



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13th March, 2019

1. The Senate met at 11:20 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 12th March, 2019.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Oaths:**
Senator-Elect, Isaac Mohammed Alfa (*Kogi East*) took and subscribed to Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as required by law.
4. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received two (2) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(a) *Presidential Decision to Decline Assent:*



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

17th January, 2019

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE
NATIONAL OIL SPILL DETECTION AND RESPONSE AGENCY
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2018**

Pursuant to Section 58(4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the Senate, my decision, on 17th January, 2019 to decline Presidential Assent to the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Amendment) Bill 2018 recently passed by the National Assembly.

2. I am declining assent to the Bill because:

- (i) The Bill, in a number of important sections undermines the powers of the Honourable Minister of Petroleum Resources and the functions and responsibilities of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources. The sections in this regard include: Section 3, Section 6(1) a-f, (2-5), Section 7(A) and 7(B), Section 8, Section 9 and Section 11.
- (ii) The Bill seeks to enable NOSDRA to function as technical regulator in the issuance of guidelines and standards for the Oil and Gas Industry which is a responsibility already embedded in the Ministry of Petroleum Resources under the Petroleum Act.
- (iii) Section 8 of the Bill imposes a new charge on the industry of 0.5% of operations funds of oil companies for the enforcement of the environmental legislations in the petroleum sector. This imposition is an additional burden to the industry particularly given that it is unclear what "operations funds" means for the purpose of applying the provision of the Bill.

3. Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(b) Confirmation of Appointment:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

25th January, 2019

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE REVENUE MOBILIZATION, ALLOCATION AND
FISCAL COMMISSION**

In accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), I write to forward to the Senate for confirmation, the underlisted names of thirty (30) nominees as Chairman and Commissioners of the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission. Their Curriculum Vitae are attached herewith.

S/N	State	Name	Position
1.	Ebonyi	Engr. Elias Mbam	Chairman
2.	Abia	Chris Alozie Akomas	Commissioner
3.	Akwa Ibom	Ayang Sunday Okon	Commissioner

4.	Anambra	Chima Philip Okafor	Commissioner
5.	Bauchi	Prof. Isa B. Mohammed	Commissioner
6.	Benue	Samuel Adaa Maagbe	Commissioner
7.	Cross River	Ntufam Eyo Nsa Whiley	Commissioner
8.	Delta	Mr. Andrew Ogheneovo Agbaga	Commissioner
9.	Ebonyi	Barr. Patrick Nworu Mgbebu	Commissioner
10.	Edo	Mr. Victor Eboigbe	Commissioner
11.	Ekiti	Amujo Philip Ajayi	Commissioner
12.	Enugu	Mrs. Maria Chinyere Aniobi	Commissioner
13.	FCT	Hon. Musa Tanko Abari	Commissioner
14.	Gombe	Mohammed Kabeer Usman	Commissioner
15.	Jigawa	Alhaji Ahmed Mahmoud Gumel	Commissioner
16.	Katsina	Alh. Kabir Muhammad Mashi	Commissioner
17.	Kano	Barr. Umar Farouk Abdullahi	Commissioner
18.	Kebbi.	Rilwan Hussein Abarshi	Commissioner
19.	Kogi	Hon. Suleiman Kokori Abdul	Commissioner
20.	Kwara	Abdullahi Shuaibu Yaman	Commissioner
21.	Lagos	Dr. Wright Olusegun Adekunle	Commissioner
22.	Nassarawa	Aliyu A. Abdulkadir	Commissioner
23.	Niger	Alhaji Ibrahim Bako Bagudu Shettima	Commissioner
24.	Ogun	Mr. Fari Adebayo	Commissioner
25.	Ondo	Mr. Tokunbo Ajasin	Commissioner
26.	Oyo	Kolade Daniel Abimbola	Commissioner
27.	Plateau	Mr. Alexander Shaiyen	Commissioner
28.	Rivers	Wenah, Asondu Temple	Commissioner
29.	Yobe	Alhaji Modu Aji Juluri	Commissioner
30.	Zamfara	Abubakar Sadiq A. Gusau	Commissioner

It is my hope that the Distinguished Senate will consider and confirm the nominees in the usual expeditious manner.

Please accept Distinguished Senate, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

5. Announcement:

Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Staff and Students of Lodester International Academy, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Peacechild International Schools, Bwari, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of Bethel Livingstone Academy, Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

6. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Bassey A. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) drew the attention of the Senate to his petition which he alleged the invasion of Akwa Ibom State by political thugs and supporters of All Progressives Congress (APC) with the aim of disrupting and killing of Akwa Ibom people during the Saturday, 23rd March, 2019 elections, and against 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.

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Philip A. Aduda (*FCT*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Jibrin Mamman and others, against the Nigerian Army, over compulsory acquisition of Abuja Indigenes land. 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 general elections of 23rd February, 2019 and 9th March, 2019 which he alleged was characterised with militarisation and abuse of electoral processes. 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. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Environmental Impact Assessment Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 723) — *Read the First Time.*

- (ii) Nigerian Food Safety Bill, 2019 (SB. 724) — *Read the First Time.*

9. Executive Communication:

2019- 2021 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the 2019-2021 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Finance to report on Wednesday, 20th March, 2019.

10. 2019 Appropriation Bill, 2019:

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦8,826,636,578,915 (Eight Trillion, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Six Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only, of which ₦492,360,342,965 (Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦2,264,014,113,092 (Two Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Four Billion, Fourteen Million, One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦4,038,557,664,767 (Four Trillion, Thirty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,031,754,458,902 (Two Trillion, Thirty-One Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Four Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Two Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2019 be read the Second Time (*1st Allotted day*) (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Ike Ekweremadu
- (ii) Senator Abdullahi A. Gumel
- (iii) Senator Barau I. Jibrin
- (iv) Senator Andrew I. Uchendu

- (v) Senator Mohammed A. Ndume
- (vi) Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah
- (vii) Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa
- (viii) Senator Bassey A. Akpan
- (ix) Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade
- (x) Senator Muhammad A. Aliero
- (xi) Senator Dino Melaye
- (xii) Senator Shehu Sani
- (xiii) Senator Fatimat O. Raji-Rasaki

11. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:

Report on the National Fertilizer Quality Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 338):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:

Report on the Federal University of Aquatic Studies, Ogbaru, Anambra State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB. 670):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:

Report on the School of Mines and Geological Studies, Guyuk, Adamawa State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB. 706):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 19th March, 2019 at 10:00 a.m (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:43 p.m.

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

