



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 23rd March, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:45 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. Closed Session:
Closed Session — 10:46 a.m.
Open Session — 11:50 a.m.

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. The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. 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:

(a) Confirmation of Appointment:



VICE PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

SH/Ag. President/SEN/01/10

February 27, 2017

His Excellency,
Senator (Dr.) Bukola Saraki, CON
President
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

Nomination of Alh. Hassan Jika Ardo (Taraba) for appointment as a Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Goni Modu Zanna Bura (Yobe) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Goni Modu Zanna Bura (Yobe) for appointment as a Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alh. Garba Gajam (Zamfara) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Alh. Garba Gajam (Zamfara) for appointment as a Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Cpt. Bala Mohammad Mairiga (Zamfara) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Cpt. Bala Mohammad Mairiga (Zamfara) for appointment as a Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Habiss Ibrahim Ugbada (FCT) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Habiss Ibrahim Ugbada (FCT) for appointment as a Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Adeyinka Olatokunbo Asekun (Ogun) for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. Adeyinka Olatokunbo Asekun (Ogun) for appointment as a Non-Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

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

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

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the Independent National Electoral Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Adjourned Consideration, Thursday, 19th January, 2017*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT NO. 6, 2010 AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

- (i) Fifty (50) Ad-hoc Local Government Delegates (at least Ten (10) of whom, except otherwise impracticable, shall be women) who, being registered members of the party in that Local Government Area and not delegates already under this Act, presented themselves to be voted for as Ad-hoc Local Government Delegates of the Party in that Local Government Area,

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out 18(8)(b)(i) and insert the following instead thereof:

- "(i) Three (3) Ad-hoc Local Government Delegates per Ward (at least one (1) of whom, except otherwise impracticable, shall be a woman) who, being registered members of the party in that Ward and not delegates already under this Act, presented themselves to be voted for as Ad-hoc Local Government Delegates of the Party in that Local Government Area" (*Senator Abba Kyari — Borno North*).

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

PROVIDED that the total number of Ad-hoc Local Government Delegates elected from a Ward shall not be more than Five (5);

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Proviso (Senator Abba Kyari — Borno North).

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

- (ii) Five (5) Ad-hoc State/FCT Delegates (at least One (1) of whom, except otherwise impracticable, shall be a woman) who, being registered members of the party in that Local Government Area and not delegates already under this Act, presented themselves to be voted for as Ad-hoc State/FCT Delegates of the Party in that Local Government Area,

PROVIDED that the total number of Ad-hoc State/FCT Delegates elected from a Ward shall not be more than One (1); and

- (iii) Five (5) Ad-hoc National Delegates (at least One (1) of whom, except otherwise impracticable, shall be a woman) who, being registered members of the party in that Local Government Area and not delegates already under this Act, presented themselves to be voted for as Ad-hoc National Delegates of the Party in that Local Government Area,

PROVIDED that the total number of Ad-hoc National Delegates elected from a Ward shall not be more than One (1).

- (vii) Serving Members of the House of Representatives who are registered members of the Party and past Members of the House of Representatives who served on the Party's platform and who are still registered members of the Party;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in 18(9)(a)(vii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- “(vii) Elected serving Members and former Members of the House of Representatives who are members of the Party” (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

- (viii) Serving Presiding and Principal Officers of States' Houses of Assembly produced by the Party and who are still members of the Party;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in 18(9)(a)(viii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- “(viii) Elected serving Presiding and Principal Officers of States Houses of Assembly who are Members of the Party” (*Senator Abba Kyari — Borno North*).

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

- (ix) Elected serving Chairmen, Secretaries, Treasurers, Women Leaders and Youth Leaders of State Executive Committees of the Party, including those of the FCT, Abuja;
- (x) Elected serving Chairmen and Secretaries of Local Government Executive Committees of the Party in the Federation;
- (xi) Elected serving Local Government Council Chairmen produced by the Party and who are still members of the Party; and

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in 18(9)(a)(xi) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- “(xi) Elected serving Local Government Council Chairmen who are Members of the Party; and” (*Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa — Abia North*).

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

Ad-hoc Delegates

- (xii) Ad-hoc National Delegates (Five [5] per Local Government Area) elected under subsection (8)(b)(iii) of this section at each Local Government Congress held by the Party in every Local Government Area in each State of the Federation and the FCT, Abuja.

Delegates to Nominate Governorship Candidate:

- (b) For the purpose of a Governorship Election in a State of the Federation, the Statutory and Ad-hoc Delegates listed hereunder shall be exclusively eligible to nominate the Governorship Candidate of a Political Party at the Party's State Governorship Indirect Primaries or Special State Congress which shall hold in the capital of that particular State for that purpose:

- (xv) Ad-hoc National Delegates (Five [5] per Local Government Area) elected under subsection (8)(b)(iii) of this section at each Local Government Congress held by the Party in every Local Government Area in the particular State.

