



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2nd June, 2020

1. The Senate met at 11:02 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 26th May, 2020.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The President of the Senate announced that he had received two (2) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:
(a) Confirmation of Appointment:



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

29th May, 2020

*Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
RESIDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC)**

Pursuant to Paragraph 14(3) of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), I am pleased to forward for confirmation by the Senate, the appointment of Dr. Tella Adeniran Rahmon as Resident Electoral Commissioner from Osun State in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). The Curriculum Vitae of the nominee is attached herewith.

While looking forward for your usual expeditious consideration, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

(b) **Confirmation of Appointment:**



**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

29th May, 2020

*Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

In compliance with the provision of Section 154(1) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I have the pleasure to present for confirmation by the Senate, Mr. James Jiya Kolo as a Member representing Kwara State in the Federal Character Commission replacing the nominee earlier submitted for the State, Mr. Daniel James Kolo who died on 19th May, 2020. Curriculum Vitae of the nominee is hereby attached.

While looking forward for your usual expeditious consideration, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

4. **Announcement:**

Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) Caucus Meeting:

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) as follows:



**SENATOR ENYINNAYA HARCOURT ABARIBE
MINORITY LEADER**

*The President of the Senate,
The Senate,
National Assembly, Abuja.*

2nd June, 2020

Your Excellency,

NOTICE OF MEETING

This is to inform all members of the PDP Caucus of the Senate that there will be a meeting of the Caucus as follows;

Date - Tuesday, 2nd June, 2020

Time - 2pm (immediately after plenary)

Venue - Meeting Room 1 (White House)

Agenda - Urgent Party Matters

Note - All members to endeavor to attend.

(Signed)

Enyinnaya H. Abaribe

Minority Leader

5. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Senators from Akwa-Ibom State, against the nomination of Mr. Lamido A. Yuguda for the position of Director-General of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). 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.

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Kola A. Balogun (*Oyo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Osotoye S. Kayode, Service No. 51421, against the Nigeria Correctional Service (NCS), over his service career. 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.

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Adamu M. Bulkachuwa (*Bauchi North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Executive Communication on Ambassadorial nominees, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs on Tuesday, 12th May, 2020. He stated that most of the nominees are outside Nigeria and could not be brought in for screening due to travel restrictions occasioned by COVID-19 pandemic. He further stated that the Committee resolved to screen them online and urged the Senate to extend its referral time for another two (2) weeks.

By leave of the Senate, two (2) weeks extension was accordingly granted.

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 & 52, Senator Sandy O. Onor (*Cross River Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to increasing cases of rape and brutality against the girl child in Nigeria. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes that on Tuesday, 26th May, 2020, a 16 year old girl, Miss Tina Ezekwe, was hit by a bullet when a trigger-happy policeman opened fire on a bus in Lagos. Efforts to save Tina proved futile as she passed on two days later at a hospital;

also notes that on Wednesday, 27th May, 2020, a first year undergraduate student of University of Benin, Miss Uwa Omozuwa was brutalised and raped at her church, where she went to study in the evening of that day;

aware that brutality and rape cases against the girl child in Nigeria are on the rise, with some of these cases reported and several others, admittedly unreported;

further aware that the girl child has become clearly endangered in Nigeria;

worried that our young girls may no longer have the confidence to live their normal lives. The average young girl in Nigeria is obviously becoming terrified and scared to live with and trust her close male relatives and neighbours;

also worried that most Nigerian girls and women might have experienced one form of verbal and physical abuse or assault in their lifetime;

further worried that the negative physical, psychological and emotional effects of rape and brutality on our young girls may impact them for the rest of their lives with attendant consequences on their self esteem and general productivity;

concerned that if proactive measures are not taken by the relevant authorities to curb these dastardly acts and bring the culprits to justice, the cases of sexual assault and brutality will rise even further; and

