



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 5th March, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:42 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 4th March, 2020.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Announcement:**
The President of the Senate read a letter from Hon. Aminu Ibrahim Malle (*Chief of Staff to the Deputy Speaker*) as follows:



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

5th March, 2020

*The President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Your Excellency,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Leader of the Delegation and Deputy Speaker House of Representatives Rt. Hon. Ahmed Idris wishes to inform the new ECOWAS Parliament Members that their inauguration will take place at Niamey, Niger Republic on the 9th of this month. Consequent upon that, an arrangement has been made with an Airline to transport all Members from Abuja directly to Niamey on Sunday 8th March, 2020. Members are therefore advised to contact the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Speaker Hon. Aminu Ibrahim Malle for any inquiry.

The Members are:

1. Senator Robert A. Boroffice
2. Senator Emmanuel Bwacha
3. Senator Ya'u S. Alhaji
4. Senator Tolulope A. Odebiyi
5. Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir
6. Senator Smart Adeyemi
7. Senator Danladi A. Sankara
8. Senator Emmanuel Y. Orker-Jev
9. Senator Obinna J. Ogba
10. Senator Olalekan R. Mustapha
11. Senator Godiya Akwashiki
12. Senator Ezenwa F. Onyewuchi
13. Senator Sandy O. Onor
14. Senator Biodun C. Olujimi
15. Senator Mohammed A. Ndume
16. Senator Saidu A. Alkali
17. Senator Francis A. Alimikhena

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

(Signed)

Hon. Aminu Ibrahim Malle Ph.D
Chief of Staff to the Deputy Speaker

(b) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Staff and Students of Royal Ambassadors Academy, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of RONACS International School, Kuje, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of Kings Ambassadors Academy, Dadin Kowa Keffi, Nasarawa State.

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Chief Professor Emmanuel U. Emovon, CON which sad event occurred on 20th February, 2020. He noted that he was a great Nigerian patriot who served in various capacities, such as pioneer Minister of Science and Technology; and former Vice Chancellor, University of Jos, Plateau State. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence in his honour and send a high powered delegation to condole his family, people and Government of Edo State.

The Senate condoled with the family, people and Government of Edo State on his demise.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 326) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Unity Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 375) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Nigerian Office of Trade Negotiations (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 372) — *Read the First Time.*

- (iv) Veterans Welfare Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 346) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Psychiatric Hospital Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 376) — *Read the First Time.*

6. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Ahmed Tijani Yusuf, Esq., on behalf of Akwa-Ibom Co-operative Fisheries Association Limited, against the Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited for alleged refusal to pay the sum of ₦11,063,916,000 (Eleven Billion, Sixty-Three Million, Nine Hundred & Sixteen Thousand Naira) compensation for oil spillage caused by its facilities from 1998-2012;
- b. Jackson Bako, Esq., on behalf of Akpmajenya Community, Apo Village, Abuja, against the Federal Capital Territory Administration for wrongful obstruction of their farmlands and farming activities; and
- c. Mr. Charles Akinwon Akintoye, against the Nigerian Navy (NN) for unjust and wrongful dismissal from the service over alleged fraud without trial (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

7. **Committee on Local and Foreign Debts:**

Report on the 2016 - 2018 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the 2016 - 2018 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan (*Senator Clifford A. Ordia — Edo Central*)

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Closed Session:

Closed Session — 12:38 p.m.

Open Session — 1:28 p.m.

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

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do approve the underlisted ongoing negotiation of external borrowing in the sum of \$22,798,446,773 (Twenty Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight Million, Four Hundred and Forty Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy Three United States Dollars) under the 2016-2018 Medium Term External Borrowing (Rolling) plan.

