



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 29th March, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:47 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 28th March, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **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:

Confirmation of Ministerial Nominees:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

29th March, 2017

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEES

In accordance with Section 147(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, I have the honour to forward the under-listed ministerial nominees for Confirmation by the Senate.

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>State</i>
1.	<i>Stephen Ikani Ocheni (Prof)</i>	<i>Kogi</i>
2.	<i>Suleiman Zarma Hassan</i>	<i>Gombe</i>

Copies of their Curriculum Vitae are attached herewith.

It is my hope that this exercise will receive the usual kind expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcements:

(a) Wedding Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Abu Ibrahim (*Katsina South*) and Senator Mustapha Bukar (*Katsina North*) as follows:



**SENATOR ABU IBRAHIM
AND
SENATOR MUSTAPHA BUKAR**

21st March, 2017

*The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

WEDDING NOTIFICATION

AISHA MUSTAPHA BUKAR & IBRAHIM ABU IBRAHIM

It's our pleasure to inform your Excellency and our Distinguished Colleagues that our Children Aisha Mustapha Bukar & Ibrahim Abu Ibrahim will be getting married Friday, 28th April, 2017 at the Emir's Palace Daura by 11:00 am. There will be a reception in their honour at the Palace and Daura Motel by 12:00 noon.

As a mark of our Special Relationship, we shall be honoured with your presence and our Distinguished Colleagues to share with us in the joy of the occasion. However, in an event you are unable to attend, please remember the new couple in your prayers for a blessed, fruitful and peaceful marriage.

On behalf of our families, we thank you very much in anticipation of the honour and accept the assurances of our high esteem.

(Signed)

Sen. Abu Ibrahim

Katsina South, Senatorial District

(Signed)

Sen. Mustapha Bukar

Katsina North, Senatorial District

(b) **Acknowledgment:**

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

- (i) Staff and Students of Peniel Children Academy, Kubwa, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Destiny Kiddies International Academy, Dakwa, Abuja.

5. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to three petitions from his constituents:
 - (a) Mr. Ogamba U. Noel and his wife Dr. Mrs. Ogamba N. Ngozi, against the Nigeria Customs over seizure of their vehicle, Lexus RS 330;
 - (b) Mr. Chidi Nwoha, over wrongful dismissal by the Nigeria Police; and
 - (c) Prof. E. U. L. Imaga, against the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, over wrongful dismissal.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions 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 Benjamin C. Uwajumogu (*Imo North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Ordinary Dr. Ahmad Isah, Brekete Family, on behalf of Mr. Desmond Nunugwo, who died in the custody of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). 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.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Barau I. Jibrin (*Kano North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Daily Trust Publication of Wednesday, 29th March, 2017 on page 5 in which it detracted and apologised its Tuesday, 28th March, 2017 publication on the alleged impounding of thirteen (13) smuggled Hilux vans and a Land Cruiser Jeep in his house in Kano. He informed the Senate that though the story has not been carried on the front page, he accepts their sense of humility and apology.

The Senate accordingly accepted the apology.

7. Privileges:

Rising on Rules 15, 16 and 18 Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Kebbi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Punch Newspaper Publication of Wednesday, 29th March, 2017 on page 8, which reported Professor Sagay's aspersion on the Distinguished Senators of the 8th Senate by calling them "people of questionable characters" for performing their constitutional responsibilities. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Newspaper Publication laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

8. Report of Parliamentary visit of the President of the Senate:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Parliamentary visit of the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki to Berlin, Germany from 8th - 10th March, 2017 (*Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe — Abia South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That Senate should consolidate on the Parliamentary visit, and invite the President of the German Bundesrat to reciprocate the visit — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That Senate should urge the Federal Government to lend support to Senate's passionate push to elicit commitment from Germany to support Nigeria with more military equipment to eliminate the dregs of Boko Haram insurgents in the North East — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That Senate do urge the Committees on Foreign Affairs; and Defence to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Defence to resolve the issue of procuring a property for Chancery to accommodate the Defence Section — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That Senate set-up a Nigeria-Germany Parliamentary friendship group — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That Senate do direct the Committee on Foreign Affairs to:

