



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 24th 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 Thursday, 19th March, 2020.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Closed Session:**

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on issues of national importance (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session	—	10:48 a.m.
Open Session	—	11:59 a.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 National Assembly in general. The Senate further resolved to adjourn sitting for two (2) weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic ravaging the world generally. However, the Senate will be on, in case of emergency on national issue(s). The Senate noted that the only way out of this pandemic is for the populace to observe the recommended measures by Federal Government. The Senate further urged the Federal Government to provide special funds to National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC) to fight COVID-19. The Federal Government should also give financial assistance to States in the fight against Coronavirus. Also mandates its Committees on Health (Secondary and Tertiary); and Primary Healthcare and Communicable Diseases to continue to engage with the Federal Ministry of Health and the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19.

4. **Demise of Senator Rose Okoji Oko (Cross River North):**

Motion made: That the Senate do notes the demise of Senator Rose Okoji Oko (*Cross River North*), who died on Monday, 23rd March, 2020 after a protracted illness at the age of 63, he urged the Senate to observe a minute silence, adjourn Plenary; and suspend all other legislative activities for today in her honour (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the Deceased and all Senate proceedings suspended.

5. **Presentation of Bills:**

(i) Energy Commission of Nigeria Act CAP E10 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 317).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (ii) University of Aerospace and Aeronautics Oka Akoko (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 409).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (iii) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 410).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (iv) Federal College of Precision Agriculture and Irrigation Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 411).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (v) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 412).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Bambo Adesanya, SAN on Behalf of Rite Foods Ltd 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:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 362):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Sickle Cell Anaemia (Control and Prevention) Bill, 2020 (SB. 166):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Nigeria Peace Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB: 271):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Institute of Information and Communication Technology Suleja, Niger State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 244):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 282):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Federal College of Education (Technical) (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 164):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Federal University of Education, Ankpa, Kogi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.146):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Motions:

(a) *The Demolition of Properties in Dakwa a Settlement in Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State by the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) and the Non-payment of Land Compensation to Niger State by the Federal Government: Urgent Need for Intervention to Prevent Further Demolition and Encroachment by the FCDA and Immediate Settlement of All Compensation Arrears to Niger State by the Federal Government of Nigeria:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(b) *The Suitability of Hydroelectric Gravity Dams in Redressing the Harms of Perennial Flooding in Nigeria:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 7th April, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:13 p.m.

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

