



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 8th May, 2019

1. The Senate met at 10:56 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 7th May, 2019.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **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

26th April, 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 NIGERIAN
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (REPEAL AND ENACTMENT), 2019.**

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 26th April 2019 to decline Presidential Assent to the Nigerian Tourism Development Authority (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019.

2. *I am declining assent to the Bill because:*

- (i) *The provisions of Section 14(d), Section 30(2)(d) and 32 of the Bill contradict Section 4(1)-(3) and paragraph 60(d) of the second schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as declared by the Supreme Court in Attorney-General of Lagos State v. Attorney-General of the Federation which interpreted regulation of tourist traffic to the ingress and egress from airports and declared similar provisions in the NTCA Act unconstitutional.*
 - (ii) *Section 30 of the Bill proposes to levy a tourism fee on all in-bound international travelers; a tourism departure levy on all out-bound international travelers; a tourism departure contribution levy of 1% per hotel room rate or such flat fee as may be fixed by the authority; and a corporate tourism development levy of 1% to be charged on the revenue of banks, telecommunications and other corporate entities. This would be inimical to the growth of the tourism and hospitality industry in Nigeria and would constitute additional burden on tourists and business concerns.*
3. *Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

(b) ***Presidential Decision to Decline Assent:***



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

26th April, 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 NIGERIAN INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY BILL, 2019**

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 26th April 2019 to decline Presidential Assent to the Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority Bill, 2019, recently passed by the National Assembly.

2. *I am declining assent to the Bill because:*

- (i) *The comprehensive definition of Nigerian Inland Waterways covers practically all rivers, creeks, lakes and lagoons within the country irrespective of the location of the body. The Bill contradicts provisions of the Constitution which limits the power of the National Assembly to make laws in relation to water from sources affecting more than one state of inland waterways which have been declared to be an international waterway or an inter-state waterway.*

- (ii) *The Bill as currently drafted would subject the Ministry of Water Resources, the Ministry of Environment and the Nigerian Ports Authority to the supervision of the Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority.*
- (iii) *The funding provisions of the Bill which seek to appropriate: 25% of the ports development levy annually; 15% of the ecological fund annually; 1% of the sums accruable to the Federal Government from oil and gas within declared waterways and its right of way; and 2.5% of concession fees annually paid to Federal Government by companies operating power plants within waterways, are grossly excessive and would negatively affect the revenues of the Federal Government.*

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcements:

(a) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2019:

(i)	Senator Sabo Mohammed	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Kabiru I. Gaya	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Jeremiah T. Useni	—	Member
(v)	Senator Rose O. Oko	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Andrew I. Uchendu	—	Member

(b) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Royal Touch International School, Kubwa, Abuja who were at the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Council for Regulation of Travel and Tour Management Companies of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1321) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Dieticians Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 547) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Suppression of Piracy and other Maritime Offences Bill, 2019 (HB. 1571) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Chartered Institute of Social Work Practitioners (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1258) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Communications:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Communications on the following:

- a. Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2019; and
- b. Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2019 (*Senator Gilbert E. Nnaji — Enugu East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

7. Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector:***Report on the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance for Nineteen (19) Oil Marketers Outstanding Claims:***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector on the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance for Nineteen (19) Oil Marketers Outstanding Claims (*Senator Philip T. Aduda — FCT*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Conference Committee:***Report on National Fertilizer Quality (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 338):***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee Report on the National Fertilizer Quality (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (*Senator Abdullahi Adamu — Nasarawa West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Motions:**(a) *Withholding of Assent:***

Motion made: That the Senate recalls that the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation had signified the withholding of his assent on the Nigerian Correctional Service Bill pursuant to Section 58(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended);

notes that the rationale for withholding the assent borders on the observation of Mr. President on Clauses 17(5) and 44(d) of the Bill;

aware that a Technical Committee of the Senate had worked on Mr. President Observations and redrafted the affected Clauses; and

relying on Orders 53(6) and 88(b) of the Senate Rule.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) rescind its earlier decision on Clauses 17(5) and 44(d) of the Bill; and

(ii) refer the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do rescind its earlier decision on Clauses 17(5) and 44(d) of the Bill — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do refer the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate:

(i) rescind its earlier decision on Clauses 17(5) and 44(d) of the Bill; and

(ii) refer the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage (*S/Res/084/05/19*).

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to Consider a Bill for An Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Correctional Service Bill, to Provide for the Administration of Prisons and Non-custodial Measures in Nigeria; and for Related Matters, 2019 (HBs. 487, 516 & 517) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PRISONS ACT, CAP. P29, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND ENACT THE NIGERIAN CORRECTIONAL SERVICE BILL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRISONS AND NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019.