- a. engage the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs on disposing the Nigerian Chancery in Bonn which has been left vacant for over 17 years;
- b. engage the Presidency to ensure that one of the best hands, a seasoned diplomat with lots of experience be posted to serve as Ambassador of Nigeria to Germany;
- c. embark on investigation on the purported mass removal of 12,000 Nigerians in Germany, and explore on behalf of helpless Nigerians in Germany the means to assess the European and German funds for skills and capacity building for foreigners in Germany; and
- d. Send an official letter of appreciation to the German authorities and the Bundesrat thanking them for their warm reception and assuring them of our willingness to work with them — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vi):

Question: That Senate should consider effective oversight over some of the key issues raised by the German authorities such as economic policy consistency, and harmonization of agencies at Port — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That Senate should consolidate on the Parliamentary visit, and invite the President of the German Bundesrat to reciprocate the visit;
- (ii) That Senate should urge the Federal Government to lend support to Senate's passionate push to elicit commitment from Germany to support Nigeria with more military equipment to eliminate the dregs of Boko Haram insurgents in the North East;
- (iii) That Senate do urge the Committees on Foreign Affairs; and Defence to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Defence to resolve the issue of procuring a property for Chancery to accommodate the Defence Section;
- (iv) That Senate set-up a Nigeria-Germany Parliamentary friendship group;

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- a. engage the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs on disposing the Nigerian Chancery in Bonn which has been left vacant for over 17 years;
 - b. engage the Presidency to ensure that one of the best hands, a seasoned diplomat with lots of experience be posted to serve as Ambassador of Nigeria to Germany;
 - c. embark on investigation on the purported mass removal of 12,000 Nigerians in Germany, and explore on behalf of helpless Nigerians in Germany the means to assess the European and German funds for skills and capacity building for foreigners in Germany; and
 - d. Send an official letter of appreciation to the German authorities and the Bundesrat thanking them for their warm reception and assuring them of our willingness to work with them.
- (vi) That Senate should consider effective oversight over some of the key issues raised by the German authorities such as economic policy consistency, and harmonization of agencies at Port (*S/Res/118/02/17*).

9. Report of Parliamentary visit of the President of the Senate:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Parliamentary visit of the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki to Rabat and Dakhla, Morocco from 16th -18th March, 2017 (*Senator Abdullahi Adamu — Nasarawa West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do congratulate the President of the Senate, His Excellency, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki for winning the Crans Montana 2017 Prix de la Fondation Award — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That relevant Senate Committees follow-up on the oversight of bilateral agreements signed between Nigeria and Morocco, particularly the trans-sahara gas pipeline project that will pass through Morocco to Europe — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That Senate set-up a Nigeria-Morocco Parliamentary Friendship Group — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That Senate do call upon African Parliamentary leadership to use legislative frameworks to ease processes of doing business amongst themselves so as to increase trade within Africa — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: For consolidation of the Parliamentary visit, the President of the Senate should invite the President of the Moroccan Parliament to reciprocate the visit — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do congratulate the President of the Senate, His Excellency, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki for winning the Crans Montana 2017 Prix de la Fondation Award;

- (ii) That relevant Senate Committees follow-up on the oversight of bilateral agreements signed between Nigeria and Morocco, particularly the trans-sahara gas pipeline project that will pass through Morocco to Europe;
- (iii) That Senate set-up a Nigeria-Morocco Parliamentary Friendship Group;
- (iv) That Senate do call upon African Parliamentary leadership to use legislative frameworks to ease processes of doing business amongst themselves so as to increase trade within Africa;
- (v) For consolidation of the Parliamentary visit, the President of the Senate should invite the President of the Moroccan Parliament to reciprocate the visit (*S/Res/119/02/17*).

10. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

- a. *Report on the Petition from Oluchukwu Ulasi, Esq. and Associate on behalf of the family of Late Arerebo Dressman against the Port-Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) for alleged brutal killing of Arerebo Dressman by Officials of the Company: Motion made:*** That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Oluchukwu Ulasi, Esq. and Associate on behalf of the family of Late Arerebo Dressman against the Port-Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) for alleged brutal killing of Arerebo Dressman by Officials of the Company (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: The terms of settlement have not only been approved, but have also been implemented to the letter by the Committee — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: The matter has been amicably resolved and both petitioner and respondent are pleased to put the matter behind them — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) The terms of settlement have not only been approved, but have also been implemented to the letter by the Committee; and
- (ii) The matter has been amicably resolved and both petitioner and respondent are pleased to put the matter behind them (*S/Res/119/02/17*).

- b. *Report on the Petition from Cpl. Maxwell Bibakedom (rtd) against the Nigerian Army over his non-inclusion in the Payroll of the Directorate of the Military Pensions Board after retirement:***

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Cpl. Maxwell Bibakedom (rtd) against the Nigerian Army over his non-inclusion in the Payroll of the Directorate of the Military Pensions Board after retirement (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate should not grant the request of Cpl. Maxwell Bibakedom (rtd) for his enlistment by the Nigerian Army/Military Pensions Board for the payment of his pension because he voluntarily retired without reaching the mandatory fifteen (15) years in service that would have qualified him for pension as it was the policy then — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate should not grant the request of Cpl. Maxwell Bibakedom (rtd) for his enlistment by the Nigerian Army/Military Pensions Board for the payment of his pension because he voluntarily retired without reaching the mandatory fifteen (15) years in service that would have qualified him for pension as it was the policy then (*S/Res/121/02/17*).

c. **Report on the Petition by Lawright Associates against the Department of Parks and Recreation, Federal Capital Territory Administration:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Lawright Associates against the Department of Parks and Recreation, Federal Capital Territory Administration (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That since the petitioner could not prove that he was the authentic owner of Plot 1585B Guzape (AO9) District which was renamed Plot 4851, and Federal Capital Territory Administration was able to establish that Plot 4851 was actually granted to L & K Investments since 2003, the Senate cannot grant the petitioner's prayers that:

- (a) The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory Administration or his representative be compelled to excise the original Park Plot No. 1585B from the newly created Plot 4851 and return the plot to the petitioner's client Messrs Ritefam Investments Limited; or
- (b) The beneficiary of the reallocated 1585B (now reworked as part of Plot 4851) be compelled to adequately compensate the petitioner's client Ritefam Investments Limited with a plot of land commensurate with the plot of land in issue — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That since the petitioner could not prove that he was the authentic owner of Plot 1585B Guzape (AO9) District which was renamed Plot 4851, and Federal Capital Territory Administration was able to establish that Plot 4851 was actually granted to L & K Investments since 2003, the Senate cannot grant the petitioner's prayers that:

- (a) The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory Administration or his representative be compelled to excise the original Park Plot No. 1585B from the newly created Plot 4851 and return the plot to the petitioner's client Messrs Ritefam Investments Limited; or
- (b) The beneficiary of the reallocated 1585B (now reworked as part of Plot 4851) be compelled to adequately compensate the petitioner's client Ritefam Investments Limited with a plot of land commensurate with the plot of land in issue (*S/Res/122/02/17*).

11. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

- a. Report on the Petition from Chinedu Obi Esq. on behalf of Tony Onuora against the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and the Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) over Tony Onuorah's Missing Container at Tin-Can Island:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Chinedu Obi Esq. on behalf of Tony Onuora against the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and the Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) over Tony Onuorah's Missing Container at Tin-Can Island (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do advise Tony Onuora, the Nigeria Customs Service and the Nigeria Ports Authority to seek resolution of the matter through the Court — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do advise Tony Onuora, the Nigeria Customs Service and the Nigeria Ports Authority to seek resolution of the matter through the Court (*S/Res/122/02/17*).

