SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 14th July, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:55 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 13th July, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Message from Acting President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Acting President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

Confirmation of Appointment:

VICE PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

June 17,2016

Distinguished Senator Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

Dear Senate President,

CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION (EFCC)

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act of 2004 establishes the Commission and makes it responsible, among other things, for the co-ordination and enforcement of all economic and financial crimes laws and enforcement functions conferred on any other person or authority.

2. Section 2(1) of the Act also provides that the Commission shall consist of a Chairman who shall -

(i) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Commission;

(ii) be a serving or retired member of any government security or law enforcement agency not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police or equivalent;

(iii) possess not less than 15 years cognate experience.

3. Apart from other ex-officio members of the Commission provided for in section 2, the Act also provides for four (4) eminent Nigerians with cognate experience in any of the following, that is finance, banking, law or accounting.

4. Section 2(3) further provides that "The Chairman and members of the Commission other than ex-officio members shall be appointed by the President and the appointment shall be subject to confirmation of the Senate".

5. Section 3 of the Act provides that the Chairman and members of the Commission other than the ex-officio members shall hold office for a period of four years and may be re-appointed for a further term of four years and no more.

6. In view of the foregoing, I hereby draw Your Excellency's attention to the vacancy that existed in the EFCC. Having carefully considered eminently suitable and qualified Nigerians for the vacant positions, I am pleased to inform you of the appointment of the following and to propose them for confirmation of the Senate as provided by the EFCC Act:

(i)	*Magu, Ibrahim Mustapha (ACP)*	-	*Chairman*
(ii)	*Ndasule, Moses*	-	*Member*
(iii)	*Lawan, Mamman*	-	*Member*
(iv)	*Galadanci, Imam Najib*	-	*Member*
(v)	*Adeleke, Adebayo Rafiu*	-	*Member*

7. Curricula Vitae of the appointees are attached for the information of Distinguished Senators.

8. I hope the screening will, as usual, be carried out expeditiously by the Distinguished Senate.

9. Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

(Signed)
Professor Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON
Acting President

4. Announcement:

Acknowledgement:

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

(*i*) Members of National Association of Nupe Students, University of Abuja, Gwagwalada, Abuja;

(*ii*) Members of Federation of Oyo State Students' Union, University of Abuja, Gwagwalada, Abuja;

(*iii*) Members of Dorben College of Digital Technology and Entrepreneurship, Dutse, Abuja; and

(*iv*) Staff and Students of Lifegate Academy, Utako District, Abuja.

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Prevention of Crime Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 233) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Water Resources Act, CAP W2 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 234) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act, CAP N4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.237) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Bee (Import Control Management) Act, CAP B6 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.238) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) Agricultural and Rural Management Training Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 241) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Joint Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions; Appropriations; and Finance:
Report on the complaint from Senator Matthew Urhoghide against Mr. Babachir David Lawal, Secretary to the Government of the Federation:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions; Appropriations; and Finance in respect of a complaint from Senator Matthew Urhoghide against Mr. Babachir David Lawal, Secretary to the Government of the Federation (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Land Transport:
Report on the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.01):
Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of Whole to resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Land Transport on the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (*Adjourned Consideration, 22nd June, 2016*) (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ACT (CAP. N129 LFN 2004) AND TO ENACT THE NIGERIA RAILWAY ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY, THE FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVISION OF RAIL SERVICES, THE REGULATION OF THE RAILWAY SECTOR AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I - REPEAL OF THE NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ACT (CAP N129)

Clause 1. The Nigerian Railway Corporation Act Cap N129 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the repealed enactment") is hereby repealed.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 2: **Objectives of the Bill.**

The objectives of this Bill are -

(a) to provide for the restructuring of the railway sector by -

(i) establishing the Nigerian Railway Authority to acquire the assets of the Corporation and to perform the functions set out in this Bill;

(ii) providing for the procurement of private sector participation in the provision of railway services and railway infrastructure;

(iii) providing for the regulation of the railway sector by an independent regulator in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(b) to promote the efficient and sustainable development and operation of the railway sector;

(c) to facilitate the development of competitive markets for services in the railway sector;

(d) to promote the provision of safe railway services;

(e) to promote universal access to railway infrastructure in Nigeria; and

(f) to provide the conditions that will enable the provision of railway services and railway infrastructure while protecting the rights and interests of railway operators, customers and other stakeholders.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 3: **Application and Scope of the Bill.**

The provisions of this Bill shall apply to all activities within, or associated with the railway sector and to all persons conducting such activities.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART II - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN RAILWAY AUTHORITY, ETC.