further concerned that this will hinder our growth as a nation and it is therefore our responsibility as leaders to rescue these young girls from the scourge of rape and brutality.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) condemn the killings of these young girls and call for the immediate arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators of these unwholesome acts;
- (ii) observe a minute silence for Tina and Uwa and all those who have lost their lives from such brutality and rape;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to stage a campaign against the increasing brutality and rape of the girl child; and
- (iv) urge the Nigeria Police to evolve proactive measures to checkmate these unfortunate occurrences.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do condemn the killings of these young girls and call for the immediate arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators of these unwholesome acts — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence for Tina and Uwa and all those who have lost their lives from such brutality and rape — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to stage a campaign against the increasing brutality and rape of the girl child — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigeria Police to evolve proactive measures to checkmate these unfortunate occurrences — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolutions:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:

“(i) That the Senate do urge the Security Agencies to ensure the enforcement of Child Rights Act as it affects forceful marriage of girl child (*Senator Emmanuel Bwacha — Taraba South*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(ii) That the Senate do urge the State Houses of Assembly to consider amendment of their Penal and Criminal Codes to provide more stringent punishment for Rape cases to serve as a deterrent to offenders (*Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi — Niger North*)”.

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

(i) condemn the killings of these young girls and call for the immediate arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators of these unwholesome acts;

(ii) observe a minute silence for Tina and Uwa and all those who have lost their lives from such brutality and rape;

(iii) urge the Federal Government to stage a campaign against the increasing brutality and rape of the girl child;

(iv) urge the Nigeria Police to evolve proactive measures to checkmate these unfortunate occurrences;

(v) urge the Security Agencies to ensure the enforcement of Child Rights Act as it affects forceful marriage of girl child; and

(vi) urge the State Houses of Assembly to consider amendment of their Penal and Criminal Codes to provide more stringent punishment for Rape cases to serve as a deterrent to offenders (*S/Res/153/01/20*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

8. Presentation of Bills:

(i) FCT Court of Arbitration (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 431) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Ports and Harbours Bill, 2020 (SB. 432) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) National Inland Waterways Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 433) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 434) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practice Bill, 2020 (SB. 425) — *Read the First Time.*

9. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition from Bambo Adesanya, SAN on behalf of Rite Foods Limited Against Seven-Up Bottling Company Plc and Ziad Maalouf for Allegedly Threatening the Internal Security of the Nation and Existence of Rite Foods Limited, Osoa, Ogun State:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a Petition from Bambo Adesanya, SAN on behalf of Rite Foods Limited Against Seven-Up Bottling Company Plc and Ziad Maalouf for Allegedly Threatening the Internal Security of the Nation and Existence of Rite Foods Limited, Ososa, Ogun State (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission (*Senator Micheal O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. Executive Communication:

Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Director-General and Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Director-General and Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC):

S/N	Name	Position
(i)	Mr. Lamido A. Yuguda	Director-General
(ii)	Mr. Reginald C. Karawusa	Full-time Commissioner
(iii)	Mr. Ibrahim D. Boyi	Full-time Commissioner
(iv)	Mr. Obisan T. Joseph	Full-time Commissioner

(*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Capital Market to report within four (4) weeks.

12. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Report on Petition from Honourable Chief Donatus Nwankpa and 21 Others on Behalf of All Progressives Congress (APC), Abia State Chapter, Against the Appointment of Mr. Henry Ogbulogo as a Member of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) Representing Abia State:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of Petition from Honourable Chief Donatus Nwankpa and 21 Others on Behalf of All Progressives Congress (APC), Abia State Chapter, Against the Appointment of Mr. Henry Ogbulogo as a Member of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) Representing Abia State (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

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

Question: That the Senate do commend Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for nominating Mr. Henry Ogbulogo for appointment as a member of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) as a fit and proper person to serve in that capacity — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do set aside and dismiss the request of the petitioners urging the Senate not to approve the appointment of Mr. Henry Ogbulogo — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do commend Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for nominating Mr. Henry Ogbulogo for appointment as a member of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) as a fit and proper person to serve in that capacity; and
- (ii) set aside and dismiss the request of the petitioners urging the Senate not to approve the appointment of Mr. Henry Ogbulogo (*S/Res/154/01/20*).

13. Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:***Report on the Confirmation of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission:***

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the Confirmation of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission:

No.	Names	Position	State
(i)	<i>Dr. Muheeba (Farida) Dankaka</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Kwara</i>
(ii)	<i>Hon. Henry, Ogbulogo</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Abia</i>
(iii)	<i>Dr. Salihu Bello</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Adamawa</i>
(iv)	<i>Obonganwan Dorah Daniel Ebong</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Akwa Ibom</i>
(v)	<i>Rev. Ibeabuchi Uche</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Anambra</i>
(vi)	<i>Mohammad Tijjani</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Bauchi</i>
(vii)	<i>Tonye G. Qkio</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Bayelsa</i>
(viii)	<i>Mr. Silas Mfa Macikpah</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Benue</i>
(ix)	<i>Abba Ali Monguno</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Borno</i>
(x)	<i>Mr. Nsor Atangba</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Cross River</i>
(xi)	<i>Hon. Moses Anaughe</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Delta</i>
(xii)	<i>Chief George Afamefuna Ossi</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Ebonyi</i>
(xiii)	<i>Imuetinyan Festus</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Edo</i>
(xiv)	<i>Barr. Sesan Fatoba</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Ekiti</i>
(xv)	<i>Mrs. Ginika Florence Tor</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Enugu</i>
(xvi)	<i>Hamza Mohammed</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Gombe</i>
(xvii)	<i>Dr. Diogu Uche</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Imo</i>
(xviii)	<i>Lawan Ya'u Roni</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Jigawa</i>
(xix)	<i>Hadiza Usman Muazu</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Kaduna</i>
(xx)	<i>Muhammad Awwal Na'lya</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Kano</i>
(xxi)	<i>Hon. Lawal Garba</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Katsina</i>
(xxii)	<i>Abubakar Atiku Bunu</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Kebbi</i>
(xxiii)	<i>Pharm. Idris Eneye Bello</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Kogi</i>
(xxiv)	<i>Abdul Wasii Kayode Bawa-Allah</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Lagos</i>
(xxv)	<i>Barr. Alakayi Toro Mamman</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Nasarawa</i>
(xxvi)	<i>Maj. Gen. Suleiman Barau Said (Rtd.)</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Niger</i>
(xxvii)	<i>Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Ogun</i>
(xxviii)	<i>Chief Olufemi Lawrence Omosanya</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Ondo</i>
(xxix)	<i>Adeoye, Abdulrazak Olalekan</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Osun</i>
(xxx)	<i>Prof. Adeniyi Olowofela</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Oyo</i>
(xxxi)	<i>Mr. Stephen A. Jings</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Plateau</i>
(xxxii)	<i>Wokocho Augustine</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Rivers</i>
(xxxiii)	<i>Abdullahi Aminu Tafida</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Sokoto</i>

(xxxiv)	Alhaji Armaya'u Dauda Abubakar	Member	Taraba
(xxxv)	Hon. Jibril Maigari	Member	Yobe
(xxxvi)	Hon. Sani Garba	Member	Zamfara
(xxxvii)	Sen. Adamu Muhammed Sidi-Ali	Member	FCT