- Clause 1:** 17(5) If the Controller-General receives an order from a court of competent jurisdiction or subpoena, that the presence of an inmate is required at any place in Nigeria he shall in writing:
- (a) order the inmate to be taken to that place, in compliance with the order after being satisfied that the order is from a court of competent jurisdiction;
 - (b) order the inmate to be taken to that place forthwith, in the case of a subpoena.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

- Clause 2:** 44 (d) 5% of all fines paid to the Federal Courts.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in (d) (*Senator Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for An Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Correctional Service Bill, to Provide for the Administration of Prisons and Non-custodial Measures in Nigeria; and for Related Matters, 2019 and approved as follows:

Clause 1 — As Recommended

Clause 2 — Deleted.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

(b) *Urgent need to increase the number of Coaches on the Abuja - Kaduna Rail Line:*

Motion made: That the Senate notes with concern the undue pressure on existing facilities at the Abuja - Kaduna Railway Line;

notes that most passengers en-route Abuja - Kaduna have turned to the railway as a safer means of transportation;

aware that the surge in the patronage of the rail services may have been attributed to its safety, comfort, convenience and perhaps affordability, which have drawn many commuters following the high risks on the Abuja - Kaduna expressway that is threatened by kidnappers, armed robbers and other kinds of criminals;

aware also that this has led to rowdiness during ticket purchase and survival of the fittest for passengers willing to buy tickets across the counters as officials deliberately hoard and sold tickets to the highest bidders;

observes that the daily schedule for Abuja - Kaduna from Monday to Sunday are 7:00am, 2:00pm and 6:00pm except for Wednesday with only two trips at 7:00am and 6:00pm;

aware that huge numbers of travelers jostle for tickets sold at ₦1,500 after queuing for about two hours to enable them stand for two hours trip;

notes that every good thing usually face its share of challenges. What the rail transit (Abuja - Kaduna) is faced with is shortage in the number of available Coaches which explains the long queues recorded at the Stations; and

worried that Nigerians willing to use this service are now meant to queue up for hours before boarding, due to the increase in demand.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to deploy more coaches to the Abuja - Kaduna Rail Line to ameliorate the plight of the passengers; and
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Railway Corporation to reduce the fare from ₦1,500 to ₦600 to make it affordable to the general public (*Senator Mohammed A. Ndume — Borno South*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to deploy more coaches to the Abuja - Kaduna Rail Line to ameliorate the plight of the passengers — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Railway Corporation to reduce the fare from ₦1,500 to ₦600 to make it affordable to the general public.

Amendment Proposed:

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

“That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Railway Corporation to carry out a study of the fare structure relative to cost, to see if the fare structure can be revived downwards” (*Senator Magnus N. Abe — Rivers South-East*).

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

Additional Proposed Resolution:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Railway Corporation to increase the frequency of rail movement on Abuja - Kaduna route” (*Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to deploy more coaches to the Abuja - Kaduna Rail Line to ameliorate the plight of the passengers;
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Railway Corporation to carry out a study of the fare structure relative to cost, to see if the fare structure can be reverse downwards; and
- (iii) urge the Nigerian Railway Corporation to increase the frequency of rail movement on Abuja - Kaduna route (*S/Res/088/05/19*).

(c) ***Committal of Proceed of Crimes Bill, 2019:***

Motion made: That the Senate recalls that the Bill was passed by the Senate awaiting harmonization by the Conference Committee;

observes that after critical examination of the Bill, some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action on clause 5(2) occasioned by the establishment of the Nigeria Financial Intelligent Unit (NFIU) which was not contemplated in the Proceed of Crimes Bill was noticed;

aware that the Nigeria Financial Intelligent Unit as an anti-corruption entity will play a fundamental role in the operation of the Proceed of Crimes recovery and management Agency established by the Proceed of Crimes Bill; and

notes that the inclusion of the Nigeria Financial Intelligent Unit in the governing Board of the Agency is critical and in accordance with global best practice.

Accordingly resolves to:

rescind its decision on Clause 5(2) of the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for re-consideration and passage (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do rescind its decision on Clause 5(2) of the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for re-consideration and passage — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:

That the Senate do rescind its decision on Clause 5(2) of the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for re-consideration and passage (*S/Res/085/05/19*).

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for an Act to Make Comprehensive Provisions for the Confiscation, Forfeiture and Management of Properties Derived from Unlawful Activities; and for Related Matters, 2019 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR THE CONFISCATION, FORFEITURE AND MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTIES DERIVED FROM UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019.