Clause 4: **Establishment of the Nigeria Railway Authority.**

(1) There is hereby established an Authority to be known as the Nigeria Railway Authority (in this Bill referred to as 'the Authority").

(2) The Authority -

(a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

(b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 5: Transfer of Assets and Liabilities of the Corporation.

(1) Upon the commencement of this Bill -

(a) the Authority shall succeed into the activities of the erstwhile Corporation with respect to the ownership, operation, maintenance and provision of railway services in Nigeria;

(b) the assets of the Corporation with the exception of the assets referred to in paragraphs (c) of this sub-section shall vest in the Authority in accordance with the transfer provisions set out in the Part 1 of the First Schedule to this Bill;

(c) the shares held by the Corporation in the Railway Property Management Company Limited shall be transferred to the Authority.

(2) The non-operational assets of the Authority shall be transferred to the Railway Property Management Company Limited in accordance with the transfer provisions set out in Part 2 of the First Schedule to this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 6: Transfer of Employees to the Authority.

The transfer provisions set out in the First Schedule to this Bill shall apply to the transfer of employees of the Corporation to the Authority.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 7: Functions of the Authority.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and the functions and powers of the Railway Regulator as provided for in Part VII of this Bill, the Authority shall -

(a) ensure the availability of efficient and reliable Railway Services in Nigeria;

(b) be responsible for the development, expansion and rehabilitation of Railway Infrastructure in accordance with the Transport Master Plan;

(c) own and manage all Railway Infrastructure owned by the Federal Government;

(d) procure private investment and participation in railway operations through the grant of concessions or other private sector participation in accordance with the provisions of section 28 of this Bill;

(e) supervise and ensure the implementation of all concessions or other private sector participation granted by the Authority;

(f) monitor the investment obligations of concessionaires or other grantees of private sector participation;

(g) procure railway services at the end of a concession or other private sector participation period or in the event of an early termination of the concession or other private sector participation or abandonment of the concession or other private sector participation by a concessionaire;

(h) prepare and publish from time to time guidelines for the selection of concessionaires or other grantees of private sector participation consistent with the provisions of the extant Federal Government's competitive tendering rules;

(i) acquire and own such land as it may require for the purposes of a railway;

(j) assure the provision of essential public services through grants or subsidies or where necessary by direct operation;

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "assure" and *insert* the word "ensure" (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South).*

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

(k) implement such strategic programmes and plans for the development of the railway sector as is consistent with the Transport Master Plan;

(l) procure funding for investments in railway infrastructure where necessary;

(m) propose, adopt, publish and ensure compliance with technical specifications and standards for the design, construction, installation, alteration and operation of railway infrastructure in Nigeria and for connecting and interconnecting railway infrastructure;

(n) carry out research and studies related to development in the railway sector;

(o) ensure the training, capacity building and development of Nigerians for -

(i) the railway sector; and

(ii) persons to be employed in the construction and provision of railway services and railway infrastructure.

(2) The Authority shall at all times, carry out its functions and duties in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*).

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

Clause 8: **Power of the Minister to give Directives.**
The Minister may give directives to the Authority relating to the performance by the Authority of any of its functions under this Bill; provided that such directives are consistent with the objectives and functions of the Authority under this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART III - GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY

Clause 9: **Membership and Appointment.**
(1) The Authority shall have a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board").

(2) The Board-
(a) shall be responsible for the determination of the general policy of the Authority with regard to the financial, economic, commercial and operational programme of the Authority and for ensuring the implementation of such policy; and

(b) may exercise the powers of the Authority but shall not have or exercise any of the executive functions of the Authority as vested in the Managing Director under Clause 17 of this Bill.

(3) The President shall upon recommendation of the Minister, concurrence of the secretary to the Government of the Federation and the confirmation of the Senate appoint members of the Board to include:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the provision in sub clause 9(3) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"The President shall appoint Members of the Board subject to the confirmation of the Senate which will include:" (*Senator Abdullahi Adamu — Nasarawa West).*

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

(a) a Chairman;

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the word "Chairman" *insert* the words "a Managing Director and three Executive Directors" (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central).*

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

(b) six other members being one representative from each of the six geo-political zones of the country; and

(c) one representative not below the rank of a Director or its equivalent from each of the following organisations, that is -
(i) Nigeria Ports Authority; and

(ii) Federal Ministry of Transport.