- b. Report on the Petition from Owoeye Bosede Funmilola against the West African Examination Council (WAEC) for Alleged non-issuance of her Senior School Examination Certificate:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Owoeye Bosede Funmilola against the West African Examination Council (WAEC) for alleged non-issuance of her Senior School Examination Certificate (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do appreciate the West African Examination Council for responding to its call to issue Owoeye Bosede Funmilola who had duly earned her SSCE Certificate; and the petitioner for patiently fighting a just course until a solution came by the workings of the Senate — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do appreciate the West African Examination Council for responding to its call to issue Owoeye Bosede Funmilola who had duly earned her SSCE Certificate; and the petitioner for patiently fighting a just course until a solution came by the workings of the Senate (*S/Res/124/02/17*).

- c. Report on the Petition from Usman Umar against the Nigerian Army for alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Army:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Usman Umar against the Nigerian Army for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Army (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That since it was established that TPR Usman Umar intentionally committed the offence of falsification of claims which was a breach of Section 39 of the Armed Forces Act, to which he also admitted, his dismissal by the Nigerian Army be sustained — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That since it was established that TPR Usman Umar intentionally committed the offence of falsification of claims which was a breach of Section 39 of the Armed Forces Act, to which he also admitted, his dismissal by the Nigerian Army be sustained (*S/Res/125/02/17*).

12. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

a. *Report on the Petition from Mr. Anthony Joe Ikpeme against First Bank of Nigeria Plc. for unlawful Termination of his Appointment by the Bank:*

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Mr. Anthony Joe Ikpeme against First Bank of Nigeria Plc. for unlawful termination of his appointment by the Bank (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do advise Mr. Anthony Joe Ikpeme to abide by the Bank decision which acted within its obligation to staff under Section 8 (10) of First Bank's Employee Handbook 2007, which grants both employee and employer right to terminate the employment contract either on notice or payment in lieu of notice — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do advise Mr. Anthony Joe Ikpeme to abide by the Bank decision which acted within its obligation to staff under Section 8 (10) of First Bank's Employee Handbook 2007, which grants both employee and employer right to terminate the employment contract either on notice or payment in lieu of notice (*S/Res/126/02/17*).

b. *Report on the Petition from Association of Federal Government Doctorate Degree Students in Russia against the Federal Ministry of Education/Federal Scholarship Board for delay and non-payment of their Stipends:*

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Association of Federal Government Doctorate Degree Students in Russia against the Federal Ministry of Education/Federal Scholarship Board for delay and non-payment of their Stipends (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Ministry of Education and the Federal Scholarship Board should ensure that further budgetary proposal to cater for the upkeep of the scholarship students in Russia and other countries should be in accordance with the projected exchange rate — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Federal Ministry of Education should give priority to the scholarship students in the allocation of funds released to it for its departments and agencies to avoid exposing the students to further unbearable conditions and by extension, embarrassing the country — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to ensure that adequate budgetary provisions and timely release of funds appropriated are made to the Federal Scholarship Board for the upkeep of the Bilateral Education Agreements (BEA) scholars — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Ministry of Education and the Federal Scholarship Board should ensure that further budgetary proposal to cater for the upkeep of the scholarship students in Russia and other countries should be in accordance with the projected exchange rate;
- (ii) That the Federal Ministry of Education should give priority to the scholarship students in the allocation of funds released to it for its departments and agencies to avoid exposing the students to further unbearable conditions and by extension, embarrassing the country; and
- (iii) That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to ensure that adequate budgetary provisions and timely release of funds appropriated are made to the Federal Scholarship Board for the upkeep of the Bilateral Education Agreements (BEA) scholars (S/Res/127/02/17).

