SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 1st June, 2016

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

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 31st May, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) ***Demise of Mr. Musa Dgyabea:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) as follows:

Senator Emmanuel Bwacha, CON.
Taraba South Senatorial District
SENATE DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

1st June, 2016

The President of the Senate,
Distinguished Colleagues,

DEMISE OF MY FATHER IN-LAW LATE MR. MUSA DGYABEA

This is to inform my distinguished colleagues of the call to eternity, of my father in-law late Mr. Musa Dgyabea.

This sad event took place on May 30th 2016. He was aged 70. Burial rites takes place on Monday, 6th June, 2016, in his family house at Didan, Kurmi L.G.A of Taraba State.

If the Lord grant you grace to attend, we will be honored, otherwise pray with us.
Shalom.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha, CON

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(b) ***Acknowledgement:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Glory and Praise School, Kuje, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Golden Olive School, Asokoro, Abuja; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of the Dayspring Creche School, Kubwa, Abuja.

4. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Mohammed A. Ndume *(Borno South)* drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Senator Abubakar Omar Hambagda who died on 29th May, 2016. He was in the 5th and 6th Senate representing Borno South Senatorial District from 2003 - 2011. While in the Senate, he served as the Deputy Chairman, Committee on Environment, from 2003 - 2007 and Chairman, Committee on Ethics and Privileges, from 2007 - 2011, as well as Membership of several other Committees. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence in his honour and also send a delegation to commiserate with the family, people and Government of Borno State.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

5. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Joseph O. Ogba *(Ebonyi Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Senator (Dr.) Mathins Offia Nwali, OON, who died on 22nd May, 2016 in Ezza South Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. He was a Second Republic Senator representing Abakaliki Senatorial District. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence in his honour and also send a delegation to commiserate with the family, people and Government of Ebonyi State.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Committee on Land Transport:
Report on the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB.01):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Land Transport on the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act 1955 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Public Procurement:
Report on the Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 232 and SB. 238):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Joshua C. Dariye — Plateau Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Executive Communication:
2016 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the 2016 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Niger Delta to report within two (2) weeks.

9. Executive Communication:
2016 Budget Proposal for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the 2016 Budget Proposal for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to report within two (2) weeks.

10. National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.227):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the National Lottery Act 2005 to make provisions for effective operation of Lottery in Nigeria and for other related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Dino Melaye — Kogi West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Sports and Youths Development to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. National Research and Innovation Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 239):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council and matters related thereto, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Debate:

Consideration of Bill deferred for further Legislative Action.

12. Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.245):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board Act and for other matters connected therewith, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

13. Postgraduate Physiotherapy College of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 204):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish Postgraduate Physiotherapy College of Nigeria to be charged with the responsibility of promoting professional physiotherapy education, providing specialists in physiotherapy with critical thinking and creative problem solving skills, and prepare knowledge, skilled, culturally competent, compassionate and reflective physiotherapy practitioners in the study and practice of physiotherapy in Nigeria and for related matters, 2016 be read the Second Time (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Debate:

Consideration of Bill deferred for further Legislative Action.

14. Motions:

(a) Urgent Remediation of Lead Poisoning in Shikira Community of Niger State:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(b) Implementation of Compulsory Insurance in Nigeria as provided in the "Insurance Act and Regulation, 2003":

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 2nd June, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:32 *p.m.*

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