(4) The Board shall appoint the Management of the Authority being the Managing Director and three Executive Directors who shall also be members of the Board (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*).

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the provision in sub clause 9(4) (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central).*

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

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

Clause 10: **Qualification for Membership.**
The members of the Board shall be persons of recognised standing and with qualifications in one or more of the following field sand no less than 15 years cognate experience, part of which must include experience in the railway sector-
(a) engineering;

(b) transport technology;

(c) railway engineering;

(d) law;

(e) finance or accounting;

(f) economics;

(g) public administration; or

(h) business administration.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 10 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 11: **Cessation of Membership.**
A person shall not be appointed or remain in office as a member of the Board if-
(a) he is an undischarged bankrupt or makes a compromise with his creditors;

(b) he has been certified by a medical practitioner to be of unsound mind;

(c) he is an undischarged bankrupt;

(d) he has been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of a criminal offence, being a misdemeanour or felony; or

(e) he has at any time been removed from an office of trust on account of gross misconduct.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 11 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 12: **Term of Office.**
The Chairman and other members of the Board other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of four years, may be re-appointed for a further term of four years and no more.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 13: **Cessation of membership.**

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Bill, a person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if -

(a) he becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with his creditors; or

(b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud; or

(c) he becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties; or

(d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or

(e) in the case of a person possessing professional qualification, he is disqualified or suspended from practising his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority made in respect of that member; or

(f) he resigns his appointment by a letter under his hand and addressed to the President through the Minister.

(2) If it appears to the Board that a member is incapable of holding office on the grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Board shall make a recommendation, through the Minister, to the President for the removal of the member.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, a member may be removed by the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Commission or of the public that the member continues in office.

(4) If the President approves the resignation under subsection (1)(f) or the removal under subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the Minister shall declare in writing the office of such member vacant.

(5) If a member ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, another person representing the same interest as that member shall be appointed to the Board for the unexpired term.

Committee's Recommendation:
Leave out the provision in Clause 13 (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 14: Suspension or Removal from Office.

(1) Subject to sub-section (3) of this section, a member may be suspended or removed from office by the Minister upon the approval of the President if he -

(a) is found to have been or is unqualified for appointment to the Board pursuant to section 10 of this Bill;

(b) has been absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without the consent of the chairman unless he shows good reason for such absence;

(c) is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties as a member of the Board;

(d) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications he is disqualified or suspended from practising that profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority; or

(e) is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties as a member of the Board;

(2) A member of the Board may be removed by the Minister upon the approval of the President if the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Authority or the public for the member to continue in office.

(3) Prior to the suspension or removal of a member of the Board pursuant to sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section, the Minister shall inform the member, by written notice, as soon as is practicable of his intention to suspend or remove the member and the reasons for the removal or suspension.

(4) The affected member shall be given a reasonable opportunity to make written submissions to the Minister within the period specified in the notice and such period shall not be less than fourteen (14) days from the date of the notice.

(5) The affected member may, within the period specified in the notice, submit a written submission and the Minister shall consider the submission in making his final decision on the suspension or removal of the member from office.

(6) A member shall not be removed from the Board except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 15: Vacancy on the Board.

(1) There is a vacancy in the in the membership of the Board if a member -

(a) dies;

(b) is removed from office in accordance with section 9 of this Bill;

(c) resigns from office; or

(d) completes his tenure.

(2) A vacancy in the Board shall be filled as soon as is reasonably practicable after the occurrence of such a vacancy by the appointment of another person in accordance with section 9.

(3) In the instance of a vacancy on the Board, another person representing the same interest shall be appointed provided that any person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of office of the predecessor.

(4) The provisions of sub-section (3) of this section shall not apply to the filling of vacancies in respect of the Managing Director and the Executive Director howsoever and whenever created.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bill, the President shall ensure at all times that there is a duly constituted Board and shall in the event of the dissolution of the Board ensure that another Board is constituted no later than one month thereafter in accordance with section 7 of this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 16: **Remuneration, allowances, etc of members.**
All payments, allowances, benefits and expenses howsoever called payable to the Board members including that of the Managing Director and Executive Directors shall be determined in accordance with extant Federal Government Guidelines.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 16 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 17: **Proceedings of the Board.**

(1) The supplementary provisions set out in the third schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters contained therein.

