



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19th February, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:35 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 18th February, 2020.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Thanksgiving Service:**
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*) as follows:



HIS EXCELLENCY
Senator Ovie Omo-Agege
DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

*His Excellency,
Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan,
The President of the Senate,
National Assembly, Abuja.*

19th February, 2020

Your Excellency,

REMINDER: INVITATION TO ATTEND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sequel to my earlier invitation to my Thanksgiving Service, I wish to inform you and my Distinguished Colleagues that all is now set for my Thanksgiving Service as scheduled:

*Date: Sunday, 23rd February, 2020
Venue: Mother of the Redeemer Catholic Church, Effurun, Uvwie LGA, Delta State
Time: 10:00am prompt*

Reception follows immediately at the Church premises.

Also be reminded that a 50 seaters airplane will be available at the private wing of the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja for the return trip to Osubi Airport in Delta State. The flight will depart Abuja at 8:30 am on Sunday, 23rd February and return at the end of the event on the same day.

Please note that your RSVP is required by the end of Friday, 21st February, 2020 to enable us round off the flight arrangements.

While looking forward to receiving Your Excellency and my Distinguished Colleagues in Warri, please accept the assurances of my highest regard.

Sincerely Yours,

(Signed)

HE, Senator Ovie Omo-Agege
(The Obarisi of Urhoboland)

(b) Acknowledgment:

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

- (i) Members of Student Union Government, South-East Law Students Association, Ebonyi State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Unique Standard Bearer Montessori School, Kubwa, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of Rohi Standard School, Lugbe, Abuja.

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Samuel O. Egwu (*Ebonyi North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Professor Vincent Chukwuemeka Ike *OFR, NNOM* who died on the 9th January, 2020. He stated that the late Professor who was born on April 28, 1931, was a literal icon who has published so many books amongst which are: *Toads for Supper* (1965) and *the Naked God's* (1970). He further stated that the late literal icon was at one time the Registrar of West African Examination Council (WAEC) and retired to be the Chief of Ndikelionwu Kingdom in Anambra State.

The Senate condoles with the family on the demise of an icon.

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. 319) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 320) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 73)— *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 336) — *Read the First Time.*

- (v) Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 333) — *Read the First Time.*

6. **Nigerian Civil Defence Academy Pandogari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 242):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Nigerian Civil Defence Academy Pandogari to serve as an institution of high level manpower development, with a mandate to train Civil Defence Officers to acquire and attain the highest standards of professionalism and award such certificate as may be approved by the relevant academic regulatory body from time to time and for Other Related Matters 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Mohammed S. Musa — Niger East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

7. **Federal University of Environment Technology Saakpenwa Ogoni (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 200):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal University of Environment Technology, Saakpenwa Ogoni and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2020 be read for the Second Time (*Senator Barinada Mpigi — Rivers South-East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

8. **Nigeria National Commission Against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 283):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Nigeria National Commission Against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons and for Related Matters, 2020 (SB. 283) be read the Second Time (*Senator Smart Adeyemi — Kogi West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to report within Four (4) weeks.

9. **Police Academy Wudil, Kano (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 182):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Police Academy Wudil, Kano as a Degree Awarding Institution and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Dauda H. Jika — Bauchi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Police Affairs to report within Four (4) weeks.

10. **Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act Cap E4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 93):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act CAP E4 LFN 2004 to expressly provide that the College of Agriculture shall benefit from Fund and for Related Matters, 2020 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 Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. **Motion:**
The Need to Establish a Visionary Budget-Driven National Planning Framework for Nigeria:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 20th February, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:49 p.m.

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