



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 12th October, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:59 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 11th October, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had received two letters from President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(i) **Confirmation of Appointment of Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria:**



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

5th October, 2017

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. AISHAH AHMAD
AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 8(1) (2) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) (Establishment) Act 2007, I have the pleasure to present Mrs. Aishah Ahmad for confirmation as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, replacing one of the Bank's Deputy Governor who retired earlier this year.

Please find attached copy of her Curriculum Vitae.

While looking forward for your usual expeditious consideration, Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my high esteem.

Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

(ii) **Confirmation of Appointment of Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Nigeria:**



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

5th October, 2017

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE MONETARY
POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 12(1) (4) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) (Establishment) Act 2007, I have the pleasure to present the following nominees for confirmation as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria, as replacement for four (4) current Committee Members whose tenure expires at the end of this year:

- | S/No. | Name |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Professor Adeola Festus Adenikinju |
| 2. | Dr. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi |
| 3. | Dr. Robert Chikwendu Asogwa |
| 4. | Dr. Asheikh A. Maidugu |

Please find attached copies of their Curriculum Vitae.

While looking forward for your usual expeditious consideration, Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my high esteem.

Sincerely,
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4. Announcements:**(a) National Summit:**

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Abubakar O. Saraki (*Kwara Central*) as follows:



**THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

ANNOUNCEMENT

**A TWO - 2 DAY NATIONAL SUMMIT ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERPARTY RELATIONS AND BUDGET PROCESS
REFORM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA:
17 - 18 OCTOBER, 2017**

Distinguished Senators are invited to participate in a 2-Day National Summit on Intergovernmental/Interparty Relations and Budget Process Reform for sustainable development in Nigeria, scheduled to hold from 17th - 18th October, 2017. The Summit is being organised and resourced by the National Institute for Legislative Studies in conjunction with the European Union Parliament, Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (EU-DEG), and the Office of Senior Special Assistants to the President (OSSAP) on National Assembly.

The overall objective of this Summit is to strengthen intergovernmental consensus building on policy and legislative matters, and to strengthen relationship between Political Parties and Legislative caucuses.

Participants at the summit include Members of the National Assembly, Members of State Houses of Assembly, Ministers, Representatives of MDA's, Judiciary, Political Party Officials, CSO's, and the Academics.

The National Summit is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: 17th - 18th October, 2017.

Venue: Conference Hall, Nicon Luxury Hotel, Area 11, Garki, Abuja

Time: 9: am daily

All Senators are kindly requested to attend.

(Signed)

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

(b) Acknowledgment:

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

(i) Staff and Students of Doveland International Schools, Wuse 2, Abuja; and

(ii) Staff and Students of Redeemer's Private School, Gudu District, Abuja.

5. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Atai A. Aidoko (*Kogi East*) drew the attention of the Senate to two (2) petitions from:

(a) Aku Anthony, against the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), over unlawful termination of his appointment; and

(b) PC, Samuel John, against the Nigeria Police, over wrongful dismissal.

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. Motion:

Rescission of Conference Committee Report on the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc) Bill 2017:

Rising on Rule 53(6) Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker (*Bayelsa Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to its Conference Committee Report on the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2017:

The Senate recall that the Conference Committee Report on the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment, etc) Bill 2017 was adopted by both the Senate and the House of Representatives;

aware that Clause 5 (2) (i) of the Conference Committee Report as adopted did not reflect what was agreed by the Conference Committee; and

recalls that the Conference Committee adopted the House version of the Bill in clause 5(2)(i) which is to the effect that "(i) the President of the Senate as Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as alternate Chairman".

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) rescind its decision in adopting clause 5 (2) (i) of the Conference Committee Report for not being consistent with what was agreed to by the Conference Committee; and
- (ii) adopt the House version on the Conference Committee Report on clause 5(2)(i) to wit: "the President of the Senate as Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as alternate Chairman and six Members from the Senate and six Members from the House of Representatives representing each geopolitical zone" as being consistent with what was agreed to by the Conference Committee.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do rescind its decision in adopting clause 5 (2) (i) of the Conference Committee Report for not being consistent with what was agreed to by the Conference Committee — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do adopt the House version on the Conference Committee Report on clause 5(2)(i) to wit: "the President of the Senate as Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as alternate Chairman and six Members from the Senate and six Members from the House of Representatives representing each geopolitical zone" as being consistent with what was agreed to by the Conference Committee — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) rescind its decision in adopting clause 5 (2) (i) of the Conference Committee Report for not being consistent with what was agreed to by the Conference Committee; and

- (ii) adopt the House version on the Conference Committee Report on clause 5(2)(i) to wit: "the President of the Senate as Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as alternate Chairman and six Members from the Senate and six Members from the House of Representatives representing each geopolitical zone" as being consistent with what was agreed to by the Conference Committee (*S/Res/069/03/17*).