(Senator Danjuma T. La'ah— Kaduna South).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the confirmation of Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Dr. Muheeba (Farida) Dankaka (Chairman) (Kwara)	—	Agreed to
(ii)	Hon. Henry, Ogbulogo (Member) (Abia)	—	Agreed to
(iii)	Dr. Salihu Bello (Member) (Adamawa)	—	Agreed to
(iv)	Obonganwan Dorah Daniel Ebong (Member) (Akwa Ibom)	—	Agreed to
(v)	Rev. Ibeabuchi Uche (Member) (Anambra)	—	Agreed to
(vi)	Mohammad Tijjani (Member) (Bauchi)	—	Agreed to
(vii)	Tonye G. Okio (Member) (Bayelsa)	—	Agreed to
(viii)	Mr. Silas Mfa Macikpah (Member) (Benue)	—	Agreed to
(ix)	Abba Ali Monguno (Member) (Borno)	—	Agreed to
(x)	Mr. Nsor Atamgba (Member) (Cross River)	—	Agreed to
(xi)	Hon. Moses Anaughe (Member) (Delta)	—	Agreed to
(xii)	Chief George Afamefuna Ossi (Member) (Ebonyi)	—	Agreed to
(xiii)	Imuetinyan Festus (Member) (Edo)	—	Agreed to
(xiv)	Barr. Sesan Fatoba (Member) (Ekiti)	—	Agreed to
(xv)	Mrs. Ginika Florence Tor (Member) (Enugu)	—	Agreed to
(xvi)	Hamza Mohammed (Member) (Gombe)	—	Agreed to
(xvii)	Dr. Diogu Uche (Member) (Imo)	—	Agreed to
(xviii)	Lawan Ya'u Roni (Member) (Jigawa)	—	Agreed to
(xix)	Hadiza Usman Muazu (Member) (Kaduna)	—	Agreed to
(xx)	Muhammad Awwal Na'iyah (Member) (Kano)	—	Agreed to
(xxi)	Hon. Lawal Garba (Member) (Katsina)	—	Agreed to
(xxii)	Abubakar Atiku Bunu (Member) (Kebbi)	—	Agreed to
(xxiii)	Pharm. Idris Eneye Bello (Member) (Kogi)	—	Agreed to
(xxiv)	Abdul Wasiiu Kayode Bawa-Allah (Member) (Lagos)	—	Agreed to
(xxv)	Barr. Alakayi Toro Mamman (Member) (Nasarawa)	—	Agreed to
(xxvi)	Maj. Gen. Suleiman Barau Said (Rtd.) (Member) (Niger)	—	Agreed to
(xxvii)	Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade (Member) (Ogun)	—	Agreed to
(xxviii)	Chief Olufemi Lawrence Omosanya (Member) (Ondo)	—	Agreed to
(xxix)	Adeoye, Abdulrazak Olalekan (Member) (Osun)	—	Agreed to
(xxx)	Prof. Adeniyi Olowofela (Member) (Oyo)	—	Agreed to
(xxxi)	Mr. Stephen A. Jings (Member) (Plateau)	—	Agreed to
(xxxii)	Wokocho Augustine (Member) (Rivers)	—	Agreed to
(xxxiii)	Abdullahi Aminu Tafida (Member) (Sokoto)	—	Agreed to

(xxxiv) Alhaji Armaya'u Dauda Abubakar (Member) (Taraba)	—	Agreed to
(xxxv) Hon. Jibril Maigari (Member) (Yobe)	—	Agreed to
(xxxvi) Hon. Sani Garba (Member) (Zamfara)	—	Agreed to
(xxxvii) Sen. Adamu Muhammed Sidi-Ali (Member) (FCT)	—	Agreed to

