



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 4th March, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:46 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 3rd 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 and Students of Noble Heights Academy, Karu, Abuja;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of Nexyn Gold Schools, Mararaba, Nasarawa State;
 - (iii) Staff and Students of Learningfield Academy, Suleja, Niger State;
 - (iv) Staff and Students of Ajike Model Schools, Bwari, Abuja;
 - (v) Staff and Students of Jettters Montessori Schools, Jalingo, Taraba State; and
 - (vi) Members of Kashim Ibrahim Fellowship, Government House, Kaduna, Kaduna State.
4. **Petition:**
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Robert A. Boroffice (*Ondo North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Samuel A. Ayesa & Co. on behalf of Cpl. Festus Ilegbusi, Force No. 202843, against the Nigeria Police over his wrongful dismissal. 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. **Personal Explanation:**
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the incident that happened few days ago between the Survey Department of Federal Ministry of Works and Housing; and armed bandit along Mararaba-Donga road in Taraba South Senatorial District. He stated that the team of surveyors were on Federal Projects Survey when they suddenly ran into armed bandits carrying AK 47 rifles on numerous motorcycles; the military escort responded immediately with several gunshots. He expressed that this has further heighten tension among the communities.

10. **South West Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 167):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the South West Development Commission to Act as a Catalyst to Develop the Commercial and Industrial Potentials of the South West, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation for the Agricultural and Industrial Development of the South West and Other Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ibikunle O. Amosun — Ogun Central*).
- 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.*
11. **Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 282):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
12. **Older Person (Rights and Privileges) Bill, (SB. 114):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
13. **Federal Capital Territory Customary Court (Amendment) Bill, (SB. 315):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
14. **Motion:**
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.*
15. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 5th March, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).
- Adjourned accordingly at 2:00 p.m.*

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President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.