Clause 1: Governing Board of the Agency.

5. (2) The Board shall consist of the following members -

- (a) a part time Chairman;
- (b) a representative not below the rank of a Director or its equivalent from each of the following Ministries and institutions -
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Justice,
 - (ii) Federal Ministry of Finance,
 - (iii) Accountant-General of the Federation,
 - (iv) Central Bank of Nigeria,
 - (v) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,
 - (vi) Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU).
 - (vii) National Drug Law Enforcement Agency,
 - (viii) Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission,
 - (ix) Code of Conduct Bureau,
 - (x) National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons,
 - (xi) Nigeria Customs Service, and
 - (xii) Nigeria Police.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Appointment and tenure of the Director-General of the Agency.

- 6. (1) There shall be for the Agency, a Director - General who shall be appointed by the President subject to confirmation by the Senate.
- (3) The Director-General shall hold office -
 - (a) for a period of four years subject to re-appointment by the President on the recommendation of the Attorney - General for a further term of four years and no more; and
 - (b) on such other terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment provided that he shall not be removed from office by the President except with the approval of a simple majority of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Make Comprehensive Provisions for the Confiscation, Forfeiture and Management of Properties Derived from Unlawful Activities; and for Related Matters, 2019 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1 - 2 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

(d) Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) and Local Government Finances:

Motion made: That the Senate recalls that the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit was a creation of the Senate (the Senate gave 3rd reading passage on Thursday, 27 July, 2017) and indeed the 8th National Assembly as an autonomous body that is responsible for requesting, receiving, analysing and disseminating financial intelligence reports to combat terrorism, insecurity and corruption;

further recalls that President Muhammadu Buhari on July 11, 2018 signed the NFIU Bill into law - in line with the requirements of Recommendation 29 of the Financial Action Task Force Standards and Article 14 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

aware that the NFIU which is domiciled with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is saddled with the responsibilities of putting in place anti-corruption measures as a preventive strategy;

informed that the other functions of the NFIU include:

- advising the government and regulatory authorities on the prevention and combating of economic and financial crimes;
- liaising with compliance officers and ensure strong-compliance culture in financial institutions;
- providing financial intelligence reports/statistics in the investigation and prosecution of offenders under the relevant laws;
- promoting public awareness and understanding of matters relating to economic and financial crimes, money laundering and financing of terrorist activities and to trail money transactions in banks and other financial institutions;

notes that the NFIU had issued a new financial guideline on the operations of the local government accounts titled "Guidelines to Reduce Vulnerabilities Created by Cash Withdrawals from LG Funds throughout Nigeria effective 1st June, 2019";

further notes that the development and issuance of the new guidelines is prompted by threats by international financial watchdogs to sanction Nigeria because of financial abuse;

recognized and recalls that due to lack of autonomous status for the NFIU before and the alleged interferences with its operations by the EFCC, the Egmont Group had suspended Nigeria's membership of the body in February 2017. The Egmont Group is a global body of 155 financial intelligence units across the world which facilitates the exchange of financial intelligence, expertise and capability;

recognized that the Federal Government is alarmed by the continuous pillage of cash allocated to local councils across the States by state government through the State Joint Local Government Accounts and the stark reality of poor governance at the grassroots third tier of government and its attendant role in the challenges of poverty, unemployment, rural banditry, kidnapping and other social vices;

informed that the guidelines stated that joint account system in place in most states will only exist for the receipt of allocations but not disbursement; specifically the guidelines provide that the State Joint Local Government Account is only a collection account of funds to be shared to only Local Government Accounts in accordance with Section 162 (7) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and not for any other transactions or purpose;

informed that the guidelines will limit cash transactions in the accounts of local governments to a daily maximum of 500,000 naira only and subsequent withdrawals must be by approved Cheques or electronic payment channels to promote registered transactions by all the local governments;

encouraged by the new reporting requirements on suspicious transactions for terrorism prone areas and on suspects taken into custody in violent and flashpoint communities to check vices of terrorism, proliferation of small arms, kidnapping, ethnic violence, cattle rustlings etc. with the view to providing credible intelligence for law enforcement and national security;

agrees that the NFIU guidelines will reinforce the existence of Local Government as an independent Government established by the constitution at the grassroots level with sovereign and elected officials directly from the people for their protection and welfare;

recognized that the guidelines do not suggest or indicate any changes to the approval limits or threshold of elected council chairman, elected councilors, or elected Governors of the State as originally guaranteed or secured under any law, or financial regulations or extant rules; and