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(c) Islamic Development Bank (IDB)	110,000,000
(d) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	200,000,000

(e)	German Development Bank (KFW)	200,000,000
(f)	China Eximbank	17,065,496,773
(g)	French Development Agency (AFD)	480,000,000
	GRAND TOTAL (\$)	22,798,446,773
		— Agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the terms and conditions of the loan from the funding agencies, be forwarded to the National Assembly prior to the execution of same for concurrence and proper documentation — Agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do approve the underlisted ongoing negotiation of external borrowing in the sum of \$22,798,446,773 (Twenty Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight Million, Four Hundred and Forty Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy Three United States Dollars) under the 2016-2018 Medium Term External Borrowing (Rolling) plan.

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- (ii) That the terms and conditions of the loan from the funding agencies, be forwarded to the National Assembly prior to the execution of same for concurrence and proper documentation (*S/Res/133/01/20*).

8. Committee on Niger Delta:**Report on the 2019 Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Budget Estimates:**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta on the 2019 Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Budget Estimates (*Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi — Delta North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the REVENUE PROFILE for the Commission for the year 2019 is as follows:
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|---|---|-----------------|
| a | Revenue Brought Forward | 11,000,000,000 |
| b | Federal Government contribution | 100,188,900,000 |
| c | Federal Government contribution (i.e Unpaid arrears by Federal Government) | 0 |
| d | Oil companies contributions and Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd (NLNG) and others | 230,000,000,000 |

e	Ecological Funds	5,000,000,000
f	Other Internally Realized Income	200,000,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	346,388,900,000

- (ii) The Committee considered increase in Personnel costs, and also considered the Overheads and Internal Capital estimates, as well as the adjustments in the Revenue profile of the Commission and consequently recommends the following as the expenditure profile:

Personnel Expenditure	22,338,190,000
Overhead Expenditure	13,466,810,000
Internal Capital Expenditure	4,083,000,000
Development Projects	306,500,900,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	346,388,900,000

- (iii) That the lifespan of the 2019 NDDC budget will elapse on the 31st May, 2020.

PRAYERS

That the Senate do consider and approve the 2019 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in the sum of Three Hundred and Forty-Six Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Naira (₦346,388,900,000.00) only as recommended.

SUMMARY

PERSONNEL, OVERHEADS AND INTERNAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

1	Chairman's Office	
	Personnel Cost	53,114,338
	Overhead Cost	159,031,602
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	41,542,614
	Sub-Total:	253,688,554
2	Managing Director's Office	
	Personnel Cost	151,033,825
	Overhead Cost	505,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	158,994,434
	Sub-Total:	815,028,259
3	Executive Director Finance & Administration' Office	
	Personnel Cost	54,397,814
	Overhead Cost	350,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	102,892,484
	Sub-Total:	507,290,298
4	Executive Director Projects	
	Personnel Cost	143,139,517
	Overhead Cost	370,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	116,975,134
	Sub-Total:	630,114,651
5	Security Department	
	Personnel Cost	399,181,994
	Overhead Cost	610,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	118,790,504
	Sub-Total:	1,127,972,498

6	Corporate Affairs Department	
	Personnel Cost	243,591,582
	Overhead Cost	587,900,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	86,718,710
	Sub-Total:	918,210,292
7	Public Procurement Unit	
	Personnel Cost	100,945,465
	Overhead Cost	205,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	47,825,122
	Sub-Total:	353,770,587
8	Audit Department	
	Personnel Cost	180,016,852
	Overhead Cost	209,945,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	42,558,598
	Sub-Total:	432,520,450
9	Directorate of Commercial & Industrial Development	
	Personnel Cost	210,973,254
	Overhead Cost	322,500,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	27,772,544
	Sub-Total:	561,245,798
10	Directorate of Education, Health & Social Services	
	Personnel Cost	410,815,738
	Overhead Cost	245,500,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	56,500,000
	Sub-Total:	712,815,738
11	Directorate of Agric & Fisheries	
	Personnel Cost	193,739,114
	Overhead Cost	220,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	57,000,000
	Sub-Total:	470,739,114
12	Directorate of Environmental Protection & Control	
	Personnel Cost	236,851,868
	Overhead Cost	250,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	45,101,474
	Sub-Total:	531,953,342
13	Directorates of Utilities, Infrastructural Development And Waterways	
	Personnel Cost	271,008,311
	Overhead Cost	227,700,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	45,504,388
	Sub-Total:	544,212,699
14	Directorate of Youth, Sports, Culture & Women Affairs	
	Personnel Cost	185,151,942
	Overhead Cost	476,059,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	24,254,192
	Sub-Total:	685,465,134

