the date it is assented into law	Commencement In line with the provisions of Section 318 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, this bill will run for a course of 12 months starting from the date it is assented into law	No conference
13.	Clause 5 Short Title This Act may be cited as the Appropriation Act 2018.	Short Title This Bill may be cited as the Appropriation Act 2018.	Short Title This Bill may be cited as the Appropriation Act 2018.	No conference

Report accordingly adopted.

9. Security Briefing:

Motion made: Pursuant to Rule 113, the Senate do resolve into Committee of Whole to receive the Chief of Defence Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services and representatives of Inspector General of Police, Comptroller-General, Nigerian Immigration Service; and Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service to brief the Senate on the Proliferation of Dangerous Firearms, Spate of killings by Terrorists and kidnapping by Hoodlums across the country (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

- (i) **Admission of Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Ita S. J. Enang:**

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

Question put and agreed to.

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

- (ii) **Admission of the Chief of Defence Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services and representatives of Inspector General of Police, Comptroller-General, Nigerian Immigration Service; and Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service:**

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Chief of Defence Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services and representatives of Inspector General of Police, Comptroller-General, Nigerian Immigration Service; and Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chief of Defence Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services and representatives of Inspector General of Police, Comptroller-General, Nigerian Immigration Service; and Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service accordingly admitted.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)
(Closed Executive Session)

Briefing by the Chief of Defence Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services and representatives of Inspector General of Police, Comptroller-General, Nigerian Immigration Service; and Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service:

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) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Executive Session was briefed by the Chief of Defence Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services and representatives of Inspector-General of Police, Comptroller-General, Nigerian Immigration Service; and Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service on the Proliferation of Dangerous Firearms, Spate of killings by Terrorists and kidnapping by Hoodlums across the country. Thereafter, they answered questions from the Distinguished Senators bordering on security, insurgency, terrorism, kidnapping and other topical national security matters.

The Senate resolved that:

- (i) special budgetary funding shall be presented by the security agencies within two (2) weeks;
- (ii) Director-General, Nigeria Intelligence Agency (NIA); Comptroller-General, Nigerian Immigration Service; and Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service should forward all untreated Treaties and Protocols to the Senate for consideration;
- (iii) Chief of Defence Staff and Director-General, Department of State Services position papers presented be circulated to the Senators; and
- (v) proper coordination among the Security Agencies should be considered through Constitutional Amendment or Establishment Bill.

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

10. ***Ad hoc Committee on the Review of Current Security Infrastructure in Nigeria: Report on the Summit on National Security held on 8th & 12th February, 2018:***

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Licensing and Regulation of Private Detectives and Investigators Bill, 2018 (SB.436):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Joint Admission and Matriculation Board Act CAP J1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.625):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act CAP E3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.559):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **National Deposit Insurance Corporation Act CAP N102 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.626):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Federal College of Forestry Toungo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.320):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. **Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.230):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
17. **Federal High Court Act CAP F12 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.648):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
18. **Federal Polytechnic, Ikom, Cross River State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 672):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
19. **Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.615):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
20. **Nigerian Council for Psychologists (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.625):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
21. **Federal College of Education Illo, Kebbi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.620):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
22. **Explosive Act CAP E18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.250):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
23. **National Planning Commission (Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.637):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
24. **National Institute for Counter Terrorism Research (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.613):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
25. **Adjournment:**
And it being 4:35 p.m the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 24th May, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 4:35 p.m.

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