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the confirmation of Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Muheeba (Farida) Dankaka (Kwara) for appointment as Chairman of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Muheeba (Farida) Dankaka (Kwara) for appointment as Chairman of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Henry, Ogbulogo (Abia) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Henry, Ogbulogo (Abia) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Salihu Bello (Adamawa) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Salihu Bello (Adamawa) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Obonganwan Dorah Daniel Ebong (Akwa Ibom) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Obonganwan Dorah Daniel Ebong (Akwa Ibom) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rev. Ibeabuchi Uche (Anambra) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Rev. Ibeabuchi Uche (Anambra) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammad Tijjani (*Bauchi*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammad Tijjani (Bauchi) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Tonye G. Okio (*Bayelsa*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Tonye G. Okio (Bayelsa) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Silas Mfa Macikpah (*Benue*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Silas Mfa Macikpah (Benue) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abba Ali Monguno (*Borno*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abba Ali Monguno (Borno) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Nsor Atangba (*Cross River*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Nsor Atangba (Cross River) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Moses Anaughe (*Delta*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Moses Anaughe (Delta) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief George Afamefuna Ossi (*Ebonyi*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief George Afamefuna Ossi (Ebonyi) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Imuetinyan Festus (*Edo*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Imuetinyan Festus (Edo) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Sesan Fatoba (*Ekiti*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Sesan Fatoba (Ekiti) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mrs. Ginika Florence Tor (*Enugu*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mrs. Ginika Florence Tor (Enugu) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hamza Mohammed (*Gombe*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hamza Mohammed (Gombe) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Diogu Uche (*Imo*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Diogu Uche (Imo) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Lawan Ya'u Roni (*Jigawa*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Lawan Ya'u Roni (Jigawa) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hadiza Usman Muazu (*Kaduna*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hadiza Usman Muazu (Kaduna) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Muhammad Awwal Na'iyah (*Kano*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Muhammad Awwal Na'iyah (Kano) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Lawal Garba (*Katsina*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Lawal Garba (Katsina) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abubakar Atiku Bunu (*Kebbi*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abubakar Atiku Bunu (Kebbi) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Pharm. Idris Eneye Bello (*Kogi*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Pharm. Idris Eneye Bello (Kogi) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abdul Wasiu Kayode Bawa-Allah (*Lagos*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abdul Wasiu Kayode Bawa-Allah (Lagos) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Alakayi Toro Mamman (*Nasarawa*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Alakayi Toro Mamman (Nasarawa) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Maj. Gen. Suleiman Barau Said (Rtd.) (*Niger*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Maj. Gen. Suleiman Barau Said (Rtd.) (Niger) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade (*Ogun*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade (Ogun) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief Olufemi Lawrence Omosanya (*Ondo*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief Olufemi Lawrence Omosanya (Ondo) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Adeoye, Abdulrazak Olalekan (*Osun*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Adeoye, Abdulrazak Olalekan (Osun) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof. Adeniyi Olowofela (*Oyo*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prof. Adeniyi Olowofela (Oyo) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Stephen A. Jings (*Plateau*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Stephen A. Jings (Plateau) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Wokocha Augustine (*Rivers*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Wokocha Augustine (Rivers) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abdullahi Aminu Tafida (*Sokoto*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abdullahi Aminu Tafida (Sokoto) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Armaya'u Dauda Abubakar (*Taraba*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Armaya'u Dauda Abubakar (Taraba) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Jibril Maigari (*Yobe*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Jibril Maigari (Yobe) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Sani Garba (*Zamfara*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Sani Garba (Zamfara) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sen. Adamu Muhammed Sidi-Ali (*FCT*) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Sen. Adamu Muhammed Sidi-Ali (FCT) for appointment as Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

14. Committees on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Commissioners for the Federal Civil Service Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committees on Establishment and Public Service on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Commissioners for the Federal Civil Service Commission.

S/N	Name	Position	State Represented	New/Renewal of Appointment
(i)	Dr. Frederick O. Ekwem	Commissioner	Imo & Abia	New Appointment
(ii)	Dr. Jonah Madugu	Commissioner	Benue, Nasarawa & Plateau	Renewal

(Senator Ibrahim Shekarau — Kano Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committees on Establishment and Public Service on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Commissioners for the Federal Civil Service Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

- (i) Dr. Frederick O. Ekwem (*Commissioner*) (*Imo & Abia*) — *Agreed to.*
(ii) Dr. Jonah Madugu (*Commissioner*) (*Benue, Nasarawa & Plateau*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Commissioners for the Federal Civil Service Commission and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Frederick O. Ekwem (*Commissioner*) (*Imo & Abia*) for appointment as Commissioner of the Federal Civil Service Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Frederick O. Ekwem (Commissioner) (Imo & Abia) for appointment as Commissioner of the Federal Civil Service Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Jonah Madugu (*Commissioner*) (*Benue, Nasarawa & Plateau*) for appointment as Commissioner of the Federal Civil Service Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Jonah Madugu (Commissioner) (Benue, Nasarawa & Plateau) for appointment as Commissioner of the Federal Civil Service Commission accordingly confirmed.