further agrees that the NFIU guidelines do not serve any purpose other than freeing the Financial System from being flooded with cash which criminals use to escape transparency, accountability and criminal investigation.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) and all financial institutions to support the implementation of the new guidelines with diligence and professionalism;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to urgently fund the operations of the new Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) so that they can work to earn the confidence and trust of Nigerians and its international partners;
- (iii) urge the 36 State Governments to fully support the implementation of the new Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) guidelines to promote good governance at the Local Government Areas and restore governance at the grassroots levels; and
- (iv) urge the Senate to further support constitutional amendment that will deepen democracy at the Local Government levels as envisaged in the Nigerian constitution (*Senator Abdullahi A. Sabi — Niger North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) and all financial institutions to support the implementation of the new guidelines with diligence and professionalism.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words “the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) and” (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to urgently fund the operations of the new Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) so that they can work to earn the confidence and trust of Nigerians and its international partners — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the 36 State Governments to fully support the implementation of the new Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) guidelines to promote good governance at the Local Government Areas and restore governance at the grassroots levels.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the words "State Governments" *insert* the words "and Federal Capital Territory" (*Senator Kabiru I. Gaya — Kano South*).

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

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Senate to further support constitutional amendment that will deepen democracy at the Local Government levels as envisaged in the Nigerian Constitution.

Amendment Proposed:

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

"That the Senate do urge the various State Assemblies to consider the Constitutional amendment regarding the Local Government Autonomy Bill in the States" (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge all financial institutions to support the implementation of the new guidelines with diligence and professionalism;
 - (ii) urge the Federal Government to urgently fund the operations of the new Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) so that they can work to earn the confidence and trust of Nigerians and its international partners;
 - (iii) urge the 36 State Governments and Federal Capital Territory to fully support the implementation of the new Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) guidelines to promote good governance at the Local Government Areas and restore governance at the grassroots levels; and
 - (iv) urge the various State Assemblies to consider the Constitutional amendment regarding the Local Government autonomy Bill in the States (*S/Res/086/05/19*).
- (e) ***The Existential threat to the people of Uzo-Uwani LGA of Enugu State:***
Motion made: That the Senate is saddened that at about 5pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, while on his way to Enugu from Umulokpa, Uzo-Uwani Local Government Council Headquarters within my Senatorial District, the Secretary to the Uzo-Uwani Local Government Council in Enugu State, Dr. Nnamdi Ogueche, a senior lecturer at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, was ambushed by suspected migrant herdsmen in Olo, Ezeagu Local Government Area and shot dead;

informed that Dr. Ogueche was shot in the mouth, spattering his brains on the ground and is the only victim of the attack of a vehicle containing three other persons. This heinous, dastardly, cold-blooded murder has all the signs of a pre-meditated assassination;

informed that earlier in the day, Dr. Ogueche had attended a meeting in Adaba, his native community in Uzo-Uwani LGA, between the Community leaders and herdsmen, to discuss the intolerable level of wanton destruction of farmlands and the despoliation of farm crops by cattle, which are deliberately herded into the farms by herders to destroy people's only means of livelihood;

laments that Dr. Ogueche was the Spokesperson of the Community during the meeting, the conveyor of their resolutions, and has informed the cattlemen that their destruction of the Community's ancestral lands and farm crops and the rampant raping of women, married and single, had become intolerable and, expressing the unanimous feeling and decision of the natives, asked the herders that their continued stay had become provocative as their insensitivity to the sources of the livelihood of the people was imposing famine and restiveness on the community, making it clear that the Community's only request was not compensation but a vacation of their farmlands by the herdsmen;

appalled that on reaching Olo, a town on the way from Umulokpa to Enugu, a band of men heavily armed with sophisticated weapons, who, from all eye-witness accounts and preliminary police reports, were herdsmen, opened fire on their vehicle. In the commotion and as every occupant of the vehicle alighted in panic, Dr. Ogueche was singularly held at gun point and shot in the mouth, killing him instantly. Using the muzzle of the gun to open his mouth and shooting straight into the mouth seemed to suggest a message from the killers: "let us see the mouth with which you would talk to us again";

concerned that Dr. Ogueche left behind a young widow and three little children, aged parents and other dependents. His murder has left those little ones without any strong support as they go through life, now a struggle. His dreams of a life of hard work and scholarship have vanished;

deeply worried that since the April 25, 2016 Nimbo massacre in the hands of herdsmen, Uzo-Uwani LGA has never been the same again. Uzo-Uwani LG farming Communities have long been suffering and enduring the excesses of the herdsmen, their extreme provocations, bare-faced insensitivity and incessant desire to exterminate our people. The peoples' attitude of accommodation has emboldened their adversaries against hapless farming communities and direly imperiled the existence of the people;

