



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 16th July, 2019

1. The Senate met at 10:17 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 11th July, 2019.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Meeting:**
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) as follows:



Senate Minority Leader
Federal Republic of Nigeria

11th July, 2019

*The President of the Senate
National Assembly, Abuja*

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Senate Caucus will meet as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 16th July, 2019

Time: 2pm after Plenary

Venue: Hearing Room 1, White House

All PDP Senators are expected to be in attendance.

(Signed)
Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe
Minority Leader

(b) *Acknowledgment:*

The President of the Senate acknowledged the presence of the following who were at the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Members of Law Students Association, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, Enugu State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of DSC Technical High School, Warri, Delta State; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of ECWA Yepwi Memorial College, New Karu, Nasarawa State.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate on the State of Insecurity in the Nation and Gruesome Murder of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin, Daughter of Pa Reuben Fasoranti the Nonagenarian Leader of Afenifere on 12th July, 2019 from Ondo Central Senatorial District by Some Armed Gang and Kidnappers Along Akure-Ore-Lagos Highway. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes the rising level of insecurity in our nation and the deplorable incessant killings and kidnapping of people by some criminals through incessant bush attacks on our major highways:

further notes the gruesome murder of Mrs Funke Olakunrin, daughter of Pa Reuben Fasoranti, the nonagenarian leader of Afenifere on Friday, 12th July, 2019 by some armed gang who opened fire on her vehicle and other commuters at Kajola Ore road, Ondo State;

recalls that there have been series of such attacks on commuters on the Benin-Ore-Sagamu express road, Ife-Ilesa-Akure road, Kaduna-Abuja express road, Akure-Owo-Ikare-Okerie road, Akure-Ikare Ekiti-Ado Ekiti Road, some parts of Edo State and Eastern axis among other major highways across the Federation in recent times as widely reported in the dailies and social media;

alarmed that many travellers on our roads now feel largely insecure because of fear of attack and kidnapping by gun men who carries out assaults on innocent law abiding citizens on daily basis on the highways. Distinguished Colleagues, it has now become unsafe for anybody with flashy cars or big cars to travel from Akure to Lagos or Abuja because of the fear of being attacked at major highways with potholes not maintained by FERMA and hence, this has hiked the price of air transportation from an average of ₦25,000 for 30 - 50 minutes flight to Abuja and Lagos to over ₦45,000 in recent times:

worried that the deplorable state of insecurity on these express roads has now reached an alarming state and has significantly eroded peace and free movement of people with palpable fear and rising tensions across the nation thus giving several scathing speculative analysis in the media about the state of the nation:

deeply concerned that these frequent insurgences may soon result into breakdown of laws and order or ethno-communal clashes in the Southern part of the Country if adequate measures are not taken to fish out the perpetrators of these criminal acts and bring them to book accordingly:
and