15. Committees on Finance:***Report on the 2020 - 2022 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):***

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report the Committee of Finance on the 2020 - 2022 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senator Solomon O. Adeola — Lagos West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

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.

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

Question: That the price of crude be increased to \$28 per barrel as against the \$25 per barrel propose by the executive. This is as a result of the recent upward trend of the crude oil market which as today stood at \$38 per barrel with a very strong expectation that the price will rise to as \$40 to \$45 per barrel — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the oil production output was reviewed to 1.8 Million per barrel day as proposed by the Executive as this was the decision of cutting production by OPEC which Nigeria is a member — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That due to current realities and downturn in the global economy the ₦360/US\$1 as proposed in the MTEF amendment be sustained with continuous effort by the Central Bank of Nigeria to stabilize the exchange rate ensures to no further devaluation of Naira against the dollars and also call on the Executive for strong diversification of the economy — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the sum of ₦500 Billion intervention fund drawn from various special accounts, and with the utilization of the fund clearly stated, and projects already added to the proposed revised 2020 budget send to the National Assembly be approved by the Senate — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the deficit of ₦4.95 Trillion as stated in the observation of the Committee be approved. The deficit will largely be financed from new borrowings estimated at ₦4.17 Trillion. It is expected that ₦1.98 Trillion of the new borrowings will be from external (multilateral) concessional sources, mainly the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, African Development Bank and Islamic Development Bank. New Domestic debts totaling about ₦593.89

Billion will also be sourced from the 2020 budget. In addition ₦126.04 Billion will be derived from Privatization proceeds, ₦263.63 Billion will be sourced from the Federal Government's Special Accounts to fund Covid-19 expenditures, and ₦387.30 Billion will be drawn down on multilateral/bilateral loans secured for specific development projects — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vi):

Question: The deficit is currently 3.55% to GDP which exceed the ceiling of (3% of GDP) stipulated in the section 12(i) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) 2007 (as amended). Further to the above section, Section 12(ii) stated that aggregate expenditure for the financial year may exceed the ceiling imposed by the provisions, if in the opinion of the President there is a clear and present threat to National Security or Sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and the COVID-19 crisis pose a threat to National Security within the contemplation of the FRA 2007 — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vii):

Question: That the reduction in Customs budgeted revenue figure from ₦1.5 Trillion to ₦950 Billion be sustained, but with serious monitoring and supervision by the Customs with a view of blocking all revenue leakages in the system — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (viii):

Question: That the first-line NNPC deductions from the federally funded project be approved, as the Federal Government portion of the reduction which represents 42.8% of the overall savings amount to ₦360 Billion go straight to the revenue coffers of the Federal Government for the funding of the 2020 amended budget — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ix):

Question: That the NNPC works on the various cost components, with a view to minimizing the production cost per barrel, and should take action on the Petroleum Industry Bill — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (x):

Question: That the non-oil revenue which include the Capital Gains Tax, Stamp Duty and Company Income Tax be sustained as contained in the proposed MTEF/FSP amendment with serious supervision with a view to blocking revenue leakages within the system — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the price of crude be increased to \$28 per barrel as against the \$25 per barrel propose by the executive. This is as a result of the recent upward trend of the crude oil market which as today stood at \$38 per barrel with a very strong expectation that the price will rise to as \$40 to \$45 per barrel;
- (ii) That the oil production output was reviewed to 1.8 Million per barrel day as proposed by the Executive as this was the decision of cutting production by OPEC which Nigeria is a member;
- (iii) That due to current realities and downturn in the global economy the ₦360/US\$1 as proposed in the MTEF amendment be sustained with continuous effort by the Central Bank of Nigeria to stabilize the exchange rate ensures to no further devaluation of Naira against the dollars and also call on the Executive for strong diversification of the economy;
- (iv) That the sum of ₦500 Billion intervention fund drawn from various special accounts, and with the utilization of the fund clearly stated, and projects already added to the proposed revised 2020 budget send to the National Assembly be approved by the Senate;