recognized that the mainstay of the economy of Uzo-Uwani LGA is farming and toiling on their land for agricultural produce to feed themselves. Today, that has been destroyed by a belligerent and AK47 bearing herdsmen. The people can no longer go to their farms that are far-flung from their home because cattle rearers have forcibly taken over every farmland. Every peace talk with the herdsmen is a cunning ploy to know the leaders of the farming communities to be targeted for elimination. That is the case of the slain Dr. Ogueche; and

at a loss at the seeming helplessness of the Federal Government and its vast security apparatus to the existential threats herdsmen pose to farming communities in Nigeria, particularly to the people of Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area. The people of the Local Government, and all other peace-loving persons who cultivate the fertile and vast lands of Uzo-Uwani, depend upon this land for their subsistence and livelihood, in accordance with the land ownership cultural system of the people. They do not understand why people from other lands, who have their own ancestral lands, will forcibly bring in thousands of cattle to trample upon, destroy cultivated lands, eat up crops, violate sacred places, rape their women and kill their men.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Security Agencies to as a matter of urgency, fish out the killers of Dr. Nnamdi Ogueche and bring the perpetrators to justice;
- (ii) urge the Security Agencies to tackle, as a matter of urgency, the increasingly audacious nefarious and criminal activities of some herdsmen who have forcibly taken over the farm lands of Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to ensure that cattle movement and the criminal behaviors of herdsmen are curtailed to instill a sense of safety in the hardworking people of this country; and
- (iv) urge the people of Uzo-Uwani LGA and Adaba Community to maintain the peace while more effective strategies are devised by the Federal and Enugu State Governments to deal with the heinous activities of herdsmen on their land (*Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi — Enugu North*)

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Security Agencies to as a matter of urgency, fish out the killers of Dr. Nnamdi Ogueche and bring the perpetrators to justice — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Security Agencies to tackle, as a matter of urgency, the increasingly audacious nefarious and criminal activities of some herdsmen who have forcibly taken over the farm lands of Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to ensure that cattle movement and the criminal behaviors of herdsmen are curtailed to instill a sense of safety in the hardworking people of this country — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the people of Uzo-Uwani LGA and Adaba Community to maintain the peace while more effective strategies are devised by the Federal and Enugu State Governments to deal with the heinous activities of herdsmen on their land — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Security Agencies to as a matter of urgency, fish out the killers of Dr. Nnamdi Ogueche and bring the perpetrators to justice;
- (ii) urge the Security Agencies to tackle, as a matter of urgency, the increasingly audacious nefarious and criminal activities of some herdsmen who have forcibly taken over the farm lands of Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to ensure that cattle movement and the criminal behaviors of herdsmen are curtailed to instill a sense of safety in the hardworking people of this country; and
- (iv) urge the people of Uzo-Uwani LGA and Adaba Community to maintain the peace while more effective strategies are devised by the Federal and Enugu State Governments to deal with the heinous activities of herdsmen on their land (*S/Res/087/05/19*).

(f) ***Alarming report on poor quality of services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes with concern recent reports of poor quality and high cost of services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals as reported in the Daily Trust Newspaper of Monday, May 6th, 2019;

observes that the said report detailed widespread cases of poor electricity supply, obsolete medical equipment and decayed infrastructure and other factors which have made it extremely difficult for Nigerian Teaching Hospitals to provide tertiary healthcare to patients with complex ailments such as cancer, kidney failure etc;

further observes that Teaching Hospitals by their mandate are expected to train current and future medical personnel for the country apart from offering tertiary healthcare services to patients with complex ailments;

notes that the said report as published by the Daily Trust Newspaper on Monday, May 6th, 2019 is said to be the outcome of an investigation on the quality of services in our teaching hospitals including the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH), Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital (UDUTH), University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH), Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano (AKTH), University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, etc;

aware that several stakeholders in the health sector have recently raised alarm on the declining quality of services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals amidst cases of overcrowding and lack of adequate funding and personnel necessary for optimal performance;

concerned that most Teaching Hospitals in Nigeria have been overstretched forcing patients to sleep on bare floors, plastic mats and other unhygienic conditions that put them at the risk of contracting other ailments; and

