



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 31st May, 2018

1. The Senate met at 11:15 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 30th May, 2018.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.

3. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgment:

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

(i) Members of Dazzle Carpentry Training Limited, Kuje, Abuja; and

(ii) Staff and Students of 1st U.B.E Primary School, Kuje, Abuja.

4. **Privileges:**

Rising on Rule 14, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the comment of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, when the Campaign Organisation, led by Comptroller-General of Customs, visited the Presidential Villa. In the comment, Mr. President, Commander of the Armed Forces of the Federation, accused the National Assembly of non-performance. He stated that the address was an assault on his person as a Senator and diminished the institution of National Assembly. He emphasised that National Assembly had made meaningful contributions in the passage of Bills that affect ordinary Nigerian and good governance. The National Assembly, he noted has always performed its duties in accordance to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He therefore, urged Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces of the Federation to apologise to National Assembly, over his comments.

Video Compact Disc (CD) of alleged Mr. President's address was laid.

5. **Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Kabir G. Marafa (*Zamfara Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to continued killings in Zamfara State. He stated that between 25th to 31st May, 2018, 85 people were killed:

— 32 people in Gidan Goga, Maradun Local Government Area;

— 7 in Bulakke village, Maru Local Government Area;

- 9 in Madaza village, Tsafe Local Government Area;
- 22 in Gaugama, Gangare, Ungwar Bature Danfilu in Yartalata District in Tsafe Local Government Area; and
- 15 in Hayin Alhaji, Yaukuzo and Yauwari District.

He urged the Security Agencies to intervene and the Senate to observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Federal Capital Territory Emergency Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB.1087) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Architects (Registration, etc.) CAP A19 LFN 2004 Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 254) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal University of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Abeokuta (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.684) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Credit Control Bill, 2018 (SB.685) — *Read the First Time.*

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

Report on the Plight of Retired Judges of State High Courts:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters in respect of a motion on the Plight of Retired Judges of State High Courts and the need to harmonize the process of paying the retirement benefits of all Judges of Superior Courts of record in Nigeria (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Ad hoc Committee on Local Content:

Report on the Investigation of Local Content Elements and Cost Variation Relating to Egina Oil Field and other related projects:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive Interim Report of the Ad hoc Committee on Local Content in respect of a motion on the Legislative Investigation of Local Content Elements and Cost Variation Relating to Egina Oil Field and other related projects (*Senator Solomon O. Adeola — Lagos West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

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

Report on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Act No.6 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.231 & 234)(HB.165,174,220,429,468,484,809 & 966):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Senator Suleiman M. Nazif — Bauchi North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Executive Communication:

Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of Attahiru Garba Madami (Niger State) as a replacement for Resident Electoral Commissioner representing Niger State; and Barr. Festus Okoye (South-East Geo-Political Zone) for appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to report within one (1) week.

11. Motions:

(a) *Referral of Climate Change Bill, 2018 and Petroleum Industry and Governance Bill, 2018:*

Motion made: That the Senate do recall that the Climate Change Bill, 2018 and Petroleum Industry and Governance Bill, 2018 were passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Clerk, National Assembly for onward transmission to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for Assent on 5th & 10th April, 2018 respectively; and

notes that after critical examination of the Bills, the Directorate of Legal Services of the National Assembly observed some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action; and relying on order 1(b) of the Senate Standing Rules,

Accordingly resolves:

That the Bills be referred to the respective Conference Committees (Conference Committee on the Climate Change and Conference Committee on the Petroleum Industry and Governance respectively) that had earlier worked on them to consider the observations raised by the Directorate of Legal Services and report to the Senate within one week (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Bills be referred to the respective Conference Committees (Conference Committee on the Climate Change and Conference Committee on the Petroleum Industry and Governance respectively) that had earlier worked on them to consider the observations raised by the Directorate of Legal Services and report to the Senate within one week — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Bills be referred to the respective Conference Committees (Conference Committee on the Climate Change and Conference Committee on the Petroleum Industry and Governance respectively) that had earlier worked on them to consider the observations raised by the Directorate of Legal Services and report to the Senate within one week (S/Res/267/03/18).

