SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22nd September, 2016

1. The Senate met at 10:00 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 21st September, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Change of Party Affiliation:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Joshua C. Dariye (*Plateau Central*) as follows:

SENATOR JOSHUA CHIBI DARIYE JP, FCA,MBA,MA(LD)
PLATEAU SENATORIAL DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

20th September, 2016

Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON
Senate President,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

My dear Senate President,

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION OF MY MOVEMENT FROM PDP TO APC

After due consultation with my Constituency, I write to notify you of my intention to cross over from the People's Democratic Party (PDP) to All Progressives Congress(APC).

My decision is informed by the protracted division at the National level of the PDP that led to the recent massive movement of my supporters to the APC.

Arising from this, I therefore write to formally inform you of my decision to go along with my supporters.

I thank you for your understanding in this regard.

Accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)
SEN. JOSHUA C. DARIYE JP FCA MBA MA(L&D)
Chairman Committee on Public Procurement

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the fraudulent operation of one of the service providers in the telecommunication industry, MTN. MTN was registered in Nigeria in 2001 with the sum of $284.9 million. However, with the aid of some dubious Nigerians, the company has between 2006 to 2016 repatriated over $12 billion from Nigeria. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Quantity Surveyors (Registration etc.) Act CAP Ql LFN 2004, (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 252) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Builders (Registration etc.) Act CAP B13 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.255) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Town Planners (Registration etc.) Act CAP T7 LFN 2004, (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.256) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Act CAP C19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 259) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) University of Abuja Act CAP U2 LFN 2004, (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 262) — *Read the First Time.*

6. The State of the Economy:
Motion made: That the Senate do resume the debate on the state of the economy (*Adjourned debate Wednesday, 21st September, 2016*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

The following Senators made contributions:

i. Senator Jibrin I. Barau
ii. Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko
iii. Senator Kabiru I. Gaya
iv. Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege
v. Senator Bukar Mustapha
vi. Senator Andy E. Uba
vii. Senator Abdullahi Adamu
viii. Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker
ix. Senator Olusola Adeyeye
x. Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu
xi. Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji
xii. Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah
xiii. Senator Ben Murray-Bruce
xiv. Senator Solomon A. Olamilekan
xv. Senator Jonah D. Jang

xvi. Senator Abdullahi Y. Abubakar
xvii. Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa
xviii. Senator Hope O. Uzodinma
xix. Senator Clifford A. Ordia

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.

xx. Senator Ahmad I. Lawan
xxi. Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi
xxii. Senator Isah H. Misau
xxiii. Senator Duro S. Faseyi
xxiv. Senator Abdulfatai Buhari
xxv. Senator Shitu M. Ubali
xxvi. Senator Abdullahi A. Gumel
xxvii. Senator Danjuma Laah
xxviii. Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir
xxix. Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe
xxx. Senator Mallam A. Wakili
xxxi. Senator Gershom O. H. Bassey
xxxii. Senator Umar I. Kurfi
xxxiii. Senator Gbolahan J. Dada
xxxiv. Senator Theodore A. Orji
xxxv. Senator Abubakar Kyari
xxxvi. Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf
xxxvii. Senator Philip A. Gyunka
xxxviii. Senator Abdul-Aziz M. Nyako
xxxix. Senator Jeremiah T. Useni
xl. Senator Joshua C. Dariye
xli. Senator Philip T. Aduda

Ad hoc Committee:
The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the Ad hoc Committee on the state of the economy to come up with harmonised recommendations on the next Legislative Day:

(*i*)	Senator Yahaya Abdullahi	—	Chairman
(*ii*)	Senator Jibrin I. Barau	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Ben Murray-Bruce	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Rafiu A. Ibrahim	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Mohammed Hassan	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator John O. Enoh	—	Member

7. **Telecommunication and Postal Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.216):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. **National Crop Varieties, Livestock Breeds (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.218):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Produce (Enforcement of Export Standards) (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.219):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 233):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:**
Report on the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 17):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Police Affairs:**
Report on the Traffic Warden Service Bill, 2016 (SB. 100):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Committee on Interior:**
Report on the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) Bill, 2016. (SB.173 and SB.183):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Joint Committee on Information and National Orientation and Trade and Investment:**
Report on the Unwholesome Practices by Multi-Choice Nigeria (DSTV):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Adjournment:**
And it being 4:20 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 27th September, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 4:20 *p.m.*

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