



**THE SENATE**  
**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS(1)**

Thursday, 22nd March, 2018

1. The Senate met at 11:01 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 21st March, 2018.  
*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*
3. **Announcements:**  
(a) **Submission of Report on 2018 Appropriation Bill, 2018:**  
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji (*Ebonyi South*) as follows:



**THE SENATE**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX  
THREE ARMS ZONE,  
P. M. B. 141, GARKI, ABUJA-NIGERIA

22nd March, 2018.

*His Excellency,  
The President of the Senate,  
Sen. Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON,  
Senate Chamber.  
Your Excellency,*

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Senate Committee on Appropriations will receive reports on the 2018 Budget from its Sub-committees as scheduled below:*

*Thursday; 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Time 12noon - 6pm*

*Friday; 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Time 1 Dam - 12noon*

*and Monday; 26<sup>th</sup> March. Time 12noon- 6pm*

*The venue is Meeting Room 224, Senate Building.*

*Please endeavour to conclude your reports and submit same within the scheduled dates and time.*

*(Signed)*

*Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji  
Vice Chairman*

**(b) Burial Arrangement:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu (*Imo East*) as follows:



**Senator Mao Ohuaounwa** FNIST, NPOM, KSC

ABIA NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE & COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & PRODUCTIVITY

*THE FLIGHT INFO FOR THOSE THAT WILL BE ATTENDING THE BURIAL OF SENATOR MAO OHUABUNWNS MOTHER.*

**AHUJA TO OWERRI - 5th April, 2018**

**AIR PEACE**

10:10am

12:10pm

2:50pm

**ARIKAIR**

7am

**AHUJA TO PORT HARCOURT - 5TH APRIL 2018**

**ARIKAIR**

7am

**ABUJA TO OWERRI 6TH APRIL 2018**

**ARIKAIR**

7am

**ABUJA TO UYO 5th & 6th APRIL 2018**

**AIR PEACE**

9:30am

*THOSE ATTENDING SHOULD PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING FOR AIRPORT RECEPTION AT THEIR PREFERRED LOCATION.*

**OWERRI AIRPORT**

**SENATOR T. A ORJI**

**SENATOR SAM ANYANWU**

**UCHE OKOLI - 08033289873, 08079963234**

**UYO AIRPORT**

**SENATOR GODSWILL APKABIO**

**SENATOR BASSEYALBERTAKPAN**

**UCHE OKOLI - 08033289873, 08079963234**

**PORT HARCOURT AIRPORT**

**SENATOR MAGNUS ABE**

RT HON. AUSTIN OPARA - 08034070945  
UCHE OKOLI - 08033289873, 08079963234

**LAGOS TO OWERRI - 5th and 6th April 2018**

AIR PEACE

7:10am

7:30pm

1:00pm

ARIKAIR

12:15pm

**OWERRI TO LAGOS - 7TH APRIL 2018**

ARIKAIR

1:50PM

AIR PEACE

11:40am

4pm

4:50pm

**OWERRI TO ABUJA 7th APRIL 2018**

AIR PEACE

8:40am

ARIKAIR

8:25am

(Signed)

SENATOR SAM ANYANWU

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**(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 Glisten International Academy, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Roz Academy, Asokoro, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of Jaymaris Academy, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (iv) Staff and Students of City Stars Academy, Ado, Nasarawa State;
- (v) Staff and Students of Glojam International School, Mararaba, Nasarawa State; and
- (vi) Staff and Students of Intensive Education Academy, Sabon -Wuse, Niger State.

**4. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) drew the attention of the Senate to return of Dapchi girls on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 after their abduction. He thanked the mover of this Motion; Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim, Senate Leadership, Federal Government and Yobe State Government for all their efforts at releasing these girls. He further expressed gratitude to Security Agencies and Nigerians for their patriotism and urged the Federal Government to intensify effort at securing the released of the remaining Dapchi and Chibok girls.

