



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7th February, 2018

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

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 10:56 a.m.

Open Session — 11:31 a.m.

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

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 6th February, 2018.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcements:**

(a) **2018 Senate Calender and Diary:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir (*Sokoto East*) as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Committee on the Senate Services
National Assembly Complex,
P.M.B. 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria

From: Chairman, Senate Service Committee
To: Distinguished Senators
Date: 5th February, 2018
Subject: 2018 Senate Calendar and Diary

You may wish to note that the Senate Services Committee has commenced preparation in earnest towards the production of the 2018 edition of the Annual Calendar and Diary.

2. *Distinguished Senators are therefore requested to submit two (2) copies each of their passport-size Photograph for this exercise.*

3. The photograph should be submitted to the Clerk of the Committee in Room SB.76 Senate Basement, White House.
4. Please, treat as urgent to ensure timely delivery of the items by the vendors.

(Signed)

Senator Ibraim A. Gobir, PhD
Chairman

(b) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim (Yobe East) as follows:



SENATOR BUKAR ABBA IBRAHIM

(YOBE EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear GLOBE Members/Partners,

I wish to invite you to our 7th General Meeting and 1st Quarter 2018 meeting on Wednesday, 7th February, 2018 by 3pm.

This meeting is unique because for the first time, our International Secretariat will be present to brief us on latest developments. GLOBE Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Rafael Jimenez-Aybar will be visiting GLOBE Nigeria, Senegal and DRC to kick-off preparatory meetings with GLOBE members and other Stakeholders on a GLOBE-UNEP-GEF Natural Capital Legislation Project (GNCLP) which was agreed at the GLOBE Summit on Natural Capital at the German Parliament in Berlin in 2014.

Mr. Rafael will be officially presenting the project concept and outlined activities to us and will also answer questions on any aspect of the proposed project.

The Meeting will hold on;

Date: Wednesday, 7th February, 2018

Venue: Senate Meeting Room 224

Time: 3pm prompt

We look forward to your favorable participation and to join in welcoming our International guest who is visiting us for the very first time. Thank you

Signed: **Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim**

GLOBE Nigeria

The Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE)

(c) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on Maritime University of Nigeria Okerenkoko (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.295):

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| (i) | Senator Barau I. Jibrin | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator Emmanuel Bwacha | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Albert B. Akpan | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Samuel O. Egwu | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Joshua C. Dariye | — | Member |

(d) Ad hoc Committees Assignments:

The Senate President announced that the underlisted *Ad hoc* Committees are to submit their Reports before the end of February, 2018:

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| (i) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee on the 2013 Audit Report of Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) | — | Sen. Barau I. Jibrin |
| (ii) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee to Investigate the Alleged Mis Use, Under Remittance/Non-Remittance and other Fraudulent Practices in Collection, Accounting, Remittance and Expenditure of Internally Generated Revenue by all Revenue Generating Agencies of Government from 2012 to 2016 | — | Sen. Solomon O. Adeola |
| (iii) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and other parts of the country | — | Sen. Kabiru I. Gaya |
| (iv) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee on State of the Humanitarian Relief Efforts in the North-East | — | Sen. David Umaru |
| (v) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee on National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) | — | Sen. Ahmad I. Lawan |
| (vi) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee on the Attempted Assassination of Sen. Dino Melaye | — | Sen. Barau I. Jibrin |
| (vii) | Delegation to Kogi State Governor on the Attempted Assassination of Sen. Dino Melaye | — | Sen. Ike Ekweremadu |
| (viii) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee on the Issue of Accommodation, Logistics, Feeding etc. Onshore and Offshore | — | Sen. Muhammed A. Aliero |
| (ix) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee to Investigate various Allegations leveled against the Nigeria Police | — | Sen. Francis A. Alimikhen |
| (x) | <i>Ad hoc</i> Committee to Investigate Various Allegations Against NNPC | — | Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko |

(e) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Staff and Students of Angelic Academy, Kubwa, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Brighter Stars Montessori Academy, Nyanya, Abuja.

5. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator James E. Manager (*Delta South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from S.W. Baidi & Co. on behalf of Ogbudugbudu Town, Warri North Local Government Area, Delta State, against the Nigerian Army, over invasion and burning of houses in Ogbudugbudu Town. 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 Andrew I. Uchendu (*Rivers East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituents, Obelle Community, Rivers State, against Shell Petroleum Development Company, over neglect of the community. 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.

