SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 19th July, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:54 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**
Closed Session — 10:57 a.m.

Open Session — 11:51 a.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues relating to the smooth workings of the Senate and the National Assembly in general.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 14th July, 2016.

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:

Submission of Budgets of Agencies and Corporations under the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

30 June 2016

Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

SUBMISSION OF BUDGETS OF AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS UNDER THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT, 2007.

Further to the provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 which provides that the budget of the Agencies listed in the Act be collated and forwarded to the National Assembly for consideration, I forward herewith the 2016 budget proposals of the under listed Agencies for your consideration and passage, namely;

1. *Bureau of Public Enterprises*
2. *National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure*
3. *Nigerian Airspace Management Agency*
4. *Nigerian Shippers Council*
5. *National Maritime Authority*
6. *Raw Material Research and Development Council*
7. *National Sugar Development Council*
8. *Nigerian Postal Service*
9. *Nigerian Ports Authority*
10. *Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria*
11. *Securities and Exchange Commission*
12. *Nigeria Tourism Development Corporation*
13. *National Communications Commission*
14. *National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control*
15. *Nigerian Customs Service*
16. *National Broadcasting Commission*
17. *National Insurance Commission*
18. *News Agency of Nigeria*
19. *Nigerian Copyright Commission*
20. *Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation*
21. *Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation*
22. *Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority*
23. *Federal Inland Revenue Service*
24. *Nigeria Immigration Service*
25. *Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission*
26. *Central Bank of Nigeria*
27. *Radio Nigeria*
28. *Federal Housing Authority*
29. *Nigerian Television Authority*
30. *National Automotive Design and Development Council*
31. *Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority*
32. *National Business and Technical Examinations Board*
33. *Federal Mortgage Bank*
34. *National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency*
35. *Industrial Training Fund*
36. *Corporate Affairs Commission*
37. *Standards Organisation of Nigeria*
38. *Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority*

Please note that in line with the provision of the Act, budget of the Agencies and Corporations which have been privatised or otherwise ceased to exist are not included herein.

May I please pray the Senate to expeditiously consider and approve the budgets of these Agencies and Corporations to enable them effectively execute their mandates.

Please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest esteem.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

5. Announcements:

(a) Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji (*Ebonyi South*) as follows:

Senator Sonni O. Ogbuoji, Ife Edda
EBONYI SOUTH SENATORIAL ZONE
Vice Chairman Committee on Appropriation
Vice Chairman Committee on Special Duties

19th July, 2016
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His Excellency,
Senator (Dr.) Abubakar B. Saraki,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Abuja

My Oga,

LETTER OF INVITATION

This is to invite all Distinguished Senators to the special programme - Praise Extravaganza/8th Anniversary of Christian Legislators/Fellowship holding as follows:

Date: *20th July, 2016 (Tomorrow)*

Time: *7:00 am*

Venue: *Conference Room 0.22, Senate Building*

Pastor Gbile Akanni will be speaking while Frank Edwards a gospel artiste will be ministering in songs. It promises to be very refreshing, please, dear distinguished colleagues endeavour to be there.

Thanks and God bless.

(Signed)
Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji
Co-ordinator

(b) Acknowledgement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Model School, Kubwa, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

6. Petitions:

(*i*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa *(Abia North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mrs Winifred Ahia (Wife of Mr. Sam Ahia), over the hijack of intellectual property by Nigerian Postal Services (NIPOST). He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

(*ii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Gbolahan J. Dada *(Ogun West)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Yusuf Olajumoke, over attack of innocent people at Totowu and Ejila-Awori, Otta, Ogun State by the Ijaw People. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the abuse of Extant Laws and misappropriation of funds by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

8. Committee on Health:
Report on the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome processed Food (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 55):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Food (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Olanrewaju A. Tejuoso — Ogun Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Committee on Foreign Affairs:
Report on the Alleged irregularities and lopsidedness of the list of Ambassadorial Nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the alleged irregularities and lopsidedness of the list of 47 career Ambassadorial Nominees (*Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu — Oyo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Briefing:
Briefing by the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria regarding Monetary Policies of the Central Bank of Nigeria:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive briefing by the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria regarding Monetary Policies of the Central Bank of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

(*i*) ***Admission of Senior Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Ita S. J. Enang and Hon. Kawu Sumaila:***
Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senior Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Ita S. J. Enang and Hon. Kawu Sumaila to the floor of Senate *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Senior Special Assistants to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Ita S. J. Enang and Hon. Kawu Sumaila accordingly admitted.

(ii) ***Admission of the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria and his team:***
Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria and his team to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria and his team accordingly admitted.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Closed Session to receive briefing by the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria regarding Monetary Policies of the Central Bank of Nigeria (*Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — 12:15 pm

Briefing by the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria regarding Monetary Policies of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

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.

Open Session — 2:37 pm

Chairman to report progress.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Closed Session was briefed by the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria regarding Monetary Policies of the Central Bank of Nigeria, the new foreign exchange management policy determined by demand and supply mechanism, and the need to grow the economy by focusing on diversification of the economy.

Thereafter, he answered questions from Distinguished Senators on the monetary, financial and economic recovery issues, and other topical national economic matters.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Closed Session — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

11. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**
Report on the FCT Appropriation Bill, 2016 (SB. 312):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Environment:**
Report on the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (SB. 14):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Committee on Land Transport:**
Report on the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.01):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Adjournment:**
And it being 2:42 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 20th July, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:42 *p.m.*

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