also concerned that despite the assurances received from security agencies that they are on top of the security situations; the existing security measures in place have not effectively and satisfactorily addressed the security challenges in many parts of the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a one minute silence in honour of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin and many other Nigerians known and unknown who died in similar circumstances in recent time across the country;
- (ii) draw the attention of the Federal Government to the continued rising level of insecurity and tension in different parts of the nation and the cries of the citizens over the incessant armed attacks on the major high ways with many lives lost in the several attacks;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to note that the prevailing problem of insecurity had created serious issues of social protection with its attendant adverse effect on business cycle and most significantly on the lamentable state of the nation's economy since no foreign investors would be interested in moving their funds into high risk areas where there are incidents of major breakdown of laws and order;
- (iv) unequivocally condemn the gruesome murder of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin by the unknown gun men and commiserate with the family of the nonagenarian father and Elder statesman, Pa Reuben Fasoranti on the lost of his daughter in the unfortunate gun attack;
- (v) call on the Inspector of General of Police to urgently spread his dragnet to apprehend the culprits in the killing of Mrs. Olakunrin and other cases of attacks and kidnappings and bring them to justice accordingly;
- (vi) urge the Service Chiefs to urgently review the scope and re-assess the operational roles of the security forces to effectively combat the different criminal activities in the country especially the recent increase in highway attacks and kidnapping of commuters on our major roads;
- (vii) call on the Service Chiefs to urgently commence crisscrossing operational patrols of the major highways with appropriate technologies to stem the prevailing high rates of kidnapping, armed robbery attacks and assassinations that daily occur on our major high ways;
- (viii) urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to accelerate action in maintaining potholes on major Federal highways across the country where most of the perpetrators of evil act of kidnappings and attacks on innocent citizens always hide to kill at will;
- (ix) also urge State Governors and Local Government Chairmen to co-operate and collaborate with needed logistics in their respective States and Local Areas in this respect; and
- (x) urge the Budget Office, the Senate Committees on Appropriations; and Defence when constituted to ensure that necessary funds are allocated in the 2020 Appropriation bill for the joint patrol operations of Armed Forces with other security agencies.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a one minute silence in honour of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin and many other Nigerians known and unknown who died in similar circumstances in recent time across the country — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do draw the attention of the Federal Government to the continued rising level of insecurity and tension in different parts of the nation and the cries of the citizens over the incessant armed attacks on the major highways with many lives lost in the several attacks — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to note that the prevailing problem of insecurity had created serious issues of social protection with its attendant adverse effect on business cycle and most significantly on the lamentable state of the nation's economy since no foreign investors would be interested in moving their funds into high risk areas where there are incidents of major breakdown of law and order.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Proposed Resolution (iii) (Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe — Abia South).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do unequivocally condemn the gruesome murder of Mrs Funke Olakunrin by the unknown gun men and commiserate with the family of the nonagenarian father and Elder statesman, Pa Reuben Fasoranti on the lost of his daughter in the unfortunate gun attack — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do call on the Inspector of General of Police to urgently spread his dragnet to apprehend the culprits in the killing of Mrs. Olakunrin and other cases of attacks and kidnappings and bring them to justice accordingly.

Proposed Resolution (vi):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Service Chiefs to urgently review the scope and re-assess the operational roles of the security forces to effectively combat the different criminal activities in the country especially the recent increase in highway attacks and kidnapping of commuters on our major roads.

Proposed Resolution (vii):

Question: That the Senate do call on the Service Chiefs to urgently commence crisscrossing operational patrols of the major highways with appropriate technologies to stem the prevailing high rates of kidnapping, armed robbery attacks and assassinations that daily occur on our major highways.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Proposed Resolutions (v-vii) and insert the following instead thereof:

"That the Senate do urge the Service Chiefs and Inspector General of Police (IGP) to urgently review the scope and re-assess the operational roles of the security forces to effectively combat the different criminal activities in the country especially the recent increase in highway attacks and kidnapping of commuters on our major roads and also apprehend the culprits that assassinated Mrs. Funke Olakunrin; and other cases of kidnapping across Nigeria and bring them to justice" (Senator Ibikunle O. Amosun — Ogun Central).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (viii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to accelerate action in maintaining potholes on major Federal highways across the country where most of the Perpetrators of evil act of kidnappings and attacks on innocent citizens always hide to kill at will — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ix):

Question: That the Senate do also urge State Governors and Local Government Chairmen to co-operate and collaborate with needed logistics in their respective States and Local Areas in this respect — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (x):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Budget Office, the Senate Committees on Appropriations; and Defence when constituted to ensure that necessary funds are allocated in the 2020 Appropriation Bill for the joint patrol operations of Armed Forces with other security agencies — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a one minute silence in honour of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin and many other Nigerians known and unknown who died in similar circumstances in recent time across the country;
- (ii) draw the attention of the Federal Government to the continued rising level of insecurity and tension in different parts of the nation and the cries of the citizens over the incessant armed attacks on the major highways with many lives lost in the several attacks;
- (iii) unequivocally condemns the gruesome murder of Mrs. Funke Olakunrin by the unknown gun men and commiserate with the family of the nonagenarian father and Elder statesman, Pa Reuben Fasoranti on the lost of his daughter in the unfortunate gun attack;
- (iv) urge the Service Chiefs and Inspector General of Police (IGP) to urgently review the scope and re-assess the operational roles of the security forces to effectively combat the different criminal activities in the country especially the recent increase in highway attacks and kidnapping of commuters on our major roads and also apprehend the culprits that assassinated Mrs. Olufunke Olakunrin; and other cases of kidnapping across Nigeria and bring them to justice;
- (v) urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to accelerate action in maintaining potholes on major Federal highways across the country where most of the perpetrators of evil act of kidnappings and attacks on innocent citizens always hide to kill at will;
- (vi) also urge State Governors and Local Government Chairmen to co-operate and collaborate with needed logistics in their respective States and Local Areas in this respect; and
- (vii) urge the Budget Office, the Senate Committees on Appropriations; and Defence when constituted to ensure that necessary funds are allocated in the 2020 Appropriation Bill for the joint patrol operations of Armed Forces with other security agencies (S/Res/021/01/19).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Uche L. Ekwunife (Anambra Central) drew the attention of the Senate to the devastating rainstorm that affected the entire Anambra Central Senatorial District. She 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. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Lawrence O. Ewhrudjakpo (Bayelsa West) drew the attention of the Senate to continued passage of Resolutions without a proper medium to handle its implementation. He stated that there is urgent need by a Committee on Legislative Compliance to follow up these resolutions.

