SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14th June, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:53 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 9th June, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgement:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Members of the Nigerian Women's Trust Fund, Gwarinpa, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Total Child International Schools, Dutse Makaranta, Abuja

4. **Personal Explanation:**
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Paulker I. Emmanuel *(Bayelsa Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to the list of the forty-seven (47) Career Ambassadorial Nominees sent by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for confirmation. He observed that the list did not reflect the principles of Federal Character as enshrined in section 14(3) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) because there was no representation from Bayelsa State. He urged the Senate to look into the matter before any action is taken on it.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to look into the matter when considering the screening of nominees.

5. **Statutory Report:**
Report on the Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

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6. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:
Report on the Food Security Bill, 2016 (SB. 71):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on the Nigeria Food Security Bill, 2016 (*Senator Abdullahi Adamu — Nasarawa West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:
Report on the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 226):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Binta M. Garba — Adamawa North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:
Report on the Federal University Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 273):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal University Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Binta M. Garba — Adamawa North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.28):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Babajide C. Omoworare — Osun East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

10. Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.29):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Babajide C. Omoworare — Osun East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

11. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.68):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Philip T. Aduda — FCT*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

12. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.113):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Rose O. Oko — Cross River North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

13. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.129):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Theodore A. Orji — Abia Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

14. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.130):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Babajide C. Omoworare — Osun East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

15. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.151):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Rose O. Oko — Cross River North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

16. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.178):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Philip T. Aduda — FCT*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

17. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.188):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abdullahi Adamu — Nasarawa West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

18. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.228):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Stella O. Oduah — Anambra North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

19. **Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.233):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

20. Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.253):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Olusola Adeyeye — Osun Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

21. Alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB.271):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Joseph G. Dada — Ogun West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Adhoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution to report within four (4) weeks.

22. Committee on Public Procurement:
Report on the Procurement Act, 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 232):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. Joint Committee on Special Duties; and Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the North East Development Commission Bill, 2016 (SB. 33 and SB. 163):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Special Duties; and Establishment and Public Services on the North East Development Commission Bill, 2016 (*Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako — Adamawa Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Consideration of Report deferred for further Legislative action.

24. Ad hoc Committee to harmonise the North East Development Commission Bill, 2016:
The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the Ad hoc Committee to harmonise the North East Development Commission Bill, 2016:

(*i*)	Senator Samuel O. Egwu	—	Chairman
(*ii*)	Senator Paulker I. Emmanuel	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Abdul'Azeez M. Nyako	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Donald O. Alasoadura	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Dino Melaye	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko	—	Member

Terms of Reference:

(*i*) determine the location of the headquarters of the North East Development Commission and make recommendations to the Senate;

(*ii*) re-examine the financial provisions, funding for the Commission and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate; and

(*iii*) report back to the Senate within one week.

25. Motions:

(a) The demise of Stephen Okechukwu Keshi:

Motion made: That the Senate notes with grief the demise of Stephen Okechukwu Chinedu Keshi (CON) in the early hours of Wednesday, 8th June, 2016 as a result of cardiac arrest;

notes that Stephen Okechukwu Keshi was born on the 23rd January, 1962 to the family of Ogbuenyi Fredrick Keshi of Illah in Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State and had his education at St. Finbarr's College, Akoka, Lagos, and several other coaching courses;

notes also that Stephen Keshi represented Nigeria from 1982 to 1994, often as the captain of the Super Eagles and scoring vital goals from his position as a central defender. It is on record that he was the longest serving National Team Captain. He started his football career at a very young age at African Continental Bank (ACB) Football Club and later played for New Nigeria Bank, Stade d' Abidjan, Africa Sports, Lokeren, Anderlecht, RC Strasbourg, and a host of other clubs;

aware that Keshi who was nicknamed the "Big Boss" for his leadership skills, opened the doors for other Nigerian footballers to ply their trade abroad in the 80s, after joining the Super Eagles at just 20 years in 1982 and was a regular face till 1994, when he bowed out after Nigeria's first ever World Cup appearance in the United States;

aware also that between 2004 and 2006 Keshi coached the Togo national football team, surprisingly bringing them to their first World Cup tournament, Germany 2006;

