



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5th February, 2020

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1. The Senate met at 10:22 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 4th February, 2020.

*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Announcement:**

**Acknowledgment:**

The President of the Senate acknowledged the presence of Juneberries Schools, Suleja, Niger State who were at the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Petitions:**

(a) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mrs. Bassey A. Asuquo, against Military Pension Board, over non-payment of her husband's pension. 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.*

(b) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Elisha C. Ishaku (*Adamawa North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Thomas T. Kwaya, on behalf of his son, Theophilus Thomas, against Pt. Ibrahim Hassan of 115 Battalion Michika/Madagali, over his brutal shooting. 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.*

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Jibrin Isah (*Kogi East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Urgent Need for Rehabilitation of Communities Affected by Communal Clashes in Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State Through Provision of Residential, Educational, Health and Other Facilities. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

*notes* that Bassa Local Government Area, which is one of the twenty-one Local Government Areas in Kogi State, comprises different ethnic groups, including the Bassa Komos, Bassa Nges, Mozus and Igbiras;

*further notes* that Bassa LGA with its headquarters in Oguma covers about 1,925 kms and has a population of about 185,000;

*worried* that communal hostilities ravaged most parts of the Local Government Area in 2016 and 2019, rendering over 100,000 inhabitants of some of the communities homeless, leading to exodus of these inhabitants to other parts of Kogi State;

*aware* that legit.ng in its report of Monday, 28th of November 2016 stated that about 100 people were killed in clashes involving the Igbira and Bassa Komu people, in addition to wanton destruction of properties worth hundreds of millions of naira;

*further aware* that according to a report by kemifilani.ng and The Guardian Newspaper on 8th of March 2019, the bridge linking Oguma and Sheria communities was completely razed down and no fewer than 146 persons were killed by ethnic militias while Sheria village was completely deserted, following an attack on 8th of January 2019;

*concerned* that after much persuasion, the displaced persons have resolved to return to their ancestral homes, but cannot afford shelters;

*further concerned* that educational institutions have been destroyed, with many buildings and other facilities completely burnt down, thereby making it absolutely difficult for the children of the affected communities to access educational facilities;

*regrets* that the number of out-of-school children in the affected communities is disheartening, and this poses serious danger to the future of the children, the communities and the nation in general;

*further regrets* that apart from destruction of schools, health centres are obviously non-existent to cater for the health needs of the affected communities as the few hitherto existing ones have been lost to the hostilities, and this has increased the rate of mortality in the affected communities;

*cognisant* that markets, petrol stations, shops and various business outfits in the affected communities have been completely destroyed, thereby throwing the people to an inevitable state of economic helplessness; and

*appreciates* that for ease of intervention, the affected communities are in Bassa Komu District (Shewa, Okpokudu, Odulu, Ikende, Gbende, Zenyi, Nyobu, Elegeji, Ujoh, Ogowgwor, Dinegewa, Kefeshi, Kekure, Kpanche, Gagba, Nyobu and Akankana) and Mozu District (Biroko, Wutara, Ozugbe and Adembeku I and II).

*Accordingly resolves* to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to assist the affected communities with shelters, educational and health facilities; and
- (ii) equally urge the Ministry to provide minimal seed capitals for the women and youths in the affected communities, to facilitate their various economic activities.

*Debate:*

**Proposed Resolution (i):**

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to assist the affected communities with shelters, educational and health facilities — *Agreed to.*

**Proposed Resolution (ii):**

*Question:* That the Senate do equally urge the Ministry to provide minimal seed capitals for the women and youths in the affected communities, to facilitate their various economic activities — *Agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to assist the affected communities with shelters, educational and health facilities; and
- (ii) equally urge the Ministry to provide minimal seed capitals for the women and youths in the affected communities, to facilitate their various economic activities  
(S/Res/118/02/20).

**6. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Clifford A. Ordia (*Edo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the referral of Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 to the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the approval of 2016-2018 External Borrowing Plan. The Committee was given two (2) weeks to submit its report. He stated that approving a loan of this magnitude requires detailed explanation from the Federal Ministries where these projects are domiciled. He informed the Senate that out of eighteen (18) beneficiaries, only eight (8) have appeared since the commencement of the sitting of the Committee, other beneficiaries who have not honoured the Committee's invitation are: Federal Ministries of Education; Power; Niger-Delta Affairs; Humanitarian and Disaster Management; Water Resources; Health; Communications; and Agriculture and Rural Development. He therefore sought for an extension of time to be able to complete the assignment.