- (b) ***Need to provide and distribute relief packages to victims of Flood/Rainstorm in Modibi, Sabon Gari Wayo, Shinkafir, Kukar Geza and Ambasada in Kastina Local Government Area of Kastina State:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes that on the 17th May, 2018, there was a heavy rainfall and flooding in Modibo, Sabon Garin Wayo, Shinkafir, Kukar Geza, and Ambasada in Kastina Local Government Area, Kastina State;

further notes that over 1,000 people lost their houses, properties and farmlands in the flood; and many animals and fifteen (15) persons were reported dead from the natural disaster;

aware that it has been the practice of the Federal Government of Nigeria to provide relief and succour to victims of disasters such as these, hence the establishment of the National Emergency Management Agency to provide and coordinate the distribution of relief materials to affected communities;

worried that the victims are currently living in deplorable conditions having been dislocated and dispersed into neighboring villages as a greater number of them especially victims of farmlands destruction are stranded without the means to operate in the impending farming season; and

regrets that if expedient measures are not taken, these victims whose means of livelihood have been stripped away may continue to be rendered homeless and hungry with intended threats to their health and survival in the years to come.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased; and
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims in the affected areas to facilitate their relocation, resettlement and continuous survival (*Senator Umaru I. Kurfi — Katsina Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims in the affected areas to facilitate their relocation, resettlement and continuous survival — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased; and
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims in the affected areas to facilitate their relocation, resettlement and continuous survival (*S/Res/268/03/18*).

One minute accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

- (c) ***Destruction of property in Gumel, Jigawa State: need for urgent action:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes with concern the recent calamity suffered by several communities in Gumel Local Government Area of Jigawa State as a result of a highly destructive rainstorm resulting in the loss of property;

alarmed that on Sunday, 27th May, 2018, about fifty-six (56) houses including residences and schools were blown away by the rainstorm at Gumel in Gumel Local Government Area of Jigawa State;

worried that thousands of citizens, including children and women have been rendered homeless, with students and children now out of school and are being housed in school premises and public buildings because of the mishap; and

concerned that despite the resultant humanitarian crisis caused by this natural disaster, no agency of Federal Government, including NEMA has come to the aid of the victims either by providing them with relief materials or by helping them rebuild the structures that were destroyed by the rainstorm.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately intervene through provision of relief materials to the victims of the natural disaster and to help in the rebuilding of their homes, worship places and schools; and
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Meteorological Agency and other relevant Government Agencies to be more proactive in predicting and giving early warning signals of natural disasters so that people can be warned and precautionary measures taken to minimize the disastrous effects of such natural disasters (*Senator Abdullahi A. Gumel — Jigawa North West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately intervene through provision of relief materials to the victims of the natural disaster and to help in the rebuilding of their homes, worship places and schools — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Meteorological Agency and other relevant Government Agencies to be more proactive in predicting and giving early warning signals of natural disasters so that people can be warned and precautionary measures taken to minimize the disastrous effects of such natural disasters — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately intervene through provision of relief materials to the victims of the natural disaster and to help in the rebuilding of their homes, worship places and schools; and
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Meteorological Agency and other relevant Government Agencies to be more proactive in predicting and giving early warning signals of natural disasters so that people can be warned and precautionary measures taken to minimize the disastrous effects of such natural disasters (S/Res/269/03/18).

12. Conference Committee:

Report on the Demutualization Bill, 2018 (SB. 531):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Committee Report on the Demutualization Bill, 2018 (*Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO DEMUTUALIZE THE NIGERIAN STOCK EXCHANGE 2018 (SB.531) (HB. 983)

Senate Version	House of Representative's Version	Committee Recommendation
A Bill for an Act to Demutualize the Nigerian Stock Exchange 2018 (SB. 531)	A Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by Enabling the Conversion and Re-registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares and for Related Matters, 2018.	House Version Adopted

Report accordingly adopted.

