



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 12th January, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:11 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 11th January, 2017.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

Non Career-Ambassadorial Nominees:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

11th January, 2017

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

RE: SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION OF NON-CAREER AMBASSADORS

I wish to refer to your letter of 16 November 2016 on the nomination of non-career Ambassadors and to resubmit, hereunder, the revised list of 46 non-career nominees for confirmation as Ambassadors-Designate by the Distinguished Senate.

S/N	STATE OF ORIGIN	NAME
1.	Abia	Dr. Mrs. Uzoma E. Emenike

2.	Adamawa	Aminu Iyawa
3.	Akwa Ibom	Maj. Gen. Godwin G. Umo (Rtd)
4.	Anambra	Christopher J. N. Okeke
5.	Bauchi	Yusuf Maitama Tuggar
6.	Bauchi	Baba Madugu
7.	Bayelsa	Brig. Gen. Stanley Diriyai
8.	Benue	Prof. Steven Ugba
9.	Borno	Baba Ahmad Jidda
10.	Cross River	Dr. Etubom N. E. Asuquo
11.	Delta	Engr. Frank Efeduma
12.	Ebonyi	Mr. Jonah M. Odo
13.	Edo	Uyagwe Igbe
14.	Ekiti	Dr. Eniola Ajayi
15.	Enugu	Maj. Gen. Chris Eze
16.	Gombe	Alh. Suleiman Hassan
17.	Imo	Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor
18.	Jigawa	Amin Muhammad Dalhatu
19.	Kaduna	Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli
20.	Kaduna	Deborah S. Iliya
21.	Kano	Prof. D. Abdulkadir
22.	Kano	Alh. Haruna Ungogo
23.	Katsina	Justice Isa Dodo
24.	Katsina	Mohammadu Rimi Barade
25.	Kebbi	Prof. Tijjani Bande
26.	Kogi	Prof. Y. O. Aliu
27.	Kwara	Nuruddeen Mohamed
28.	Kwara	Prof. Mohamed G. Yisa
29.	Lagos	Justice George Adesola Oguntade
30.	Lagos	Mrs. Modupe Irele
31.	Nasarawa	Musa Ilu Muhammad
32.	Niger	Ahmed Ibeto
33.	Ogun	Suzanne Aderonke Folarin
34.	Ondo	Jacob Igbekele Daodu
35.	Osun	Afolahan Adeyemi A.
36.	Oyo	Maj. Gen. Ashimiyu A. Olaniyi Rtd
37.	Plateau	James G. Dimka
38.	Plateau	Dr. Haruna Bawa Abdullahi
39.	Rivers	Orji Ngofa
40.	Sokoto	Sahabi Isa Gada
41.	Sokoto	Hon. Kabiru Umar
42.	Taraba	Alh Hassan Jika Ardo
43.	Yobe	Goni Modu Zanna Bura
44.	Zamfara	Alh. Garba Gajam
45.	Zamfara	Cpt. Bala Mohammed Mairiga
46.	FCT	Habiss Ibrahim Ugbada

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind prompt attention of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)*

Muhammadu Buhari

4. *Ad hoc Committee on Southern Kaduna Crises and other parts of the country:*

The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the *Ad hoc* Committee on Southern Kaduna Crises and other parts of the country:

(i)	Senator Kabiru I. Gaya	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Mao A. Oluabunwa	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Kabiru G. Marafa	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Dino Melaye	—	Member
(v)	Senator Isa H. Misau	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Solomon O. Adeola	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Nelson A. Efiang	—	Member

5. *Matter of Urgent Public Importance:*

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Mohammed A. Ndume (*Borno South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the humanitarian crises in the North-East and the uncoordinated distribution of local and foreign aids. He 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 Philip T. Aduda (*FCT*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Non-Career Ambassadorial list that has a nominee representing the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). He commended the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the inclusion.

7. *Personal Explanation:*

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the confirmation of the Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in October, 2016, in which the two States of Abia and Imo were not represented. He urged the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to consider the unrepresented States from the South-East.

8. *Personal Explanation:*

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Senate Leader*) drew the attention of the Senate to his elevation as Senate Leader by the All Progressives Congress (APC) Senate Caucus on Tuesday, 10th January, 2017. He thanked Senators for the confidence reposed on him and promised to work hard regardless of party affiliation in all national matters that will improve the welfare of Nigerians.

9. *Personal Explanation:*

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Godswill O. Akpabio (*Akwa Ibom North-West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the remarks made by the Senate Leader, Senator Ahmad I. Lawan. He on behalf of the Peoples Democratic Party Senate Caucus congratulated him not only on his elevation as the Senate Leader but also on his birthday today. He assured him the support of all the PDP Senators in pursuing national issues that will impact positively on the lives of Nigerians.

10. *Ministerial Briefing:*

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Minister of Transportation; Minister of State, Aviation; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to brief the Senate on the planned closure of the Abuja Airport (*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 the 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 Minister of Transportation; Minister of State, Aviation; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA):

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit Minister of Transportation; Minister of State, Aviation; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to the floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Minister of Transportation; Minister of State, Aviation; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) accordingly admitted.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to receive briefing from Minister of Transportation; Minister of State, Aviation; the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to brief the Senate on the planned closure of the Abuja Airport (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Briefing by Minister of State, Aviation on the planned closure of the Abuja Airport.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

Chairman to report progress.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole was briefed by the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of State, Aviation, on the planned closure of the Abuja Airport with the Managing Directors of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) in attendance:

The Minister of State, Aviation, informed the Senate that:

- (i) the consultation of closing of the Abuja Airport is not conclusive and the Ministry is ready to consider other options;
- (ii) he will further consult with the Nigerian Society of Engineers in respect of the construction of the runway;

(iii) he was yet to ascertain the total cost of the relocation to Kaduna as alternative to Abuja Airport and the Senate would be properly informed at the next briefing;

(iv) He could not also speak on behalf of the Minister of Works, Power and Housing on the logistics of that Ministry in respect of the relocation.

The Senate therefore resolved to meet again with the Minister of State, Aviation; Minister of Works, Power and Housing; Inspector-General of Police; Chief of Airstaff; Julius Berger Plc; Nigerian Society of Engineers and other Stakeholders on Tuesday, 17th January, 2017 for further briefing.

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

11. Conference Committee:

Report on the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.222):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Consideration of Reports deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):

Report on the Independent National Electoral Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 231 & SB. 234):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Marine Transport:

Report on the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Bill, 2017 (SB. 243):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Trade and Investment:

Report on the 2016 Budget of the following Agencies:

- a. Corporate Affairs Commission; and
- b. Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Committee on Industries:

Report 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.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Legal Framework for the Cassava Inclusion Policy Bill, 2017 (SB.152):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **National Health Insurance Scheme Act CAP N42 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB.278):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB.376):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **Secured Transaction in Moveable Assets Bill, 2017 (SB. 261):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. **Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education Owerri (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.398):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. **Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.167):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 17th January, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:39 p.m.

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