Delegates to Nominate Senatorial Candidate:

- (c) For the purpose of a Senatorial Election to elect a Senator to represent a Senatorial District in a State of the Federation or the FCT, Abuja in the National Assembly, the Statutory and Ad-hoc Delegates listed hereunder shall be exclusively eligible to nominate the Senatorial Candidate of a Political Party at the Party's Senatorial Indirect Primaries or Senatorial Congress which shall hold in the headquarters of that Senatorial District (as shall be designated by the Commission for that purpose):

Statutory Delegates

- (i) Serving members of the Board of Trustees of the Party who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (ii) Elected serving members of the National Executive Committee who are members of the Party in that Senatorial;
- (iii) Elected serving members of the Zonal Executive Committees who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (iv) Elected serving and past Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Federation who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (v) Elected serving and past Governors and Deputy Governors of the State who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (vi) Elected serving Senators and former Members of the Senate who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (vii) Elected serving Members and former Members of the House of Representatives who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (viii) Elected serving Presiding and Principal Officers of the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (ix) Elected serving Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Women Leader and Youths Leader of the Party's State (or FCT, Abuja) Executive Committee who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (x) Elected serving Chairmen and Secretaries of Local Government Executive Committees of the Party who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;
- (xi) Elected serving Local Government Council Chairmen who are members of the Party in that Senatorial District;

- (vi) Elected serving Senators and former Members of the Senate who are registered members of the Party in that Federal Constituency;
- (vii) Elected serving Members and former Members of the House of Representatives who are registered members of the Party in that Federal Constituency;
- (viii) Elected serving Presiding and Principal Officers of the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party in that Federal Constituency;
- (ix) Elected serving Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Women Leader and Youths Leader of the Party's State (or FCT, Abuja) Executive Committee who are members of the Party in that Federal Constituency;
- (x) Elected serving Chairmen, Secretaries, Treasurers, Women Leaders and Youths Leaders of Local Government Executive Committees of the Party who are members of the Party in that Federal Constituency;
- (xi) Elected serving Local Government Council Chairmen who are members of the Party in that Federal Constituency;

Ad-hoc Delegates

- (xii) Ad-hoc Ward Delegates (Five [5] per Ward) elected under subsection (8)(a) of this section at each Ward Congress held by the Party in every Ward in Local Government Areas in that Federal Constituency;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in 18(9)(d)(xii) (Senator Abba Kyari — Borno North).

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

- (xiii) Ad-hoc Local Government Delegates (Three [3] per Ward) elected under subsection (8)(b)(i) of this section at each Local Government Congress held by the Party in every Local Government Area in that Federal Constituency;
- (xiv) Ad-hoc State Delegates (Five [5] per Local Government Area) elected under subsection (8)(b)(ii) of this section at each Local Government Congress held by the Party in every Local Government Area in that Federal Constituency; and
- (xv) Ad-hoc National Delegates (Five [5] per Local Government Area) elected under subsection (8)(b)(iii) of this section at each Local Government Congress held by the Party in every Local Government Area in that Federal Constituency.

Delegates to Nominate House of Assembly Candidate:

- (e) For the purpose of the election of a Member of a State House of Assembly to represent a State Constituency in a State of the Federation, the Statutory and Ad-hoc Delegates listed hereunder shall be exclusively eligible to nominate the House of Assembly Candidate of a Political Party at the Party's House of Assembly Indirect Primaries which shall hold in that State Constituency:

- (xvi) Ad-hoc State Delegates elected under subsection (8)(b)(ii) of this section from that State Constituency at Local Government Congress of the Party held in the Local Government Area to which that State Constituency belongs; and
- (xvii) Ad-hoc National Delegates elected under subsection (8)(b)(iii) of this section from that State Constituency at Local Government Congress of the Party held in the Local Government Area to which that State Constituency belongs.

Delegates to Nominate Local Government Area Chairmanship Candidate:

- (f) For the purpose of a Local Government Council Chairman Election, the Statutory and Ad-hoc Delegates listed hereunder shall be exclusively eligible to nominate a Local Government Council Chairmanship Candidate of a Political Party at the Party's Local Government Chairmanship Indirect Primaries which shall hold in that Local Government Area headquarters:

Statutory Delegates.

- (i) Serving members of the Board of Trustees of the Party who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (ii) Elected serving members of the National Executive Committee of the Party who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (iii) Elected serving members of the Zonal Executive Committees of the Party who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (iv) Elected serving and past Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Federation who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (v) Elected serving and past Governors and Deputy Governors of the State who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (vi) Elected serving Senators and former Members of the Senate who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (vii) Serving Members of the House of Representatives who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (viii) Serving and past members of the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (ix) Elected serving members of the State Executive Committee of the Party who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (x) Elected serving members of a Local Government Executive Committee of the Party who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;
- (xi) Elected serving members of a Ward Executive Committee of the Party who are members of the Party in that Local Government Area;

15. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:**
Report on the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 88):
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
16. **Nigerians in Diaspora (Establishment) Commission Bill, 2017 (HB. 160) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
17. **Chartered Institute of Project Managers of Nigeria (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (HB. 18) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
18. **Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB.77) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
19. **Chartered Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill, 2017 (HB. 108) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
20. **Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 28) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
21. **Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 78) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
22. **Nigerian Council for Social Work (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (HB. 161) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
23. **Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 85) - (Concurrence):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
24. **Adjournment:**
And it being 2:40 p.m the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 28th March, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).
Adjourned accordingly at 2:40 p.m.

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