*By the Leave of the Senate, the Committee was granted additional two (2) weeks to report.*

**7. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) River Basin Development Act CAP R9 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 297) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal College of Education Idare Ondo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.300) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal University of Education Abudu Edo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.305) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Nursing and Midwifery (Registration etc.) Act CAP N143 LFN (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 306) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Anti-Corruption Court (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 307) — *Read the First Time.*

**8. Security Briefing:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do resolve into Closed Committee of the Whole to receive the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to brief this Distinguished Senate on the Concept and Practical Implementation Modalities of Community Policing Policy (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(SENATE IN CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)****Privileges of the Floor:****(i) Admission of Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Babajide C. Omoworare:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Babajide C. Omoworare to the floor of Senate (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Babajide C. Omoworare accordingly admitted.*

**(ii) Admission of the Inspector General of Police (IGP):**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and his team to brief this Distinguished Senate on the Concept and Practical Implementation Modalities of Community Policing Policy to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Inspector General of Police (IGP) and his team accordingly admitted.*

Closed Session — 10:59 pm

**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.*

Open Session — 2:50 pm

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in a Closed Session was briefed by the Inspector General of Police (IGP) on Security Challenges in the Country, and the Concept and Practical Implementation and Modalities of Community Policing Policy.

Thereafter, he answered questions bordering on national security challenges, banditry assaults on major roads across the country, illegal circulation of fire-arms and encouraging synergy between the Federal and States Government from Distinguished Senators.

The Senate thereafter resolved to support the Nigerian Police through Legislative intervention.

The Police Force was further encouraged to be more proactive operationally to protect the lives and properties of our citizens.

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

**9. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**

*Report on the Confirmation of Nominations for Appointment as Chairman and Members of National Assembly Service Commission:*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of National Assembly Service Commission (NASC):

| S/N    | Name                           | Position | State of Origin | Geopolitical Zone |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| (i)    | Engr. Ahmed Kadi Amshi         | Chairman | Yobe            | North East        |
| (ii)   | Babagana Modu                  | Member   | Borno           | North East        |
| (iii)  | Sen. Abubakar Tutare           | Member   | Taraba          | North East        |
| (iv)   | Hakeem Akamo                   | Member   | Lagos           | South West        |
| (v)    | Tunrayo Akintomide             | Member   | Ondo            | South West        |
| (vi)   | Atanorneyorwi Francis          | Member   | Delta           | South South       |
| (vii)  | Bassey Etuk                    | Member   | Akwa Ibom       | South South       |
| (viii) | Hon. Bailyaminu Yusuf Shinkafi | Member   | Zamfara         | North West        |
| (ix)   | Sani Saidu Kazaure             | Member   | Jigawa          | North West        |
| (x)    | Sen. Julius Ucha               | Member   | Ebonyi          | South East        |
| (xi)   | Nnamdi Anyaehie                | Member   | Imo             | South East        |
| (xii)  | Auwalu Aliyu Ohindase          | Member   | Kogi            | North Central     |
| (xiii) | Muazu Is'haq                   | Member   | Nasarawa        | North Central     |

*(Senator Ibrahim Shekarau — Kano Central)*

*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 of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of National Assembly Service Commission (NASC).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)  
(Screening of Nominees)**

**Nominees screened:**

|        |   |              |
|--------|---|--------------|
| (i)    | Engr. Ahmed Kadi Amshi ( <i>Chairman</i> ) ( <i>Yobe</i> ) ( <i>North East</i> )          | — Agreed to. |
| (ii)   | Babagana Modu ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Borno</i> ) ( <i>North East</i> )                    | — Agreed to. |
| (iii)  | Sen. Abubakar Tutare ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Taraba</i> ) ( <i>North East</i> )            | — Agreed to. |
| (iv)   | Hakeem Akamo ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Lagos</i> ) ( <i>South West</i> )                     | — Agreed to. |
| (v)    | Tunrayo Akintomide ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Ondo</i> ) ( <i>South West</i> )                | — Agreed to. |
| (vi)   | Atanorneyorwi Francis ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Delta</i> ) ( <i>South South</i> )           | — Agreed to. |
| (vii)  | Bassey Etuk ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Akwa Ibom</i> ) ( <i>South South</i> )                 | — Agreed to. |
| (viii) | Hon. Bailyaminu Yusuf Shinkafi ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Zamfara</i> ) ( <i>North West</i> ) | — Agreed to. |
| (ix)   | Sani Saidu Kazaure ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Jigawa</i> ) ( <i>North West</i> )              | — Agreed to. |
| (x)    | Sen. Julius Ucha ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Ebonyi</i> ) ( <i>South East</i> )                | — Agreed to. |
| (xi)   | Nnamdi Anyaehie ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Imo</i> ) ( <i>South East</i> )                    | — Negatived  |
| (xii)  | Auwalu Alivu Ohindase ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Kogi</i> ) ( <i>North Central</i> )          | — Agreed to. |
| (xiii) | Muazu Is'haq ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>Nasarawa</i> ) ( <i>North Central</i> )               | — Agreed to. |