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu (*Oyo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate on the 2017 International Day of the Girl Child. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate notes that October 11 is observed as the International Day of the Girl Child. The United Nations declared this day back in 2012 to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face while promoting girls empowerment;

further notes, that the United Nations observed that the world's 1.1 billion girls are a source of power, energy and creativity - and the millions of girls in emergencies are no exception. This year's International Day of the Girl Child (IDG) is a continuation in the effort to spur global attention and action to the challenges and opportunities girls face before, during and after crises;

aware, that the International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day, the observation supports more opportunity for girls and increases awareness of gender inequality faced by girls worldwide based upon their gender. Girls in conflict-prone areas are 90 percent more likely to be out of school as compared to the ones in conflict-free countries. Education and schooling comprise their future and potential to be creative;

further aware, that Gender Based Violence (GBV) affects all areas of a girl's life and raises serious issues such as female genital mutilation which is a widespread problem. The United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) estimates that over 130 million girls have already been affected around the world. Child marriage is also a concerning issue in Africa and especially in Nigeria. According to estimates, one in seven girls is married off before they turn 15;

recognizes, that the International Day of the Girl Child is not just about empowering women, it also acts as a day to redouble global efforts to improve a girl child's life;

further recognizes, that the celebration of the day also reflects the successful emergence of girls and young women as a distinct cohort in development, policy, programming, campaigning and research;

worried, that thirty million of the world's Fifty-Seven Million children who are out of school are in sub Saharan Africa and ten million of this thirty million are in Nigeria - the highest in Africa;

further worried, that though a campaign to end child marriage across Africa was launched in May 2014 by the African Union, and also attempts have been made to stop harmful practices such as female genital mutilation, it is estimated that still thirty million girls in Africa are in danger of undergoing female genital mutilation in the next decade;

knows, that goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is to "ensure inclusive and quality education FOR ALL and promote lifelong learning"; and

appreciates, that there have been legislations in Nigeria such as the "Child Rights Act, 2003" that ensures the "Rights and Welfare of Children" and the "Universal Basic Education Act, 2004", that makes the "Education of the Nigerian Child free, compulsory and enforceable rights, with penalties for parents and guardians who fail or neglect this obligation".

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) congratulate the Girl Child and the Nigerian Girl Child in particular on the celebration of the 2017 International Day of the Girl Child; and
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to:
 - (a) ensure the implementation of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Act in all the States of the Federation;
 - (b) ensure the domestication and implementation of the Child Rights Act in the thirteen States that are yet to do so; and
 - (c) ensure the domestication and implementation of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act 2015.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do congratulate the Girl Child and the Nigerian Girl Child in particular on the celebration of the 2017 International Day of the Girl Child — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to:

- (a) ensure the implementation of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Act in all the States of the Federation;
- (b) ensure the domestication and implementation of the Child Rights Act in the thirteen States that are yet to do so; and
- (c) ensure the domestication and implementation of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act 2015 — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) congratulate the Girl Child and the Nigerian Girl Child in particular on the celebration of the 2017 International Day of the Girl Child; and
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to:
 - (a) ensure the implementation of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Act in all the States of the Federation;
 - (b) ensure the domestication and implementation of the Child Rights Act in the thirteen States that are yet to do so; and
 - (c) ensure the domestication and implementation of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act 2015 (*S/Res/070/03/17*).

8. Committee on Housing and Urban Development:

Report on the Senate Committee on Housing and Urban Development:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of Senate Committee on Housing and Urban Development on the 2017 Budget of Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North-East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Executive Communication:***Report on the Approval of External Loan:***

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the Approval of External Loans for:

- (i) Issuance of USD 2.5 billion to Finance the 2017 Appropriation Act; and
- (ii) USD 3 billion to Re-finance Domestic debts (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts to report within two(2) weeks.

10. Reports of Committee on the 2017 Budget of Corporations and Agencies of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Reports of Senate Committee on the 2017 Budget of Corporations and Agencies of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

S/N	Committee	Government Owned Enterprises (GOE)
(i)	Information and National Orientation	-Federal Radio Corporation; -National Broadcasting Commission; - Nigerian Television Authority; and -News Agency of Nigeria

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(a) Federal Radio Corporation.

Report presented:

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do approved a total of ₦2,014,345,624.96 (Two Billion, Fourteen Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Four Naira, Ninety-Six Kobo) only, for Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do approved a total of ₦2,014,345,624.96 (Two Billion, Fourteen Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Four Naira, Ninety-Six Kobo) only, for Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act (*S/Res/071/03/17*).

(b) National Broadcasting Commission.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do approved a total sum of ₦2,090,009,787.62 (Two Billion, Ninety Million, Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Naira, Sixty-Two Kobo) only, for National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do approved a total sum of ₦2,090,009,787.62 (Two Billion, Ninety Million, Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Naira, Sixty-Two Kobo) only, for National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act (S/Res/072/03/17).