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi (*Enugu North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Alex B. Elikwu, against Mr. Victor C. Muruako, Acting Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission, over breach of Public Procurement Act. 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. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Mineral and Mining Bill, 2018 (SB. 623) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal College of Education Illo, Kebbi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 620) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal Polytechnic Kanam, Plateau State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 621) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Microbiology Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 617) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):

Report on the Screening of Nominees for Confirmation of Appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the screening of the following nominees for confirmation of appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):

S/No	Names	State	Remarks
(i)	Baba Abba Yusuf	Borno	Reappointment
(ii)	Mr. Segun Agbaje	Ekiti	Reappointment
(iii)	Elder Monday Udoh Tom	Akwa-Ibom	New Appointment
(iv)	Eric Olawale	Osun	New Appointment
(v)	Dr. Uthman Abdulrahman Ajidagba	Kwara	New Appointment
(vi)	Dr. Cyril Omorogbe	Edo	New Appointment
(vii)	Yahaya Bello	Nasarawa	New Appointment
(viii)	Dr. Emmanuel Alex Hart	Rivers	New Appointment
(ix)	Mohammed Magaji Ibrahim	Gombe	New Appointment

(Senator Suleiman M. Nazif — Bauchi North).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Environment:

Report on the Investigation of Ogoniland Clean-up and Great Green Wall programme:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment on the Investigation of Ogoniland Clean-up and Great Green Wall programme (*Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu — Lagos Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. **Committee on Finance:**

Report on the Stamp Duties Act CAP S8 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 889):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Finance on the Stamp Duties Act CAP S8 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Senator John O. Enoh — Cross River Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. **Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and National Security and Intelligence:**

Report on the Resolution of the Senate on the Ad hoc Committee on Security's visit to Benue State:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and National Security and Intelligence on the Resolution of the Senate on the Ad hoc Committee on Security's visit to Benue State and the directive of the Senate to the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators (*Senator Abu Ibrahim — Katsina South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and Presented.

Debate:

By leave of the Senate, Report referred back to the Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and National Security and Intelligence for further Legislative Action.

11. **Motion:**

Influx of Refugees from the Republic of Cameroon to some Border Communities in Cross River State and its Attendant Security Fallout:

Motion made: That the Senate notes that the current agitation for the independence of Southern Cameroon has caused influx of refugees to some border communities in Cross River State and over six thousand of the refugees are currently squatting at Obanliku, Boki, Etung and Ikom Local Government Areas of the State;

further notes that as at 16th December, 2017, the United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHCR) had biometrically registered ten thousand (10,000) arrivals in remote areas of Nigeria's Cross River State and indicated that thousands more are awaiting registration;

worried about the precarious situation of women and children, which make up about 80 percent of the approximately ten thousand registered refugees and of these persons are boys and girls who fled to Nigeria unaccompanied and separated children from their parents and are therefore vulnerable;

further worried that the lack of work for women combined with the over stretched reception facilities creates a higher risk for prostitution, sexual and gender based violence;

concerned that some school buildings now serve as temporary refugee camps which are uninhabitable, and families that make use of them are deprived of private space and the right to family dignity;

further concerned that most of the refugees are ill and lack basic needs while some are expectant mothers without medical care;

aware that some of them are currently accommodated by members of these border communities with some households taking care of about twenty refugees with their facilities over stretched;

further aware that the refugees population increase on daily basis and has therefore put further pressure on demand for medical treatment, shelter, food, mattresses, beddings, towel, toiletries, drugs and other basic needs;

informed that on January 25th 2018 more than 80 Cameroonian soldiers with various weapons crossed the international boarder of the Danare-Daddi/Danare-Bodom axis and abducted five natives;

observes that this is a calculated assault/offence from the Cameroonian military on Nigeria and an outright defiance of Nigeria territorial sovereignty, not minding the consequences of crossing the International boundary to carry out intimidations and harassment on the already alarmed citizens of Danare, with warnings of further assault; and

