SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15th June, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:50 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 14th June, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
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 Government Girls' Science Secondary School, Kuje, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Loyola Jesuit College, Gidan Mangoro, Abuja; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of the Lord's Educational Service School, Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

4. **Petition:**
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege *(Delta Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from High Chief Newton A. Agbofodoh, JP, over his wrongful termination of appointment by Chevron Nigeria Limited. 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. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Foster Ogola (*Bayelsa West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the ongoing recruitment exercise by the Nigeria Police which is based on ten (10) candidates per Local Government. He observed that Bayelsa State with only eight (8) Local Government Area Councils, will be shortchanged and put at disadvantaged position. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

6. **Personal Explanation:**
Rising on Rule 43 Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi *(Enugu North)* drew the attention of the Senate to the rampant extra-judicial killings of his constituents in some part of the country on religious grounds. He urged the Senate to look into the matter with the view to bringing the culprits to justice.

PRINTED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESS, ABUJA

The Senate condemned the act of extra-judicial killings and urged security agencies to take appropriate action.

7. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Lobbying Regulation Bill, 2016 (SB. 258) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Nigerian Assets Management Agency (Establishment and Regulatory) Bill, 2016 (SB. 285) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (SB. 298) — *Bill referred to the Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution.*

(*iv*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (SB. 299) — *Bill referred to the Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution.*

(*v*) Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill, 2016 (SB. 301) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Executive Communication:
Confirmation of Ambassadorial Nominees:

Consideration of Request deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Briefing by the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) to brief the Senate on the NEITI 2013 Audit Report (*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 Executive Secretary, Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Mr. Waziri Adio and his team:
Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Mr. Waziri Adio and his team to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Executive Secretary, Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Mr. Waziri Adio and his team accordingly admitted.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to receive briefing on the 2013 Audit Report by the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) (*Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Briefing by the Executive Secretary Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI).

(SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR)

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.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole received Briefing by the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Mr. Waziri and thereafter, answer topical questions on the Report from the Distinguished Senators. Distinguished Senators then suggested ways of treating the various issues contained in the Report.

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

10. **Ad hoc Committee on the 2013 Audit Report of the Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI):**
The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the Ad hoc Committee:

(*i*)	Senator Barau I. Jibrin	—	Chairman
(*ii*)	Senator Andy E. Uba	—	Vice Chairman
(*iii*)	Senator Donald O. Alasoadura	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Albert B. Akpan	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator John O. Enoh	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi	—	Member
(*vii*)	Senator Kabiru G. Marafa	—	Member
(*viii*)	Senator Solomon O. Adeola	—	Member
(*ix*)	Senator Bukar Mustapha	—	Member

Terms of Reference:
(*i*) re-examine the financial, process and physical Audit Report of NEITI;

(*ii*) financial losses and leakages to Government in all ramifications;

(*iii*) remedial measures and or sanctions where necessary; and

(*iv*) recommend relevant legislative action to block all forms of leakages.

11. Committee on Land Transport:
Report on the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.01):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:
Report on the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service Bill, 2016 (SB. 81):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Committee on Public Procurement:
Report on the Procurement Act, 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 232):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. National Open University Act, No. 6 1983 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 066):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Employee's Compensation Act, 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 170):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Foreign Exchange (Monitoring and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Chapter F34, LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.181):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Chartered Institute of Facilities Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.193):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Adjournment:
And it being 2:22 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 16th June, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:22 p.m.

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