(c) *Nigerian Television Authority.*

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do approved a total sum of ₦4,094,179,773.00 (Four Billion, Ninety-Four Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Naira) only, for Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do approved a total sum of ₦4,094,179,773.00 (Four Billion, Ninety-Four Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Naira) only, for Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act (S/Res/073/03/17).

(d) *News Agency of Nigeria.*

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do approved a total sum of ₦132,550,000.01 (One Hundred and Thirty Two Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira, One Kobo only), for News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do approved a total sum of ₦132,550,000.01 (One Hundred and Thirty Two Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira, One Kobo only), for News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) to make up for the expected shortfall in the provisions of 2017 Appropriation Act (S/Res/074/03/17).

11. **Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes**

Report on the Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB. 376):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Special Duties:**

Report on the Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2017 (SB. 379):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on the Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2017 (Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report
(Senate Leader)

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, VENUE, PROCESSION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE INAUGURATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

PART I - SWEARING-IN

Clause 1: Inauguration Ceremony.

After the election of President and Vice-President, the inauguration ceremony shall be as set out in this Bill

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) —
Agreed to.

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Swearing-In Time.

The President and the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be sworn-in on the appointed day at appropriate time.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) —
Agreed to.

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART II - INAUGURATION

Clause 3: Inauguration and Venue.

(1) At the inauguration of any President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the swearing-in ceremony shall be organized and executed by the National Assembly.

(2) The Inauguration shall take place in the Arcade of the National Assembly.

(3) The entire inauguration ceremony, apart from the actual administration of the Oaths of office shall be conducted and officiated by Members of the National Assembly.

The Oaths

(4) The Chief Justice of Nigeria or any person appointed to exercise the functions of that office shall administer the Oaths.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) —
Agreed to.

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Sitting Arrangement.

- (1) The Members of the National Assembly shall occupy a designated seating area and all Principal Officers of the Executive, Judiciary and other invited dignitaries shall be given designated seating areas.
- (2) Members of the Diplomatic Community shall also be seated in a designated area.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Access to Venue.

Nigerians and other Nationals shall have access to the venue of the inauguration at the National Assembly subject to space constraints, but refusal of access or inability of any person to gain entry into the inauguration venue shall not give right of action in any Court of law.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART III - PROCESSION**Clause 6: Procession to the Venue.**

- (1) The President, Vice-President, former Presidents, former Heads of State, former Heads of Government former Vice-President, former Senate Presidents and former Speakers of House of Representatives and former Chief Justices of the Federation may be in attendance with their spouses.
- (2) There shall be a formal procession of dignitaries to the Podium under the direction and control of the Clerk to the National Assembly.
- (3) The President-elect and Vice-President-elect at the point of swearing-in shall be supported by their spouses, the serving Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

**PART IV - ESTABLISHMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURATION COMMITTEE****Clause 7: Establishment of the Committee and its Functions.**

- (1) There is hereby established for each Presidential Inauguration, a Presidential Inauguration Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the Committee"), charged with the preparation and inauguration of the President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

- (2) The Committee shall commence work not later than five (5) months before the inauguration.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of -
 - (a) A Chairman who shall be the Chairman Senate Committee on Special Duties and a Vice Chairman who shall be the Chairman House Committee on Special Duties.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Duties" in line 2, *insert* the words "or relevant Committee" (Senator Jibrin I. Barau — Kano North).

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

- (b) Eight other members shall be drawn as follows:
 - (i) 4 representatives from the Legislative Arm;
 - (ii) 2 representatives from the Executive Arm; and
 - (iii) 2 representatives from the Judiciary.
- (c) Two members from Civil Societies.
- (d) The Secretary of the Committee shall be the Clerk to the National Assembly.
- (e) The Committee shall have the powers to coopt other members as it may find necessary.
- (4) The Committee shall have the following sub-committees, each charged with the responsibility ascribed to it:
 - (a) Ceremonial;
 - (b) Security & Accommodation;
 - (c) Protocol and Transportation;
- (5) The Chairman and members of the Committee shall stand automatically dissolved after the inauguration.
- (6) The Committee shall be responsible for the arrangement and successful inauguration of the President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central).

Question that Clause 7 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART V - FUNDING AND SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE

Clause 8: Funding and Audited Account.

- (1) The funding of the Committee and the activities of the inauguration shall be appropriated for by the National Assembly on every inaugural Year.
- (2) The Committee shall retire all funds appropriated to it in line with existing standard practices of Committees in the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2017.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on the Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 6 — As Recommended

Clause 7 — As Amended

Clauses 8 & 9 — As Recommended

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

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

13. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 7):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Culture and Tourism:

Report on the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.380):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act CAP A18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB.427):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Adjournment:

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

Adjourned accordingly at 12:54 p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR

*Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