worried that patients with terminal illnesses such as cancer and kidney failure are now compelled to travel long distance to access chemotherapy and dialysis at very high cost due to the absence of the requisite medical equipment for such services within their vicinity.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Health to conduct an emergency investigative hearing on the state of healthcare services in our Teaching Hospitals and report to the Senate within one week;
- (ii) invite the Honorable Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole to brief the Senate on the current state of facilities and healthcare services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to adopt a policy on subsidizing the medical expenses of patients with terminal ailments such as cancer and kidney failure; and
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to immediately adopt short and long term measures that will holistically address the challenges confronting our Teaching Hospitals and retool them for excellent tertiary healthcare services in the country (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Health to conduct an emergency investigative hearing on the state of healthcare services in our Teaching Hospitals and report to the Senate within one week — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do invite the Honorable Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole to brief the Senate on the current state of facilities and healthcare services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to adopt a policy on subsidizing the medical expenses of patients with terminal ailments such as cancer and kidney failure — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to immediately adopt short and long term measures that will holistically address the challenges confronting our Teaching Hospitals and retool them for excellent tertiary healthcare services in the country — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Health to conduct an emergency investigative hearing on the state of healthcare services in our Teaching Hospitals and report to the Senate within one week;
- (ii) invite the Honorable Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole to brief the Senate on the current state of facilities and healthcare services in Nigerian Teaching Hospitals;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to adopt a policy on subsidizing the medical expenses of patients with terminal ailments such as cancer and kidney failure; and
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to immediately adopt short and long term measures that will holistically address the challenges confronting our Teaching Hospitals and retool them for excellent tertiary healthcare services in the country (*S/Res/089/05/19*).

10. Federal Audit Service Commission (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (SB.742):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, provide for additional powers and functions to the office; establish the Federal Audit Service Commission; repeal the Audit Act 1956, the Public Accounts Committees Act, CAP. P35 LFN 2004, and enact the Federal Audit Service Commission and for Other Related Matters Thereto, 2019 be read the Second Time (*Senator Matthew A. Urhohide — Edo South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Public Accounts Committee to report next Legislative Day.

11. Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act CAP.17, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (SB.734):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act CAP.17, LFN, 2004 and for Related Matters, 2019 be read the Second Time (*Senator Sabo Mohammed — Jigawa South-West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Trade and Investment to report next Legislative Day.

12. **Export (Prohibition) Act, CAP E22 LFN 2004 (Repeal and re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (SB.576):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the provisions of the Export (Prohibition) Act, CAP E22 LFN 2004 to allow for the exportation of certain foodstuff from Nigeria and for Other Related Matters, 2019 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abdullahi Adamu — Nasarawa West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Trade and Investment to report within One (1) week.

13. **Export (Prohibition) Act, CAP E22 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2019 (SB. 575):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the provisions of the Export (Prohibition) Act, CAP E22 LFN 2004 to allow for the Exportation of Certain Foodstuff From Nigeria and for Other Related Matters, 2019 (*Senator Sabo Mohammed — Jigawa South-West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Trade and Investment to report within One (1) week.

14. **Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA):**

Report on Confirmation and Appointments:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on FERMA on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA):

S/N	Names	Designation
(i)	Mr. Tunde Lemo	Chairman
(ii)	Engr. Nurudeen Abdurahaman Rafindadi	Managing Director
(iii)	Buba Silas Abdullahi	Member
(iv)	Babagana Mohammed Aji	Member
(v)	Engr. Shehu Usman Abdullahi	Member
(vi)	Loretta Ngozichukwu Aniagolu	Member
(vii)	Mujaidu Stanley Dako	Member
(viii)	Vincent Oladapo Kolawale	Member

(*Senator Magnus N. Abe — Rivers South-East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on FERMA on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA).

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Mr. Tunde Lemo (<i>Chairman</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(ii)	Engr. Nurudeen Abdurahaman Rafindadi (<i>Managing Director</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iii)	Buba Silas Abdullahi (<i>Member</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iv)	Babagana Mohammed Aji (<i>Member</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(v)	Engr. Shehu Usman Abdullahi (<i>Member</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vi)	Loretta Ngozichukwu Aniagolu (<i>Member</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vii)	Mujaidu Stanley Dako (<i>Member</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(viii)	Vincent Oladapo Kolawale (<i>Member</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on FERMA on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Tunde Lemo (*Chairman*) for Appointment as Chairman for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Tunde Lemo (Chairman) for Appointment as Chairman for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Nurudeen Abdurahaman Rafindadi (*Managing Director*) for Appointment as Managing Director of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Nurudeen Abdurahaman Rafindadi (Managing Director) for Appointment as Managing Director of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Buba Silas Abdullahi (*Member*) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Buba Silas Abdullahi (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Babagana Mohammed Aji (*Member*) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Babagana Mohammed Aji (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Shehu Usman Abdullahi (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Engr. Shehu Usman Abdullahi (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Loretta Ngozichukwu Aniagolu (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Loretta Ngozichukwu Aniagolu (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mujaidu Stanley Dako (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mujaidu Stanley Dako (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Vincent Oladapo Kolawale (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Vincent Oladapo Kolawale (Member) for Appointment as Member for Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) accordingly confirmed.

15. Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs:

Report on the Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs on the Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission;

S/N	Name	Designation
(i)	Engr. Elias Mbam (<i>Ebonyi</i>)	Chairman
(ii)	Chris Alozie Akomas (<i>Abia</i>)	Commissioner
(iii)	Ayang Sunday Okon (<i>Akwa Ibom</i>)	Commissioner
(iv)	Chima Philip Okafor (<i>Anambra</i>)	Commissioner
(v)	Prof. Isa B. Mohammed (<i>Bauchi</i>)	Commissioner
(vi)	Samuel Adaa Maagbe (<i>Benue</i>)	Commissioner
(vii)	Ntufam Eyo Nsa Whiley (<i>Cross River</i>)	Commissioner
(viii)	Mr. Andrew Ogheneovo Agbaga (<i>Delta</i>)	Commissioner
(ix)	Barr. Patrick Nworu Mgbebu (<i>Ebonyi</i>)	Commissioner
(x)	Mr. Victor Eboigbe (<i>Edo</i>)	Commissioner
(xi)	Amujo Philip Ajayi (<i>Ekiti</i>)	Commissioner
(xii)	Mrs. Maria Chinyere Aniobi (<i>Enugu</i>)	Commissioner
(xiii)	Hon. Musa Tanko Abari (<i>FCT</i>)	Commissioner
(xiv)	Mohammed Kabeer Usman (<i>Gombe</i>)	Commissioner
(xv)	Alhaji Ahmed Mahmoud Gumel (<i>Jigawa</i>)	Commissioner

(xvi)	Alh. Kabir Muhammad Mashi (<i>Katsina</i>)	Commissioner
(xvii)	Barr. Umar Farouk Abdullahi (<i>Kano</i>)	Commissioner
(xviii)	Rilwan Hussein Abarshi (<i>Kebbi</i>)	Commissioner
(xix)	Hon. Suleiman Kokori Abdul (<i>Kogi</i>)	Commissioner
(xx)	Abdullahi Shuaibu Yaman (<i>Kwara</i>)	Commissioner
(xxi)	Dr. Wright Olusegun Adekunle (<i>Lagos</i>)	Commissioner
(xxii)	Aliyu A. Abdulkadir (<i>Nassarawa</i>)	Commissioner
(xxiii)	Alhaji Ibrahim Bako Bagudu Shettima (<i>Niger</i>)	Commissioner
(xxiv)	Mr. Fari Adebayo (<i>Ogun</i>)	Commissioner
(xxv)	Mr. Tokunbo Ajasin (<i>Ondo</i>)	Commissioner
(xxvi)	Kolade Daniel Abimbola (<i>Oyo</i>)	Commissioner
(xxvii)	Mr. Alexander Shaiyen (<i>Plateau</i>)	Commissioner
(xxviii)	Wenah, Asundu Temple (<i>Rivers</i>)	Commissioner
(xxx)	Alhaji Modu Aji Juluri (<i>Yobe</i>)	Commissioner
(xxxi)	Abubakar Sadiq A. Gusau (<i>Zamfara</i>)	Commissioner

(Senator Yele O. Omogunwa — Ondo South).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs on the Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Engr. Elias Mbam (<i>Ebonyi</i>) (<i>Chairman</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(ii)	Chris Alozie Akomas (<i>Abia</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(iii)	Ayang Sunday Okon (<i>Akwa Ibom</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(iv)	Chima Philip Okafor (<i>Anambra</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(v)	Prof. Isa B. Mohammed (<i>Bauchi</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(vi)	Samuel Adaa Maagbe (<i>Benue</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(vii)	Ntufam Eyo Nsa Whiley (<i>Cross River</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(viii)	Mr. Andrew Ogheneovo Agbaga (<i>Delta</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(ix)	Barr. Patrick Nworu Mgbebu (<i>Ebonyi</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(x)	Mr. Victor Eboigbe (<i>Edo</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xi)	Amujo Philip Ajayi (<i>Ekiti</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xii)	Mrs. Maria Chinyere Aniobi (<i>Enugu</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xiii)	Hon. Musa Tanko Abari (<i>FCT</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xiv)	Mohammed Kabeer Usman (<i>Gombe</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xv)	Alhaji Ahmed Mahmoud Gumel (<i>Jigawa</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xvi)	Alh. Kabir Muhammad Mashi (<i>Katsina</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xvii)	Barr. Umar Farouk Abdullahi (<i>Kano</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xviii)	Rilwan Hussein Abarshi (<i>Kebbi</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xix)	Hon. Suleiman Kokori Abdul (<i>Kogi</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xx)	Abdullahi Shuaibu Yaman (<i>Kwara</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xxi)	Dr. Wright Olusegun Adekunle (<i>Lagos</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xxii)	Aliyu A. Abdulkadir (<i>Nassarawa</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xxiii)	Alhaji Ibrahim Bako Bagudu Shettima (<i>Niger</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xxiv)	Mr. Fari Adebayo (<i>Ogun</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.
(xxv)	Mr. Tokunbo Ajasin (<i>Ondo</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	Agreed to.