*The Senate expressed appreciation to the Federal Government and Security Agencies for their efforts and urged for an intensive effort at securing the rest of these girls.*

**5. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 643) — *Read the First Time*
- (ii) Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 644) — *Read the First Time*

**6. Conference Committee:*****Report on the Constitution Alteration Bills, 2018:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on the Constitution Alteration Bills, 2018 (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Kalu Samuel and 348 others, against Michael Okpara Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State for unlawful suspension from office;
- b. Mrs. Maryam Danna Mohammed, against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) for wrongful termination of her appointment;
- c. Senator Malam A. Wakili, against Mr. Fred Itua of the Sun Newspaper for allegedly misleading the public against the Senate in the Sunday Sun Newspaper publication of 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017;
- d. I. J. Obiachu Esq. on behalf of the people of Eruete Village of Amaforo Autonomous Community Ibeku, Umuahia North Local Government Area, Abia State, against Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria, Ibadan, Oyo State for alleged non-compensation for land acquired (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Reports Laid.*

**8. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**

***Report on the Alleged Resumption of Executive Secretary of National Human Rights Commission to Office without Confirmation of the Senate:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Alleged Resumption of Executive Secretary of National Human Rights Commission to Office without Confirmation of the Senate (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**9. Committee on Constitution Review:**

***Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2018:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2018 (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**10. Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions:**  
*Report on the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons for appointment as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Central Bank of Nigeria:*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons for appointment as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria:

- (i) Professor Adeola Festus Adenikinju
- (ii) Dr. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi
- (iii) Dr. Robert Chikwendu Asogwa
- (iv) Dr. Asheikh A. Maidugu (Senator Rafiu A. Ibrahim — Kwara South).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid and 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 the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nominations of appointment as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

**Nominees recommended for confirmation:**

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|-------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| (i)   | Professor Adeola Festus Adenikinju | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii)  | Dr. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi         | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (iii) | Dr. Robert Chikwendu Asogwa        | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |

**Nominee not recommended for confirmation:**

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|  | Dr. Asheikh A. Maidugu | — | <i>Negated.</i> |
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Chairman to report progress.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nominations of appointment as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria and approved the nominations of the following:

- (i) Professor Adeola Festus Adenikinju
- (ii) Dr. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi
- (iii) Dr. Robert Chikwendu Asogwa

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

**Confirmation of nominations:**

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Adeola Festus Adenikinju for appointment as member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Professor Adeola Festus Adenikinju for appointment as member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi for appointment as member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Dr. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi for appointment as member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Robert Chikwendu Asogwa for appointment as member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Dr. Robert Chikwendu Asogwa for appointment as member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.*

**11. Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions:**

*Report on the confirmation of the nomination of Mrs. Aishah Ahmad and Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for appointment as Deputy Governors of the CBN:*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nomination of Mrs. Aishah Ahmad and Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for appointment as Deputy Governors of the Central Bank of Nigeria (*Senator Rafiu A. Ibrahim — Kwara South*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid and 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 the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nomination of Mrs. Aishah Ahmad and Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for appointment as Deputy Governors of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

**Nominees recommended for confirmation:**

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| (i)  | Mrs. Aishah Ahmad        | — | Agreed to. |
| (ii) | Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu | — | Agreed to. |

Chairman to report progress.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nomination of Mrs. Aishah Ahmad and Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for appointment as Deputy Governors of the Central Bank of Nigeria and approved their nominations.

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

**Confirmation of nominations:***Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mrs. Aishah Ahmad for appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Mrs. Aishah Ahmad for appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Mr. Edward Lametek Adamu for appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.*

**12. Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.638):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to amend the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act and for Other Related Matters, 2018 (*Senator Mohammed Sabo — Jigawa South-West*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Trade and Investment to report within Four (4) weeks.*

**13. Committee on Housing:**

*Report on the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2018 (SB. 216):*

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**14. Committee on Water Resources:**

*Report on the River Basin Development Act CAP R9 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB. 358):*

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**15. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 22nd March, 2018 at 12:25 p.m.  
(*Senate Leader*).

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

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