(2) Subject to sub-section (1) of this section-

(a) the Board shall make standing orders for the regulation of its proceedings and meetings; and

(b) decisions and acts of the Board shall be deemed to be decisions and acts of the Authority.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 17 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

PART IV - MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING OF THE AUTHORITY

Clause 18: Management.

(1) There shall be for the Authority a Management structure (in this Act referred to as "the Management") which shall be responsible to the Board for the implementation of the policy decisions of the Board and for the day-to-day management and supervision of the activities of the Authority.

(2) The Managing Director appointed by the Board shall-

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the words "appointed by the Board" (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North).*

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

(a) be the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority;

(b) be responsible for the direction, supervision and control of all the management staff and other employees of the Authority; and

(c) subject to such restrictions as the Board may impose, be responsible for disposing of all questions relating to the service of the employees, their pay, allowances and benefits.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the words "subject to such restrictions as the Board may impose," (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North-West).*

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

(3) The Managing Director shall be a person possessing professional qualifications in any of the fields stated in section 8 of this Bill and adequate relevant management experience.

(4) Where the Managing Director is unable to perform the functions of his or her office due to any temporary incapacitation, the Board may appoint a substitute to act with the full powers of the Managing Director until the Minister determines that the incapacitation of the Managing Director has ceased.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the provision in sub clause 4 and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Where the Managing Director is unable to perform the functions of his or her office due to any temporary incapacitation, the Board may appoint any of the Executive Directors to act with the full powers of the Managing Director." (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West).*

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

(5) The Board shall appoint for the Authority, four Executive Directors on terms as may be prescribed by the Board to assist the Managing Director in the performance of his or her functions under this Bill.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the provision in sub clause 18(5) (*Senator Bayero U. Nafada — Gombe North).*

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

(6) The structure and functions of the directorates shall be determined by the Board.

(7) There shall be such number of departments and districts as may be determined by the Board for the effective and efficient discharge of its functions under this Act (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*).

Question that Clause 18 *as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 19: Secretary and Other Staff.

(1) The Board shall appoint a Secretary who shall -
(a) keep the corporate records of the Authority; and

(b) undertake such other functions as the Board or the Managing Director may from time to time direct.

(2) The Secretary shall be a legal practitioner or a chartered secretary with at least ten years post qualification cognate experience.

(3) The Authority shall employ such number of persons as it considers necessary for the exercise of its powers and performance of its functions under this Act.

(4) The Board shall -
(a) determine the terms and conditions of service of the staff of the Authority; and

(b) with the approval of the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission determine and review from time to time, the remunerations and allowances payable to the employees of the Authority.

(5) The conflict of interest provisions contained in the Fourth Schedule to this Act shall apply to all employees of the Authority.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 19 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 20: Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have power to -
(a) acquire offices and other premises for the use of the Corporation;

(b) appoint the Secretary for the Corporation and other employees of the Corporation.

(c) fix, in accordance with the extant laws and regulations, the terms and conditions of service including remuneration, allowances, and other benefits of the employees of the Corporation;

(d) establish State offices and other operational sites of the Corporation as it may deem necessary for the proper performance of its functions; and

(e) do such other things, in consonance with the provisions of this Bill, which in its opinion are to facilitate the carrying out of the functions of the Corporation under this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 20 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Land Transport on the Nigerian Railway Authority Act, 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 6	—	As Recommended
Clause 7	—	As Amended
Clause 8	—	As Recommended
Clause 9	—	As Amended
Clauses 10- 17	—	As Recommended
Clause 18	—	As Amended
Clauses 19- 20	—	As Recommended

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

Further consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. National Research and Innovation Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 239):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. 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.

12. Motions:

(a) ***Indiscriminate Rock Blasting in the FCT and other parts of Nigeria (Bearing in mind that with the passage of the 2016 Appropriation Act, construction works will soon commence):***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(b) ***Need to Investigate Pre-shipment Inspection of Export Activities in Nigeria:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(c) ***The need to sustain the laudable Anti-Polio campaign in Nigeria:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(d) ***Need to include Pan- Africanism in Nigerian Secondary Schools Curriculum:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(e) ***Need to revisit the regulatory conflict between Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and Universities in offering admissions in Nigeria:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 19th July, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:51 *p.m.*

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