



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 17th December, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:50 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 10:54 a.m.

Open Session — 11:29 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 the National Assembly in general.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 16th December, 2020.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Presentation of Bills:**

(i) School of Mines and Geological Studies, Akoko Edo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB.441) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) State of the Nation Address Bill, 2020 (SB. 606) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) Nigeria Police Act, 2020 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 593) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act CAP R7 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 613) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Local Industry Patronage Bill, 2020 (SB. 614) — *Read the First Time.*

5. **Committee on Power:**

Report on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as the Chairman; Managing Director; and Members of the Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Power on the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons for appointment as the Chairman; Managing Director; and Members of the Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC):

No.	Names	State of origin	Position
(i)	Hon. Itvav Joseph Terfa	Benue	Chairman
(ii)	Mal. Abubakar Sadiq Ahmed Yelwa, FCNA	Kebbi	Managing Director
(iii)	Alh. Isa Ozi Salami, OFR	Kogi	Member
(iv)	Engr. Taoheed Daud Toyin	Kwara	Member
(v)	Hon. Mikail Al-Amin Bmitosahi	Niger	Member
(vi)	Dr. Saleh Mohammed Galadima Kanam	Plateau	Member
(vii)	Engr. Aminu Muhammed Ganda	Sokoto	Member
(viii)	Chief (Barr.) Utum Ubi Eteng	Cross River	Member

(Senator Gabriel T. Suswam — Benue North East).

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 Committee on Power on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as the Chairman; Managing Director; and Members of the Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC).

Nominees recommended for confirmations:

(i)	Hon. Itvav Joseph Terfa (Benue)(Chairman)	—	Agreed to.
(ii)	Mal. Abubakar Sadiq Ahmed Yelwa, FCNA(Kebbi)(Managing Director)	—	Agreed to.
(iii)	Alh. Isa Ozi Salami, OFR (Kogi)(Member)	—	Agreed to.
(iv)	Engr. Taoheed Daud Toyin (Kwara)(Member)	—	Agreed to.
(v)	Hon. Mikail Al-Amin Bmitosahi (Niger)(Member)	—	Agreed to.
(vi)	Dr. Saleh Mohammed Galadima Kanam (Plateau)(Member)	—	Agreed to.
(vii)	Engr. Aminu Muhammed Ganda (Sokoto)(Member)	—	Agreed to.
(viii)	Chief (Barr.) Utum Ubi Eteng (Cross River)(Member)	—	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 Power on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as the Chairman; Managing Director; and Members of the Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) 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 Hon. Itvav Joseph Terfa for Appointment as Chairman, Governing Council for the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Nomination of Hon. Itvav Joseph Terfa for Appointment as Chairman, Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mal. Abubakar Sadiq Ahmed Yelwa for Appointment

as Managing Director of Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mal. Abubakar Sadiq Ahmed Yelwa for Appointment as Managing Director of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alh. Isa Ozi Salami, OFR for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alh. Isa Ozi Salami, OFR for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Taoheed Daud Toyin for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Taoheed Daud Toyin for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Mikail Al-Amin Bmitosahi for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Mikail Al-Amin Bmitosahi for Appointment as Member of Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Saleh Mohammed Galadima Kanam for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Saleh Mohammed Galadima Kanam for Appointment as Member of Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Aminu Muhammed Ganda for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Aminu Muhammed Ganda for Appointment as Member of Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief (Barr.) Utum Ubi Eteng for Appointment as Member for Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief (Barr.) Utum Ubi Eteng for Appointment as Member of Governing Council of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) accordingly confirmed.

6. **National Tea and Coffee Development Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.100):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Tea and Coffee Development Council to develop and promote growing, production and marketing of tea and coffee in Nigeria and other matters connected therewith, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

7. **Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.333):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (NBRRI) to build capacity, conduct integrated applied research and development in roads, buildings, and engineering materials sectors and for related matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Uche L. Ekwunife — Anambra Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

8. **National Maternal and Perinatal Deaths Surveillance (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.581):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for effective surveillance, review and prevention of Maternal and Perinatal Deaths and Related Matters for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Yahaya I. Oloriegbe — Kwara Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

9. **National Human Rights Commission Act CAP N46 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB.586):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Human Rights Commission Act CAP N46 LFN 2004 and Re-enact the National Human Rights Commission Act, 2020 to strengthen the Commission to conduct investigations and sustain contributions to the Human Rights Fund for Human Rights Activities in Nigeria and for related matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Micheal O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

10. **Nigerian Arabic Language Village (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.331):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Arabic Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for Arabic Studies and for other related matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Kashim Shettima — Borno Central*).

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. Federal Orthopaedic Hospital Kuta (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 279):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Orthopaedic Hospital Kuta and for 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 Health (Secondary and Tertiary) to report within Four (4) weeks.

12. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB.514):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Federal Character and for related matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Betty J. Apiafi — Rivers West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Review of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).

13. Conference Committee:

Report on the 2021 - 2023 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Conference Committee Report on the 2021-2023 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

i.	Daily crude oil Production	—	1.86mbpd;
ii.	Benchmark oil price	—	USD\$40 per barrel;
iii.	Exchange rate	—	₦379/US\$;
iv.	GDP growth rate	—	3.00%;
v.	Inflation growth rate	—	11.95%;
vi.	FGN retained revenue	—	₦7.99 trillion;
vii.	Total FGN proposed expenditure	—	₦13.58 trillion;

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viii.	Fiscal deficit	—	₦5.60 trillion(including GOEs);
ix.	New Borrowings	—	₦4.28 trillion (including Foreign and domestic Borrowings);
x.	Statutory transfers	—	₦484.4 billion;
xi.	Debt Service	—	₦3.12 trillion;

xii.	Sinking Fund	—	₦220 billion;
xiii.	Pension, Gratuities & Retirees Benefits	—	₦520.6 billion;
xiv.	Total FGN Expenditure	—	₦13.58 trillion
xv.	Total Recurrent (Non-debt)	—	₦5.66 trillion;
xvi.	Personnel Costs (MDAs)	—	₦3.05 trillion
xvii.	Capital expenditure (exclusive of Transfers)	—	₦3.58 trillion;
xviii.	Special Intervention (Recurrent)	—	₦350 billion; and
xix.	Special intervention (Capital)	—	₦20 billion.
xx.	(Capital)	—	₦20 billion.

Report accordingly adopted.

14. Electric Power Sector Reform Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 01) — Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Environmental Health Officers (Registration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 44) - Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Emergency Economic Stimulus Bill, 2020 (HB. 835) - Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. National Commission for Refugees Act CAP N21 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 171) - Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. FCT Health Insurance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 60) - Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB: 57) - Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. Special Sitting:

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Order 13(2) to enable it sit on Monday, 21st December, 2020 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

21. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Monday, 21st December, 2020 at 10.00 a.m
(*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:38 p.m.

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President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.