SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 3rd May, 2016

1. The Senate met at 11:03 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 28th April, 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 Federation of Ekiti State Students' Union, University of Abuja Chapter, Gwagwalada, Abuja;

(*ii*) Members of Law Students' Society, Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State; and

(*iii*) Staff and Pupils of Babylove Nursery and Primary School, Federal Housing Authority, Lugbe, Abuja.

4. **Petitions:**

(*i*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ben Murray-Bruce (*Bayelsa East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Inieniam B. Agiri, over his wrongful dismissal from the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC). 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 Sunny O. Ogbuoji (*Ebonyi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituents, Ekpueke Essa Nkporoghoro Traditional Council of Elders, over allegations of irregularities and corrupt practices against the General Manager (Research, Planning and Environment), Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority and the Nigeria Police. 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.

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5. Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Bill, 2016 (SB. 108):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Provide for measures to address climate change with a view to assisting to achieve a sustainable future for the country, to set targets to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions within Nigeria to promote the use of renewable sources of energy, to promote business and community understanding about issues surrounding climate change, to facilitate the early development of policies and programmes to address climate change; and for other purposes be read the Second Time (*Senator Isa H. Misau — Bauchi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Ecology and Climate Change; and Environment to report within four (4) weeks.

6. Food Security Bill, 2016 (SB.71):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to make provisions from Freedom from Hunger and the Right to adequate food of acceptance quality; the right of every child to Basic Nutrition and for connected purposes, 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 Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to report within four (4) weeks.

7. National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.227):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Motions:

(a) Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(b) Need for the establishment of Inland Ports at Onitsha, Enugu and other Landlock States:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(c) Fire Incident involving victims of insurgency from Nigeria in Gagamari Refugee Camp, Diffa State, Niger Republic:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(d) The demise of six (6) prominent medical doctors and their driver from Ekiti State in a ghastly motor accident along Abuja - Kaduna Expressway:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 4th May, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:56 *p.m.*

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