13

Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:

Report on the screening for confirmation as Non-Executive Directors of the Board 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 screening for confirmation of the following persons as Non-Executive Directors of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria:

- (i) Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo;
- (ii) Professor Justitia Odinakachukwu Nnabuko;
- (iii) Professor Mike I. Obadan;
- (iv) Dr. Abdu Abubakar
- (v) Adeola Adetunji

(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 of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions on the screening for confirmation of Non-Executive Directors of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

**(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)
(Screening of Nominee)**

Nominees screened:

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| (i) Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii) Professor Justitia Odinakachukwu Nnabuko | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (iii) Professor Mike I. Obadan | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (iv) Adeola Adetunji | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |

Deferred Consideration of:

Dr. Abdu Abubakar

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 screening for confirmation of Non-Executive Directors of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria and approved the nominations of the following:

- (i) Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo;
- (ii) Professor Justitia Odinakachukwu Nnabuko;
- (iii) Professor Mike I. Obadan;
- (iv) Adeola Adetunji; and

Dr. Abu Abubakar nomination was referred back to the Committee for further legislative action.

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

Confirmation of Nominees:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Justitia Odinakachukwu Nnabuko for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Professor Justitia Odinakachukwu Nnabuko for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Mike I. Obadan for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Professor Mike I. Obadan for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Adeola Adetunji for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Adeola Adetunji for appointment as Non-Executive Director of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

14. Security Briefing:

Motion made: Pursuant to Rule 113, that the Senate do resolve into Committee of the Whole to receive briefing from the National Security Adviser (NSA) on the Proliferation of Dangerous Firearms, Spate of killings by Terrorists and kidnapping by Hoodlums across the country (*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 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 the National Security Adviser (NSA):**

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the National Security Adviser (NSA) to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

National Security Adviser (NSA) accordingly admitted.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)
(Closed Executive Session)

Briefing by the National Security Adviser (NSA):

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Committee of the Whole was briefed by the National Security Adviser (NSA) on the Proliferation of Dangerous Firearms, Spate of killings by Terrorists and kidnapping by Hoodlums across the country. Thereafter, he answered questions from Distinguished Senators bordering on security, insurgency, terrorism, kidnapping and other topical national security matters.

The Senate resolved that:

- (i) the National Security Adviser (NSA) should submit funding request similar to other Heads of Security Agencies that appeared earlier before the Senate; and
- (ii) relevant existing laws relating to security that requires amendment should be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

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

15. **Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geoscience, Jos Bill, 2018 (HB. 770) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. **National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 168) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **Nigerian Film Commission Bill, 2018 (HB. 584) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
18. **Extradition Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1187) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
19. **National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HBs.951,992 & 1043) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
20. **National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 425) - Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
21. **Ad hoc Committee on the Review of Current Security Infrastructure in Nigeria: Report on the Summit on National Security held on 8th & 12th February, 2018:**
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
22. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service: Report on the Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors in Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 584):**
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
23. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND: Report on the Federal University of Education, Zaria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 400):**
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
24. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND: Report on the Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 398):**
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
25. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND: Report on the Federal University of Education, Kano (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 397):**
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
26. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND: Report on the Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.399):**
Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

27. Adjournment:

And it being 3:13 the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 5th June, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:13 p.m.

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

CORRIGENDUM

The Votes and Proceedings No. 102 of Wednesday, 30th May, 2018 on page 3378 (d) was corrected as follows:

Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector:***Obligation to Petroleum Marketers:***

The Senate President announced the committal of "Obligation to Petroleum Marketers" in the Executive Communication on A Promissory Note Programme and A Bond Issuance to Settle Inherited Local Debts and Contractual Obligations, to the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector.