SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:26 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Close Session:**

Closed Session	—	10:27
Open Session	—	11:01

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 November, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcements:**

(a) ***Invitation:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim (Yobe *East*) as follows:

Senator (Dr.) Bukar Abba Ibrahim (CON,FNIQS)
(Galadima of Gazargamo)
YOBE EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
National Assembly Complex,

DATE: *November 21st, 2016*
TO: *His Excellency, President of the Senate*
THROUGH: *The Chief of Staff*
SUBJECT: ***INVITATION TO RECONVENING EVENT OF GLOBE NIGERIA MEMBERS IN THE 8TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

Your Excellency Sir,

Sequel to our passionate appeal to Your Excellency, the President of the Senate, Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki, regarding the reconvening of GLOBE Nigeria in the 8th National Assembly and subsequent approval. I would like to humbly invite distinguished colleagues to the reconvening event holding on Thursday, 24th November, 2016 at Shehu Musa Yaradua Centre, Abuja by 7pm.

The event will be preceded by a Green Economy Award/Book Launch on Green Growth Development in Nigeria by the Sustainable Energy Practitioners of Nigeria in partnership with the Green Economics Initiative. Some of our colleagues including the President of the Senate will be presented this prestigious award at same venue. Therefore we are urging distinguished colleagues to participate as from 6pm on Thursday, 24th November.

Nigeria's economic recession calls for a united front to agree and chart a way out using a blend of innovative ideas across multiple critical sectors of the economy. The recent slump in global crude oil demand and signing of the Paris COP21 Agreement by Nigeria calls for Legislators to come together and assist the Federal Government in her economic diversification and sustainability effort. These issues, in the context of attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) would be the core of GLOBE Nigeria's activities till 2019.

You may recall the important work of the GLOBE network in over 90 countries in finding solutions and contributing to solving major global environmental challenges, as well as ensuring that governments are held accountable in the implementation of international commitments. Therefore it would be important for us to participate in this noble initiative and stand side-by-side with our colleagues from other countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my best regards.

(Signed)
Senator (Dr.) Bukar Abba Ibrahim CON
Chairman, Senate Committee on Ecology and Climate Change

(b) Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Francis A. Alimikhena (*Edo North*) as follows:

THE SENATE
DEPUTY MAJORITY WHIP
Federal Republic of Nigeria

23rd November, 2016

Senate President sir,

This is to invite Senators to the Senate Awards 2016, today at the International Conference Centre, Garki, Abuja at 6:00 p.m. All Senators are by this announcement invited to attend.

(Signed)
Senator Francis A. Alimikhena
Deputy Senate Majority Whip

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

(*i*) Staff and Students of Baptist Nursery and Primary School, Garki, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Key Science Academy, Masaka, Nasarawa State; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Kimiyya International College, Saminaka, Kaduna State.

5. Petitions:

(*i*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Abdullahi I. Gobir *(Sokoto East)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Bello Aliyu Rabah, over wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Intelligence Agency (NIA). 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.

(*ii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha *(Taraba South)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Cpl. Danasabe Danfulani, over wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Police. 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.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Kabiru G. Marafa *(Zamfara Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to the recent gruesome killings of over 243 and the abduction of over 44 people across the three Senatorial Zones of Zamfara State by notorious armed bandits in the last two weeks. He noted that despite the laudable effort by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Muhammadu Buhari and the Army towards flushing out the armed bandits from the State, the killings and abduction of innocent citizens of Zamfara State persist in towns and villages of Bindin, Dangulbi, Dansadau, Magami, Bungudu, Maradun, Shinkafi and Moriki among others. He urged the Senate to condemn these heinous acts and prevail on the relevant emergency Agencies to step up their interventions in the affected areas.

7. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Special Funds Account Management Bill, 2016 (SB. 267) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) National Fertilizer (Quality Control) Bill, 2016 (SB. 338) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes Court (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 377) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Committee of Appropriations:

Report on Virement of Funds:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee of Appropriations on the Virement of Funds appropriated for Special Intervention (Recurrent) and Special Intervention (Capital) for funding of critical Recurrent and Capital items (*Senator Mohammed D. Goje — Gombe Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. **Committee on Privatization:**
Report on the 2016 Budget of the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Committee on Aviation:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Aviation on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:
a. Nigerian Airspace Management Agency;
b. Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria; and
c. Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

11. **Committee on Science and Technology:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Science and Technology on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:
a. National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure; and
b. Raw Material Research and Development Council (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

12. **Committee on Industries:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Industries on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:
a. National Sugar Development Council;
b. National Automotive Design and Development Council;
c. Industrial Training Fund; and
d. Standards Organization of Nigeria (*Senator Samuel O. Egwu — Ebonyi North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

13. **Committee on Trade:**

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:
a. National Insurance Commission;
b. Central Bank of Nigeria; and
c. Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (*Senator Rafiu I. Adebayo — Kwara South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

15. Committee on Marine Transport:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Committee on Communications:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Committee on Housing:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Housing on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

a. Federal Housing Authority; and

b. Federal Mortgage Bank (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North-East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

18. Committee on Capital Market:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Capital Market on the 2016 Budget of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (*Senator Isiaka A. Adeleke — Osun West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

19. Committee on Health:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on the 2016 Budget of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) (*Senator Olanrewaju A. Tejuoso — Ogun Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

20. Committee on Customs and Excise:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. Committee on Interior:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Interior on the 2016 Budget of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) (*Senator Bayero U. Nafada — Gombe North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

23. **Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy:**
Report on the 2016 Budget of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

24. **Committee on Upstream Petroleum Resources:**
Report on the 2016 Budget of the Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NNRA):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

25. **Committee on Environment:**
Report on the 2016 Budget of the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment on the 2016 Budget of the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (*Senator Suleiman O. Hunkuyi — Kaduna North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

26. **Committee on Education (Basic Secondary):**
Report on the 2016 Budget of the National Business and Technical Education Board:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Education (Basic Secondary) on the 2016 Budget of the National Business and Technical Education Board (*Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko — Sokoto North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

27. **Executive Communication:**
Report on the 2017- 2019 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the 2017-2019 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Debate:

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.

Request accordingly referred to the Committees on Finance; Appropriations; and National Planning.

28. **National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.359):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

29. **Environmental Managers Registration Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 88):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

30. **National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.74):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

31. **National Youth Service Corps Act CAP N84 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.147):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

32. **Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.167):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

33. **Nigeria Postal Services Act CAP N127 LFN, 2004, (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.106):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

34. **Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act CAP O5 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.06):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

35. **Energy Commission Act CAP E10 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.196):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

36. **Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologist (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.283):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

37. **National Livestock (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.373):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

38. **Adjournment:**
And it being 2:01 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 24th November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:01 *p.m.*

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