By the leave of Senate, the Resolutions are transmitted regularly to the Executive-arm for implementation.

7. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Barau I. Jibrin (Kano North) drew the attention of the Senate on the Proposed Industrial Action by the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), and the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU). He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

observes that the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (NASU) have given notice of and indeed have begun an industrial action over a number of issues which if not addressed and resolved could truncate the smooth administration of public universities in the country;

notes with regrets that the issues over which the two unions have now given notice for an industrial action are matters that concern their relationship with the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the alleged refusal of the Federal Government to execute agreement reached with them in 2006;

further notes that their grievances also include the exclusion of their members from the administration of the National University Pension Company which was now being operated by the Academic Staff Union of Universities and refusal to obey court orders on their members in University Staff Schools;

observes the allegation of both the SSANU and NASU that ASUU is being accorded preferential treatment by the Federal Government because of the allocation of 80 percent of funds released as earned academic allowances, while the remaining 20 percent was allocated to non-academic staff;

regrets that rather than accept what they were given from the Federal Government release, SSANU and NASU are asking in a fresh demand, for the release of ₦30 billion naira to non-teaching staff as earned allowances for 2009 to 2016 period;

alarmed that in the disbursement of the 80% to ASUU members, both SSANU and NASU are already picking issues with the way and manner the money is being disbursed with the further allegation that it does not synchronize with international best practice;

whereas the government has always demonstrated its readiness and even commitment to creating enabling environments for unfettered growth and development of public universities and other tertiary institutions:

convinced that the second term of the this administration is still fresh such that industrial actions or even threats of trade disputes at this time, is grossly inappropriate especially when public institutions that should treat such matters like the Federal Executive Council have not been constituted;

worried that trade disputes coming again in the university system soon after the several months of classroom boycotts by the Academic Staff Union of Universities would not augur well for our University education system;

concerned that NASU and SSANU may not have adequately explored and exploited to their exhaustive limits, appropriate trade disputes resolution mechanisms before they issued their last week threats of work boycotts in public universities; and

conscious of its legislative and social responsibilities to the Nigerian people in times of institutional helplessness, the Senate owes it a duty to intervene where there is an atmosphere of public uncertainty in any sector of the society.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities to explore a resolution of their grievances by instituting productive dialogue with the Academic Staff Union of Universities; and
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to engage SSANU and NASU in dialogues with a view to assuaging their feelings of alleged neglect, and bring them into a clarification of all contending issues as they relate to their counterparts in ASUU.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities to explore a resolution of their grievances by instituting productive dialogue with the Academic Staff Union of Universities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to engage SSANU and NASU in dialogues with a view to assuaging their feelings of alleged neglect, and bring them into a clarification of all contending issues as they relate to their counterparts in ASUU.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Proposed Resolution (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do mandate the President of the Senate to invite Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Federal Ministry of Education to a meeting with a view to determine the issues involved in order to avert the impending strike action”
(*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities to explore a resolution of their grievances by instituting productive dialogue with the Academic Staff Union of Universities; and

- (ii) mandate the President of the Senate to invite Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Federal Ministry of Education to a meeting with a view to determined the issues involved in order to avert the impending strike action (S/Res/023/01/19).

8. **Confirmation of Nomination:**

Confirmation of Honourable Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad for Appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN):

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 Honourable Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad for appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole to be screened on Wednesday, 17th July, 2019.