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 Establishment and Public Service on the confirmation of the nomination for appointment as Chairman and Members of National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) and approved the nominations of the following:

- (i) Engr. Ahmed Kadi Amshi (*Chairman*) (*Yobe*) (*North East*)
- (ii) Babagana Modu (*Member*) (*Borno*) (*North East*)
- (iii) Sen. Abubakar Tutare (*Member*) (*Taraba*) (*North East*)
- (iv) Hakeem Akamo (*Member*) (*Lagos*) (*South West*)
- (v) Tunrayo Akintomide (*Member*) (*Ondo*) (*South West*)
- (vi) Atanorneyorwi Francis (*Member*) (*Delta*) (*South South*)
- (vii) Basse Etuk (*Member*) (*Akwa Ibom*) (*South South*)
- (viii) Hon. Bailyaminu Yusuf Shinkafi (*Member*) (*Zamfara*) (*North West*)
- (ix) Sani Saidu Kazaure (*Member*) (*Jigawa*) (*North West*)
- (x) Sen. Julius Ucha (*Member*) (*Ebonyi*) (*South East*)
- (xi) Auwalu Alivu Ohindase (*Member*) (*Kogi*) (*North Central*)
- (xii) Muazu Is'haq (*Member*) (*Nasarawa*) (*North Central*)

The Committee rejected the nomination of:

Nnamdi Anyaehie (*Member*) (*Imo*) (*South East*)

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

**Confirmation of Nominees:**

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Ahmed Kadi Amshi for appointment as Chairman, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Engr. Ahmed Kadi Amshi for appointment as Chairman, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Babagana Modu for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Babagana Modu for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sen. Abubakar Tutare for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Sen. Abubakar Tutare for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hakeem Akamo for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Hakeem Akamo for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Tunrayo Akintomide for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Tunrayo Akintomide for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Atanorneyorwi Francis for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Atanorneyorwi Francis for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Bassey Etuk for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Bassey Etuk for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Bailyaminu Yusuf Shinkafi for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Hon. Bailyaminu Yusuf Shinkafi for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sani Saidu Kazaure for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Sani Saidu Kazaure for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sen. Julius Ucha for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Sen. Julius Ucha for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Auwalu Aliyu Ohindase for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Auwalu Aliyu Ohindase for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Muazu Is'haq Hassan for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Muazu Is'haq for appointment as Member, National Assembly Service Commission accordingly confirmed.*

**10. Committee on Communications:**

*Report of the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as Chairman and Member of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC):*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Communications on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Member of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

| S/N  | Name                    | Position | Geo-political Zone  |
|------|-------------------------|----------|---|
| (i)  | Professor Adeolu Akande | Chairman | South West  |
| (ii) | Mr. Uche Onwude         | Member   | South East<br><i>(Senator Ibrahim M. Bomai — Yobe South).</i> |

*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 of the Committee on Communications on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as Chairman and Member of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**  
**(Screening of Nominees)**

**Nominees screened:**

|      |   |   |                   |
|------|---|---|-------------------|
| (i)  | Professor Adeolu Akande ( <i>Chairman</i> ) ( <i>South West</i> ) | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii) | Mr. Uche Onwude ( <i>Member</i> ) ( <i>South East</i> )           | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |

Chairman to report progress.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Communications on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as Chairman and Member of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and approved the nominations of the following:

- (i) Professor Adeolu Akande (*Chairman*) (*South West*)
- (ii) Mr. Uche Onwude (*Member*) (*South East*)

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

**Confirmation of Nominees:**

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Adeolu Akande for appointment as Chairman, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*



*Nomination of Professor Adeolu Akande for appointment as Chairman, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

*“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Uche Onwude for appointment as Member, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Mr. Uche Onwude for appointment as Member, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) accordingly confirmed.*

**11. Fiscal Responsibility Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 144):**

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**12. Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act Cap. M3 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 265):**

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**13. Nigerian Maritime University Okerenkoko (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 272):**

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**14. Federal University Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 165):**

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**15. College of Education Mutum Biyu, Taraba State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 101):**

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**16. Motions:**

(a) *The Need to Mainstream the National Parks Service into the Nigeria Security Architecture:*

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

(b) *The Need to Ensure Citizen Integrity to Guarantee Security and Compliance with Global Efforts at Combating International Crime and Terrorism:*

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**17. Adjournment:**

And it being 3:35 p.m. the President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 6th February, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

*Adjourned accordingly at 3:35 p.m.*

**Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON**  
*President,*  
*Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

