



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 12th March, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:52 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 11th March, 2020.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The President of the Senate acknowledged the presence of the following who were at the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:
 - (i) Staff of the Parliament of Ghana, Accra, Ghana;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of Excellent Grade International Schools, Kubwa, Abuja;
 - (iii) Staff and Students of Wilson-Matt Academy, Nyanya, Abuja; and
 - (iv) Staff and Students of Fountain International School, Keffi, Nasarawa State.
4. **Petition:**
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Olubunmi A. Adetunmbi (*Ekiti North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mrs. Charlotte O. Ogungbuyi, Force No. S/N. 35028, against the Nigerian Correctional Service, over her career issues. 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 four (4) weeks.
5. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists Registration Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 374) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 361) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 351) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 398) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Open Defecation (Prohibition) Bill, 2020 (SB. 337) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration), Bill 2020 (SB. 75):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the amendment of Sections 65 (2) (a), 131 (d), Section 106 (c) and Section 177 (d) therein, to provide for minimum qualification for election into the National and States Assembly, Office of the President and Governors, and Other Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Istifanus D. Gyang — Plateau North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 259):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to specify the period within which the President or Governor of a State presents the Appropriation Bill before the National Assembly or House of Assembly and for Other Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Micheal O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

8. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 248):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the establishment of State Police and to ensure effective community policing in Nigeria and for Matters Connected Thereto, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Surajudeen A. Basiru — Osun Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

9. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 73):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to amend Section 138(d) and Section 139 of the Electoral Act 2010 by deleting Section 138 (d) and adding a new Subsection (3) to Section 139, to reduce the unlawful exclusion of a political party Logo on a Ballot Paper to a Pre-election matter and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Istifanus D. Gyang — Plateau North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

10. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 306):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to replace the name "Nigeria Police Force" with "Nigerian Police" to reflect their core mandate of providing Civil Services and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Micheal O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

11. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 336):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to amend Section 81 to make provisions for amount standing to the credit of Security Agencies in the Consolidated Revenue Fund to be on First Line Charge and for Connected Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

12. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 321):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the establishment of separate Tribunals to hear and determine Pre-election matters and Election petitions respectively, in the Presidential, National and State Houses of Assembly and Governorship elections and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege — Delta Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

13. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 274):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to give recognition to the Six Geo-political Zones and to further introduce a clear demarcation by creating the Federal and State legislative list as a substitute for the existing legislative lists and for Other Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Solomon O. Adeola — Lagos West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.

14. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 322):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to qualify criminal liability for certain public officers under Section 308 and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege — Delta Central*).
- Debate:*
- Question put and agreed to.*
- Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.*
15. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 316):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the establishment of State Police and Other Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).
- Debate:*
- Question put and agreed to.*
- Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Review.*
16. **Federal Capital Territory Customary Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 315):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Capital Territory Customary Court Act 2007 to Alter the Quorum of the Court for the Purpose of Ensuring Timely Dispensation of Justice, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Court to Include the Trial of Criminal Matters and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Micheal O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).
- Debate:*
- Question put and agreed to.*
- Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.*
17. **South East Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 161):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the South East Development Commission in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to act as a catalyst to develop the commercial potentials of the South East and Other Connected Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Stella A. Oduah — Anambra North*).
- Debate:*
- Question put and agreed to.*
- Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service to report within Four (4) weeks.*
18. **North Central Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 234):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the North Central Development Commission to act as a catalyst to develop the Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial potential of the North Central to receive and manage from allocation of the Federation for the agricultural and industrial development of the North Central and other development challenges and for Other Connected Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Patrick A. Moro — Benue South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

19. **Electric Power Sector Reform Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 01) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

20. **FCT Health Insurance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 60) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

21. **Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 57) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

22. **Pharmacy Council of Nigeria Act CAP. P17, LFN, 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 334) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

23. **Raw Materials Research and Development Council Bill, 2020 (HB. 47) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

24. **National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 12) - Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

25. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 17th March, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Chief Whip*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:09 p.m.

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