9. **Motions:**

- (a) *Urgent Need to Address the Sorry State of Computer Education by Providing Training for Teachers and Basic Computer Facilities in Public Schools:*

Motion made: That the Senate do notes the National Policy on Education which recognizes the importance of computer education and ICT by providing for the training of teachers and provision of basic facilities for teaching computer knowledge in primary and secondary schools:

aware that computer knowledge is been taught in primary and secondary school across Nigeria;

observes that computer knowledge is a practical subject that must be practiced for effective understanding;

further observes that most public schools in Nigeria lack competent teachers in computer knowledge and the basic facilities to properly teach pupils and students in primary and secondary schools computer knowledge; and

notes that almost all aspect of Nigerian and global sectors is now ICT based and our future generation are not been prepared for the future, reminded that Education (inclusive of computer education) is a fundamental right.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government and all stakeholders in the education sector to address the sorry state of computer education by providing computer training for teachers in public schools and basic computer facilities for the proper training of pupils and students in computer knowledge;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to formulate a policy for the building and equipping of a computer laboratory in primary schools; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) when constituted to liaise with all stakeholders in education to comply with the policy (*Senator Akon E. — Akwa Ibom South*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government and all stakeholders in the education sector to address the sorry state of computer education by providing computer training for teachers in public schools and basic computer facilities for the proper training of pupils and students in computer knowledge — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to formulate a policy for the building and equipping of a computer lab in primary schools.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Proposed Resolution (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do urge the Government at all levels to formulate a policy for the building and equipping of a computer laboratory in primary schools (*Senator Muhammad A. Adamu — Kebbi Central*).

Another Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Amendment Proposed (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do urge the Government at all levels to formulate a policy for the building and equipping of a computer centre in designated areas that will service schools within that environ (*Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu — Lagos Central*).

Further Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Another Amendment Proposed (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to review and make the National Computer Policy (1988) to be effective. To ensure that the Federal Ministries of Education; Science & Technology; and Communications implement all that the policy enacted (*Senator Mohammed S. Musa — Niger East*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) when constituted to liaise with all stakeholders in education to comply with the policy.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Proposed Resolution (iii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) when constituted to liaise with all stakeholders in education to determine an appropriate time-frame within which all teachers in primary and secondary schools in Nigeria will be computer-literate (*Senator Ibrahim Shekarau — Kano Central*).

Additional Proposed Resolutions:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:

- (i) “That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) when constituted to liaise with relevant stakeholders in education to confirm the states of compliance with the National Computer Policy and report to the Senate” (*Senator Ibikunle O. Amosun — Ogun Central*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (ii) "That the Senate do urge the National Commission for Colleges of Education and National Universities Commission (NUC) through the Federal Ministry of Education to ensure no student-teacher graduates from the tertiary institutions in the country without the knowledge of computer education" (*Senator Aishanu A. Dahiru — Adamawa Central*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (iii) "That the Senate do urge the Universal Basic Education Commission to increase its funding in the provision of computers to the basic education sector" (*Senator Rose O. Oko — Cross-River North*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (iv) "That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to put enough public awareness and publicity on the importance of ICT by the governments at all levels to the nooks and crannies of the country particularly the rural public schools" (*Senator Francis A. Fadaheansi — Osun East*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government and all stakeholders in the education sector to address the sorry state of computer education by providing computer training for teachers in public schools and basic computer facilities for the proper training of pupils and students in computer knowledge;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to review and make the National Computer Policy (1988) to be effective. To ensure that the Federal Ministries of Education; Science & Technology; and Communications implement all that the policy enacted;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) when constituted to liaise with all stakeholders in education to determine an appropriate time-frame within which all teachers in primary and secondary schools in Nigeria will be computer-literate;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) when constituted to liaise with relevant stakeholders in education to confirm the states of compliance with the National Computer Policy and report to the Senate;
- (v) urge the National Commission for Colleges of Education and National Universities Commission (NUC) through the Federal Ministry of Education to ensure no student teacher graduate from the tertiary institutions in the country without the knowledge of computer education;
- (vi) urge the Universal Basic Education Commission to increase its funding in the provision of computers to the basic education sector; and
- (vii) urge the Federal Government to put enough public awareness and publicity on the importance of ICT by the government at all levels to the nooks and crannies of the country particularly the rural public schools (*S. Res. 024/01/19*).