15	Design Department	
	Personnel Cost	127,745,950
	Overhead Cost	54,670,667
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	51,437,638
	Sub-Total:	233,854,254
16	Project Management Department	
	Personnel Cost	94,706,087
	Overhead Cost	81,166,080
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	22,982,701
	Sub-Total:	198,854,868
17	Information Technology Department	
	Personnel Cost	195,708,535
	Overhead Cost	134,567,836
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	44,505,922
	Sub-Total:	374,782,293
18	Public Private Partnership	
	Personnel Cost	92,402,954
	Overhead Cost	105,456,120
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	47,825,122
	Sub-Total:	245,684,196
19	Servicom	
	Personnel Cost	136,319,739
	Overhead Cost	41,500,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	49,108,606
	Sub-Total:	226,928,345
20	Headquarters	
	Personnel Cost	
	Overhead Cost	3,519,416,436
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	865,211,201
	Sub-Total:	4,384,627,637
21	Directorate of Community & Rural Development	
	Personnel Cost	203,722,255
	Overhead Cost	475,554,283
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	50,735,876
	Sub-Total:	730,012,413
22	Directorate of Project Monitoring & Supervision	
	Personnel Cost	426,039,119
	Overhead Cost	180,600,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	181,512,476
	Sub-Total:	788,151,595
23	Directorate of Finance & Supply	
	Personnel Cost	557,490,765
	Overhead Cost	254,911,904
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	52,974,552
	Sub-Total:	865,377,221

24	Directorate of Admin	
	Personnel Cost	673,222,023
	Overhead Cost	1,153,429,851
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	759,746,740
	Sub-Total:	2,586,398,614
25	Directorate of Human Resources	
	Personnel Cost	379,072,798
	Overhead Cost	146,602,684
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	50,735,876
	Sub-Total:	576,411,358
26	Directorate of Planning Research Statistics And Management Information System	
	Personnel Cost	267,670,582
	Overhead Cost	693,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	66,838,546
	Sub-Total:	1,027,509,128
27	Directorate of Legal Services	
	Personnel Cost	246,981,512
	Overhead Cost	946,000,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	19,813,780
	Sub-Total:	1,212,795,292
28	Abia State Projects Office	
	Personnel Cost	351,502,363
	Overhead Cost	69,243,200
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	82,418,622
	Sub-Total:	503,164,186
29	Akwa-Ibom State Office	
	Personnel Cost	555,169,136
	Overhead Cost	78,206,421
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	67,490,520
	Sub-Total:	700,866,077
30	Bayelsa State Office	
	Personnel Cost	618,615,870
	Overhead Cost	72,934,600
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	62,641,602
	Sub-Total:	754,192,073
31	Cross river State Office	
	Personnel Cost	405,276,046
	Overhead Cost	51,108,519
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	62,232,354
	Sub-Total:	518,616,919
32	Delta State Office	
	Personnel Cost	663,966,978
	Overhead Cost	95,903,767
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	119,621,202
	Sub-Total:	879,491,947