worried that the current situation being faced by both the refugees and host border communities if not tackled urgently may result in both an outbreak of epidemic and a serious humanitarian crisis and further escalate the already troubling security situation along these boarders.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Military authorities to increase military presence and intensify border patrol within the area to prevent further acts of trespass by the Cameroon soldiers;
- (ii) urge the Minister of Foreign affairs to urgently liaise with his Cameroonian counterpart to secure the release of these innocent Nigerians;
- (iii) urge the International Community to wade into the festering crisis in Cameroon to bring a lasting solution;
- (iv) urge the Nigeria and Cameroon Governments to strengthen the capacity of Nigeria-Cameroon trans-border Security Committee aimed at addressing emerging trans-border security issues confronting the two countries;
- (v) urge the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to intensify ongoing efforts aimed at protecting the Cameroonian refugees and assist in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement; and
- (vi) urge all relevant agencies of government saddled with the responsibility of managing emergencies such as National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to intensify their remedial efforts of providing relief materials to the refugees (*Senator John O. Enoh — Cross River Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Military authorities to increase military presence and intensify border patrol within the area to prevent further acts of trespass by the Cameroon soldiers — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Minister of Foreign affairs to urgently liaise with his Cameroonian counterpart to secure the release of these innocent Nigerians — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the International Community to wade into the festering crisis in Cameroon to bring a lasting solution — *Negatived.*

Proposed Resolution(iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigeria and Cameroon Governments to strengthen the capacity of Nigeria-Cameroon trans-border Security Committee aimed at addressing emerging trans-border security issues confronting the two countries — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(v):

Question: That the Senate do urge the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to intensify ongoing efforts aimed at protecting the Cameroonian refugees and assist in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(vi):

Question: That the Senate do urge all relevant agencies of government saddled with the responsibility of managing emergencies such as National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to intensify their remedial efforts of providing relief materials to the refugees — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“That the Senate do invite the Minister of Defence to brief the Committee on Defence on the situation of the trespass by the Cameroon Soldier ” (*Senator Samuel O. Egwu — Ebonyi North*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Military authorities to increase military presence and intensify border patrol within the area to prevent further acts of trespass by the Cameroon soldiers;
- (ii) urge the Minister of Foreign affairs to urgently liaise with his Cameroonian counterpart to secure the release of these innocent Nigerians;
- (iii) urge the Nigeria and Cameroon Governments to strengthen the capacity of Nigeria-Cameroon trans-border Security Committee aimed at addressing emerging trans-border security issues confronting the two countries;
- (iv) urge the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to intensify ongoing efforts aimed at protecting the Cameroonian refugees and assist in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement;
- (v) urge all relevant agencies of government saddled with the responsibility of managing emergencies such as National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to intensify their remedial efforts of providing relief materials to the refugees; and
- (vi) invite the Minister of Defence to brief the Committee on Defence on the situation of the trespass by the Cameroon Soldier (S/Res/180/03/18).

12. Institute of Mediators and Conciliators (Establishment, etc.). Bill, 2018 (SB.512):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Institute of Mediators and Conciliators and for Other Related Matters, 2018 (*Senator Ike Ekwere-madu — Enugu West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service to report within Four (4) weeks.

13. Use of Chemical Weapon Prohibition Bill, 2018 (SB.585):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to prohibit the Use of Chemical Weapon and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Robert A. Boroffice — Ondo North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Science and Technology to report within Four (4) weeks.

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.

14. **National Commission on Child Destitution in Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.518):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Commission on Child Destitution in Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes, 2018 (*Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko — Sokoto North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service to report within Four (4) weeks.

15. **Federal Referral Hospital Bill, 2018 (SB.589):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Federal Referral Hospital in the six geo-political zones of the country and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Mohammed A. Aliero — Kebbi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Health (Secondary and Tertiary); and Primary Healthcare and Communicable Diseases to report within Four (4) weeks.

16. **Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.558):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **National War College Act CAP N82 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.551):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Borderline Community Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.235):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Borderline Community Development Commission charged with the responsibilities to among other things prepare, coordinate and execute a comprehensive programme of actions for housing development, elimination of slums, promotion of diversity through spatial decongestion and for Other Related Matters, 2018 (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to report within Four (4) weeks.

19. **Trademarks Act Cap T13 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (SB.357):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **Federal College of Education Misau, Bauchi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.604):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education Misau, Bauchi State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Isah H. Misau — Bauchi Central*).

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.

21. **Federal College of Education Omuo-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.611):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education Omuo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Biodun C. Olujimi — Ekiti 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.

22. **Federal University of Sports (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB. 393):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Sports to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and Other Related Matters, 2018 be read the Second Time (*Senator Obinna J. Ogba — Ebonyi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and negated.

23. **Engineers (Registration, etc.) Act CAP E11 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (SB.284):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Engineers (Registration, etc) Act CAP E11 LFN 2004 and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

24. Federal College of Education Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (SB.554):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2018 (*Senator Clifford A. Ordia — Edo Central*).

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.

25. Adjournment:

And it being 3:04 the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 13th February, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:04 p.m.

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