c. Report on the Petition from Mr. Ndubuisi Nwosu against First Bank of Nigeria Plc. for alleged unlawful Termination of his Appointment by the Bank:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Mr. Ndubuisi Nwosu against First Bank of Nigeria Plc. for alleged unlawful termination of his appointment by the Bank (Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: The termination of the appointment of Mr. Ndubuisi Nwosu by First Bank of Nigeria Plc be sustained since due process was followed in terminating the appointment and his terminal benefits have been paid by the Bank and duly collected and acknowledged by the petitioner — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

The termination of the appointment of Mr. Ndubuisi Nwosu by First Bank of Nigeria Plc be sustained since due process was followed in terminating the appointment and his terminal benefits have been paid by the Bank and duly collected and acknowledged by the petitioner (S/Res/128/02/17).

- d. **Report on the Petition from PC Vembe Abraham against the Nigerian Police Force (NPF) for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Service:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of PC Vembe Abraham against the Nigeria Police for alleged wrongful dismissal from the Service (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That since the dismissal of PC, Vembe Abraham was based on desertion which he evidently committed, his dismissal by the Nigeria Police should be sustained — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That since the dismissal of PC, Vembe Abraham was based on desertion which he evidently committed, his dismissal by the Nigeria Police should be sustained (*S/Res/129/02/17*).

13. **Local Government Act No.8 of 1976 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.365):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Chartered Institute of Auctioneers (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.446):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria to provide for the control of its membership and to promote the practice of Auctions in Nigeria and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Hope O. Uzodinma — Imo West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Customs and Excise and Tariff; and Establishment and Public Services to report within Four (4) weeks.

15. **Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Akure (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.399):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Akure and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2017 be read the Second Time (*Senator Donald O. Alasoadura — Ondo Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

(Deputy Senate President in Chair)

16. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a matter of privilege raised by Senator Ali Ndume on:

- a. The insinuation that the invitation of the Comptroller-General of Customs was informed by the seizure of the Bullet Proof SUV vehicle belonging to the Senate President purportedly cleared with fake National Assembly documents; and
- b. The Alleged First Degree saga of Senator Dino Melaye (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agree to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: Having been properly cleared of any wrong doing by the findings of the Committee the Senate President, Senator Abubakar Olubukola Saraki and Senator Dino Melaye are thereby formally exonerated of the allegations made against them — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do suspend Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume for bringing Senator Dino Melaye, his colleague, and the institution of the Senate to unbearable disrepute at this time of our National life when caution, patriotism, careful consideration and due diligence should be our watchwords — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: The suspension is with effect from today (29th March, 2017) to last for 181 legislative days.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Proposed Resolution (iii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“The suspension takes effect from 29th March, 2017 to last for 90 legislative days” (*Senator Matthew A. Urhohide — Edo South*).

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

Resolved:

- (i) Having been properly cleared of any wrong doing by the findings of the Committee the Senate President, Senator Abubakar Olubukola Saraki and Senator Dino Melaye are thereby formally exonerated of the allegations made against them;
- (ii) That the Senate do suspend Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume for bringing Senator Dino Melaye, his colleague, and the institution of the Senate to unbearable disrepute at this time of our National life when caution, patriotism, careful consideration and due diligence should be our watchwords; and
- (iii) The suspension takes effect from 29th March, 2017 to last for 90 legislative days (*S/Res/130/02/17*).

17. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act, CAP C4 LFN, 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.64):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Federal University of Education, Zaria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.400):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Suppression of Piracy Bill, 2017 (SB.254):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
20. **Nigerian Police Act CAP P19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.413):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
21. **National Youth Service Corps Act CAP N84 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.147):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
22. **Federal Entrepreneurship Centres (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.133):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
23. **Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.396):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
24. **Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.167):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
25. **Foreign Service Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.422):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
26. **National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.153):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
27. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 30th March, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
(Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 2:00 p.m.

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