33	Edo State Office	
	Personnel Cost	320,881,194
	Overhead Cost	66,822,255
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	57,196,330
	Sub-Total:	444,899,779
34	Imo State Office	
	Personnel Cost	317,210,575
	Overhead Cost	72,935,775
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	82,078,344
	Sub-Total:	472,224,693
35	Ondo State Office	
	Personnel Cost	421,552,453
	Overhead Cost	87,540,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	131,666,639
	Sub-Total:	640,759,092
36	Rivers State Office	
	Personnel Cost	582,216,357
	Overhead Cost	200,392,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	73,156,210
	Sub-Total:	855,764,567
37	Abuja Liaison Office	
	Personnel Cost	256,939,444
	Overhead Cost	146,212,000
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	108,638,943
	Sub-Total:	511,790,387
38	Provision for Aides to Board Members	
	Personnel Cost	1,298,737,938
	Overhead Cost	
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	
	Sub-Total:	1,298,737,938
39	Security Personnel yet to be Deployed	
	Personnel Cost	
	Overhead Cost	-
	Internal Capital (Fixed Assets)	-
	Sub-Total:	-
40	Total Emolument	12,027,112,288
41	Provision for Employee Compensation (ECA)	144,728,877
42	National Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) 1%	120,271,123
43	22.5% Contributory Pension	2,706,100,265
44	8% Pension (Employee)	962,168,983
45	Voluntary Retirement Benefit scheme	555,530,351
46	Pension: Past Service Liabilities	334,699,695
47	Staff Group Assurance Scheme	300,000,000
48	Combined Workmen Compensation/Group Personal Accident	265,000,000
49	Staff Welfare	720,000,000
50	Decentralization (Transfer Entitlements)	186,650,598
51	Human Resources/Employee Relations	117,100,000

52	Staff Housing Scheme	244,000,000
53	Severance Benefits	802,027,820
54	Medical Insurance	622,800,000
55	Recruitment Services/Others (Sensitization, Induction, Orientation etc)	218,886,227
56	2016 - 2017 - 2018 Promotion Arrears	2,011,113,773
Total for Personnel Expenditure		22,338,190,000
Total for Overheads Expenditure		13,466,810,000
Total for Internal Capital Expenditure		4,083,000,000
Total (Personnel, Overheads and Internal Capital)		39,888,000,000

Question,

That the Expenditure of Thirty-Nine Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million Naira (₦39,888,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Personnel, Overheads and Internal Capital Expenditure stand part of the Schedule to the Niger Delta Development Commission Budget, 2019 — *Agreed to.*

PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

1	Head Office/Regional	100,616,670,000
2	Abia	11,135,398,017
3	Akwa Ibom	38,966,456,256
4	Bayelsa	33,540,078,091
5	Cross River	9,489,186,436
6	Delta	41,648,460,028
7	Edo	14,212,834,689
8	Imo	10,526,166,532
9	Ondo	13,839,703,564
10	Rivers	32,525,946,387
Total: Projects Development Expenditure		306,500,900,000

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Six Billion, Five Hundred Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Naira (₦306,500,900,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Projects Development Expenditure stand part of the Schedule to the Niger Delta Development Commission Budget, 2019 — *Agreed to.*

GENERAL SUMMARY

Personnel Expenditure	22,338,190,000
Overheads Expenditure	13,466,810,000
Internal Capital Expenditure	4,083,000,000
Projects Development Expenditure	306,500,900,000
GRAND TOTAL	346,388,900,000

Main Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Forty-Six Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Naira (₦346,388,900,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel and Overhead Cost; and Capital Expenditure do stand part of the Schedule to the Niger Delta Development Commission Budget 2019 — *Agreed to.*

9. Committee on Trade and Investment:

Report on the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, LFN 2004 (SB. 251):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report on the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, LFN 2004 (Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North).

Question put and agreed to.

Consideration of Report referred to the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, 10th March, 2020.

10. **North West Development Commission (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 207):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Nigerian Airspace Management Agency Act CAP N90 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 194):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 282):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Older Persons (Rights and Privileges) Bill, 2020 (SB. 114):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Federal Capital Territory Customary Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 315):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Motions:**

- (a) ***The Urgent Need to Safeguard the Environment by Controlling the Importation, Distribution, Dismantling and Disposal of Obsolete Electronic Devices and Harmful Electronic Waste:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (b) ***Need for the Central Bank of Nigeria to Regulate the Activities of Cooperatives and Thrift Societies in Nigeria:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (c) ***Urgent Need to Investigate the Rehabilitation of Mararaba-Mubi-Michika-Borno Road Contract:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. **Adjournment:**

And it being 2:21 p.m. the President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 10th March, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:21 p.m.

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