(xxvi) Kolade Daniel Abimbola (<i>Oyo</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(xxvii) Mr. Alexander Shaiyen (<i>Plateau</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(xxviii) Wenah, Asondu Temple (<i>Rivers</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(xxx) Alhaji Modu Aji Juluri (<i>Yobe</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(xxxi) Abubakar Sadiq A. Gusau (<i>Zamfara</i>) (<i>Commissioner</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs on the Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Elias Mbam (*Ebonyi*) (*Chairman*) for Appointment as Chairman for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Elias Mbam (Ebonyi) (Chairman) for Appointment as Chairman for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chris Alozie Akomas (*Abia*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chris Alozie Akomas (Abia) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ayang Sunday Okon (*Akwa Ibom*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ayang Sunday Okon (Akwa Ibom) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chima Philip Okafor (*Anambra*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chima Philip Okafor (Anambra) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof. Isa B. Mohammed (*Bauchi*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prof. Isa B. Mohammed (Bauchi) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Samuel Adaa Maagbe (Benue) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Samuel Adaa Maagbe (Benue) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ntufam Eyo Nsa Wilely (Cross River) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Ntufam Eyo Nsa Wilely (Cross River) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Andrew Ogheneovo Agbaga (Delta) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. Andrew Ogheneovo Agbaga (Delta) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Patrick Nworu Mgbebu (Ebonyi) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Barr. Patrick Nworu Mgbebu (Ebonyi) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Victor Eboigbe (Edo) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mr. Victor Eboigbe (Edo) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Amujo Philip Ajayi (Ekiti) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Amujo Philip Ajayi (Ekiti) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mrs. Maria Chinyere Aniobi (Enugu) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mrs. Maria Chinyere Aniobi (Enugu) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Musa Tanko Abari (FCT) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Hon. Musa Tanko Abari (FCT) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Kabeer Usman (Gombe) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Mohammed Kabeer Usman (Gombe) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Ahmed Mahmoud Gumel (Jigawa) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Alhaji Ahmed Mahmoud Gumel (Jigawa) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alh. Kabir Muhammad Mashi (Katsina) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Alh. Kabir Muhammad Mashi (Katsina) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Umar Farouk Abdullahi (Kano) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Barr. Umar Farouk Abdullahi (Kano) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rilwan Hussein Abarshi (Kebbi) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Rilwan Hussein Abarshi (Kebbi) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Suleiman Kokori Abdul (Kogi) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Hon. Suleiman Kokori Abdul (Kogi) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abdullahi Shuaibu Yaman (*Kwara*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abdullahi Shuaibu Yaman (Kwara) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Wright Olusegun Adekunle (*Lagos*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Wright Olusegun Adekunle (Lagos) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Aliyu A. Abdulkadir (*Nassarawa*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Aliyu A. Abdulkadir (Nassarawa) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Ibrahim Bako Bagudu Shettima (*Niger*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Ibrahim Bako Bagudu Shettima (Niger) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Fari Adebayo (*Ogun*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Fari Adebayo (Ogun) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Tokunbo Ajasin (*Ondo*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Tokunbo Ajasin (Ondo) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Kolade Daniel Abimbola (*Oyo*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Kolade Daniel Abimbola (Oyo) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Alexander Shaiyen (*Plateau*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Alexander Shaiyen (Plateau) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Wenah, Asondu Temple (*Rivers*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Wenah, Asondu Temple (Rivers) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Modu Aji Juluri (*Yobe*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Modu Aji Juluri (Yobe) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abubakar Sadiq A. Gusau (*Zamfara*) (*Commissioner*) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abubakar Sadiq A. Gusau (Zamfara) (Commissioner) for Appointment as Commissioner for Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission accordingly confirmed.

16. Committee on Science and Technology:

Report on the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Bill, 2019 (SB. 586):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the Chartered Institute of Finance and Control of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (SB. 172):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Adjournment:

And it being 2:47 the President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 9th May, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:47 p.m.

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