recalls that Keshi became coach of the Nigerian National Team in 2011. He led Nigeria to qualify for the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations, which they won by defeating Burkina Faso 1-0 in the final, thereby becoming the only Nigerian coach to have won the Africa Cup of Nations, and also becoming the second person to win the trophy both as a player and a coach;

recalls also that Keshi led Nigeria to the 2013 Confederations Cup, and that same year he secured Nigeria's qualification to the 2014 World Cup by beating Ethiopia 4-1 on aggregate in a play-off and Nigeria progressed to the knockout stage of 2014 World Cup through Keshi's efforts;

observes that Stephen Keshi set a record in African football by being the first African coach to successfully qualify two African nations (Nigeria and Togo) to the World Cup Finals; and

convinced that the late Ex-Super Eagles Coach was a patriotic selfless and a detribalized Nigerian whose entire life was dedicated to the service of his country and humanity, he was fair and just, simple and great, incredible but true, gentle but powerful, Keshi's life was that of unfaulted honesty, enviable courage and sincerity.

(iii) urge the Federal Government to immortalize him (*Senator Senate of Ogun Ebonyi Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in his honour — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do send a letter of condolence to his family, the Government and people of Delta State.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the Proposed Resolution (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with the family, people and Government of Delta State" (*Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi — Delta North)*.

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

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to immortalize him — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:
That the Senate do:
(*i*) observe one minute silence in his honour;

(*ii*) send a delegation to condole with the family, people and Government of Delta State; and

(*iii*) urge the Federal Government to immortalize him ***(S/Res/001/02/16)***.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

(b) The demise of Amodu Shaibu:
Motion made: That the Senate notes with grief the sudden demise of Nigerian Football Federation Technical Director, Shaibu Amodu whose sudden demise occurred on the early hours of Saturday, 11th June, 2016 barley three days after the death of Stephen Okechukwu Keshi. He was born on 18th April, 1958 in Edo State;

notes also that Amodu Shaibu, four-time coach of the Super Eagles was a striker in his playing days, and played for Dumez and Niger Tornadoes but his playing career was short-lived as a result of injuries;

aware that Amodu Shaibu has managed a number of club sides in the past both in Nigeria and overseas. They include: Shooting Stars football club of Ibadan; BCC Lions of Gboko; El-Kanemi Warriors of Maiduguri; Sharks F.C of Port-Harcourt and Orlando Pirates of South Africa;

aware also that he has coached the Super Eagles more times than any other coach, having led the national team five times. His first appointment as Super Eagles Coach was in 2001 while the last was in October 2014, after the sack of Stephen Keshi;

aware also that as Super Eagles Coach, he led the National Team to secure World Cup qualification twice, the 2002 World Cup in South Korea and Japan; and 2010 World Cup in South Africa, but was not given the opportunity to lead the Team to the tournament on both occasions;

saddened that the death of Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) Technical Director and former Super Eagles coach, Shaibu Amodu, came at a time when his technical expertise is required to boost the National Team chances towards qualification for 2018 World Cup, which qualifying matches are about to kick start;

saddened also that the death of Shaibu Amodu brings to two the demise of locally renowned coaches of Super Eagles in such a short span. This is surely tragic news for the Nigerian people and football enthusiasts. Social media is now grieving for his death, with tweets pouring in from all over the globe with all the prayers and respect for what he had done over the years;

convinced that he would always be remembered for guiding Benue Cement Company (BCC) Lions of Gboko to win the 1990 African Cup Winners Cup, which is now known as CAF Confederation Cup, and also for guiding the Nigerian Super Eagles to the 2002 FIFA World Cup finals after it looked impossible to qualify ahead of the poor start to the qualifying phase in Africa; and

further convinced that the Late Ex-Super Eagles Coach was a patriotic, selfless and a kind hearted Nigerian whose love for the country was exemplary.

Accordingly Resolves to:

(*i*) observe one minute silence in his honour;

(*ii*) send a condolence message to his family, the Government and people of Edo State; and

(*iii*) urge the Federal Government to immortalize him (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

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

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a condolence message to his family, the Government and people of Edo State.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Proposed Resolution (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with the family, people and Government of Edo State" (*Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa — Abia North).*

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