(b) *Need to Address the Increasing Rate of Traffic Accidents along Abuja - Kaduna - Zaria - Kano Road:*

Motion made: That the Senate notes that the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Power in June, 2018 launched the reconstruction of Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano road, with 36 months completion period;

notes also that the development led to the creation of many diversions leading to gridlock, accidents and loss of lives and properties on the road;

worried that due to lack of fully equipped Emergency Medical Units on the road, people involved in accidents who ought to have been saved, lost their lives due to lack of prompt medical assistance;

worried also that many travelers on that road suffered untold hardship and were exposed to numerous risks due to blockade and several diversions. This in turn resulted to loss of time, accidents and sometimes deaths;

disturbed that the accident which occurred on 10th June, 2019 claimed many lives including four Police cadets who were in their 400 Level at Police Cadet Academy, Wudil, Kano and a professor of Pediatrics with Ahmadu Bello University, Teaching Hospital Zaria;

disturbed also that despite the number of recurring accidents and untold hardship by motorists, the Federal Road Safety Commission, Kaduna Sector Command has only a small emergency unit in Birnin Yero to attend to accident victims with only one ambulance;

observed that the contractor handling the project has no safety engineers who are expected to take safety measures to protect motorists and other road users; and

observed also that the causes of accidents on Nigerian roads include; over speeding, dangerous overtaking, over loading, use of expired tukumbo tyres, reckless driving, phone calls, disregard for traffic rules and regulations among others.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for those who lost their lives on the road since the work commenced; and
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to establish emergency Medical Units (Trauma Centres) on the road (*Senator Suleiman A. Kwari — Kaduna North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence for those who lost their lives on the road since the work commenced — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Health to establish emergency Medical Units (Trauma Centres) on the road.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Proposed Resolution (ii) and insert the follows thereof:

"That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Health to acquire sophisticated and modern ambulances equipped with paramedics and life saving equipments to patrol the road" (Senator Adamu M. Bulkachuwa — Bauchi North).

Additional Proposed Resolutions:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:

- (i) *"That the Senate do urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to establish effective monitoring centers on Kaduna-Zaria-Kano Road" (Senator Ibrahim Y. Oloriegbe — Kwara Central).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (ii) *"That the Senate do constitute an Ad hoc Committee to investigate contractors' construction method; method statement; and adherence to safety regulations" (Senator Michael A. Nnachi — Ebonyi South).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (iii) *"That the Senate do urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to overhaul and review the process of issuing of Drivers Licences and ensure all road users are properly trained and properly licenced" (Senator Gershom H. Bassey — Cross-River South).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (iv) *"That the Senate do urge the relevant agencies and stakeholders to pay adequate attention to quality and job completion time frame" (Senator Yakubu Oseni — Kogi Central).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (v) *"That the Senate do mandate the relevant Committee to invite the leadership of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to brief the Senate on their safety and health measures policy for evaluation and review" (Senator Muhammad E. Bima — Niger South).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (vi) *"That the Senate do urge the relevant Federal Ministry supervising the rehabilitation of Abuja-Kano road to caution the contractor to minimise the number of diversions and the length of time it takes to clear the section of work so diverted" (Senator Ya'u S. Aihaji — Zamfara North).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) *observe a minute silence for those who lost their lives on the road since the work commenced;*
- (ii) *urge the Federal Ministry of Health to acquire sophisticated and modern ambulances equipped with paramedics and life saving equipments to patrol the road;*

- (iii) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to establish effective monitoring centers on Kaduna-Zaria-Kano Road;
- (iv) constitute an Ad hoc Committee to investigate contractors' construction method; method statement; and adherence to safety regulations;
- (v) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to overhaul and review the process of issuing of Drivers Licences and ensure all road users are properly trained and properly licenced;
- (vi) urge the relevant agencies and stakeholders to pay adequate attention to quality and job completion time frame;
- (vii) mandate the relevant Committee to invite the leadership of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to brief the Senate on their safety and health measures/policy for evaluation and review; and
- (viii) urge the relevant Federal Ministry supervising the rehabilitation of Abuja-Kano road to caution the contractor to minimise the number of diversions and the length of time it takes to clear the section of work so diverted (S/Res/025/01/19).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 17th July, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 2:00 p.m.

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.