



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26th February, 2020

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1. The Senate met at 10:27 a.m. The Deputy President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 25th February, 2020.  
*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.*
3. **Petition:**  
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Abdullahi K. Barkiya (*Katsina Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition by Alhaji Bashir Abdullahi and five (5) others, against MTN Group Limited and AIRTEL Nigeria, over telecommunications mask mounted at Oke-Agbe Street, Garki, Abuja. 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.*
4. **Valedictory Session:**  
*Motion made:* That the Senate do now pay tributes in honour of Late Senator Longjan, Ignatius Datong (*Plateau South*) (16<sup>th</sup> May, 1945 - 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020) (*Senate Leader*).  
  
*Question put and agreed to.*
  - (i) *Admission of the Deputy Speaker and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives; and Deputy Governor of Plateau State:*  
*Motion made:* That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit the Deputy Speaker and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives; and Deputy Governor of Plateau State to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).  
  
*Question put and agreed to.*  
  
*Deputy Speaker and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives; and Deputy Governor of Plateau State accordingly admitted.*
  - (ii) *Admission of the family members, friends of the deceased, and dignitaries from the State:*  
*Motion made:* That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the family members, friends of the deceased, and dignitaries from the State to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*family members, friends of the deceased, and dignitaries from the State accordingly admitted.*

The following Senators paid tribute:

- (i) Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi
- (ii) Senator Eyinnaya H. Abaribe
- (iii) Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi
- (iv) Senator Istifanus D. Gyang
- (v) Senator Philip A. Tanimu
- (vi) Senator Emmanuel Bwacha

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- (vii) Senator Hezekiah A. Dimka
- (viii) Senator Tolulope A. Odebiyi
- (ix) Senator Bala Ibn Na'allah
- (x) Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege
- (xi) Senator Michael O. Bamidele
- (xii) Senator Chimaroke O. Nnamani
- (xiii) Senator Gabriel T. Suswam
- (xiv) Senator Uche L. Ekwunife
- (xv) Senator Barau I. Jibrin
- (xvi) Senator Ibikunlé O. Amosun
- (xvii) Senator Aishatu A. Dahiru
- (xviii) Senator Umaru T. Al-makura
- (xix) Senator Ibrahim Shekarau
- (xx) Senator Kashim Shettima
- (xxi) Senator Anayo R. Okorochoa
- (xxii) Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu
- (xxiii) Senator Sikiru A. Osinowo
- (xxiv) Senator Biodun C. Olujimi
- (xxv) Senator Binos D. Yaroe
- (xxvi) Senator Ahmad I. Lawan

*Motion made:* That the Senate do:

- (i) offer prayers for the repose of his soul;
- (ii) observe a minute silence in his honour;
- (iii) send a condolence delegation to the family, people and Government of Plateau State;
- (iv) send burial delegation to be led by the President of the Senate; and
- (v) proceed on a procession to pay last respect to the late Senator Longjan Ignatius Datong (*Deputy Whip*).

***Proposed Resolution (i):***

*Question:* That the Senate do offer prayers for the repose of his soul — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (ii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do observe a minute silence in his honour — *Agreed to.*

**Proposed Resolution (iii):**

*Question:* That the Senate do send a condolence delegation to the family, people and Government of Plateau State — *Agreed to.*

**Proposed Resolution (iv):**

*Question:* That the Senate do send burial delegation to be led by the President of the Senate — *Agreed to.*

**Proposed Resolution (v):**

*Question:* That the Senate do proceed on a procession to pay last respect to the late Senator Longjan Ignatius Datong — *Agreed to.*

**Resolved:**

That the Senate do

- (i) offer prayers for the repose of his soul;
- (ii) observe a minute silence in his honour;
- (iii) send a condolence delegation to the family, people and Government of Plateau State;
- (iv) send burial delegation to be led by the President of the Senate; and
- (v) proceed on a procession to pay last respect to the late Senator Longjan Ignatius Datong (*S/Res/130/02/20*).

*One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.*

*Senator Istifanus D. Gyang led the Senate in prayers for the deceased.*

*The Senate in procession paid last respect to Late Senator Longjan, Ignatius Datong (Plateau South) lying in state.*

**5. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 27th February, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Whip*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:44 p.m.*

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

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**Corrigendum**

The Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 on pages 956-957 is corrected as follows: immediately after the word "Federal" insert the words "and States" wherever it appears in the motion.