- (v) That the deficit of ₦4.95 Trillion as stated in the observation of the Committee be approved. The deficit will largely be financed from new borrowings estimated at ₦4.17 Trillion. It is expected that ₦1.98 Trillion of the new borrowings will be from external (multilateral) concessional sources, mainly the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, African Development Bank and Islamic Development Bank. New Domestic debts totalling about ₦593.89 Billion will also be sourced from the 2020 budget. In addition ₦126.04 Billion will be derived from Privatization proceeds, ₦263.63 Billion will be sourced from the Federal Government's Special Accounts to fund Covid-19 expenditures, and ₦387.30 Billion will be drawn down on multilateral/bilateral loans secured for specific development projects;
- (vi) The deficit is currently 3.55% to GDP which exceed the ceiling of (3% of GDP) stipulated in the section 12(i) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) 2007 (as amended). Further to the above section, Section 12(ii) stated that aggregate expenditure for the financial year may exceed the ceiling imposed by the provisions, if in the opinion of the President there is a clear and present threat to National Security or Sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and the COVID-19 crisis pose a threat to National Security within the contemplation of the FRA 2007;
- (vii) That the reduction in Customs budgeted revenue figure from ₦1.5 Trillion to ₦950 Billion be sustained, but with serious monitoring and supervision by the Customs with a view of blocking all revenue leakages in the system;
- (viii) That the first-line NNPC deductions from the federally funded project be approved, as the Federal Government portion of the reduction which represents 42.8% of the overall savings amount to ₦360 Billion go straight to the revenue coffers of the Federal Government for the funding of the 2020 amended budget;
- (ix) That the NNPC works on the various cost components, with a view to minimizing the production cost per barrel, and should take action on the Petroleum Industry Bill;
- (x) That the non-oil revenue which include the Capital Gains Tax, Stamp Duty and Company Income Tax be sustained as contained in the proposed MTEF/FSP amendment with serious supervision with a view to blocking revenue leakages within the system (*S/Res/155/01/20*).

16. Committee on Local and Foreign Debts:

Report on the Federal Government External Borrowing to Finance the Proposed Revised 2020 Budget:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the Federal Government External Borrowing to Finance the proposed Revised 2020 Budget (*Senator Clifford A. Ordia — Edo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do approve the External borrowing of the sum of \$5,513,000,000 (Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million United States Dollars) from the following Multilateral and Bilateral Institutions — *Agreed to.*

	Lender	Purpose	Amount	Interest Rate	Grace Period	Tenor
1	International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Rapid Financing Instrument to part finance FGN 2020 proposed revised budget deficit	\$3,400,000,000	1%	3 yrs.	5 yrs.
2	World Bank (WB)	Development Policy Financing to part finance FGN 2020 revised budget deficit	\$1,500,000,000	2.38%	5 yrs.	30 yrs.
3	African Development Bank (AfDB)	COVID-19 crises response Budget support Operation to part finance FGN 2020 revised budget deficit	\$500,000,000	1.315%	5 yrs.	20 yrs.
4	Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	To part finance FGN 2020 revised budget deficit	\$113,000,000	0.4%	5 yrs.	20 yrs.
	TOTAL		\$5,513,000,000			

— Agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do approve the terms and conditions of the loans from each Lender as are contained in a duly executed Loan Agreements be forwarded to the National Assembly for scrutiny — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) approve the External borrowing of the sum of \$5,513,000,000 (Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million United States Dollars) from the following Multilateral and Bilateral Institutions:

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	TOTAL		\$5,513,000,000			

(ii) approve the terms and conditions of the loans from each Lender as are contained in a duly executed Loan Agreements be forwarded to the National Assembly for scrutiny (*Res/156/01/20*).

17. **Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Act 2010 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB.420):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Erosion Control Prevention Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.142):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency Act CAP P43 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB.430):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **Motions:**

(a) *Need to intervene in the mysterious deaths in Bonny Island, Rivers State:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(b) *The need to revive the Moribund Paper Mills in Nigeria:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. **Adjournment:**

And it being 3:12 p.m. the Senate adjourned sitting to Tuesday, 9th June, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:12 p.m.

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

