



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 18th February, 2021

1. The Senate met at 10:39 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 17th February, 2021.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcement:**
Notice of Public Hearing:
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu (*Lagos Central*) as follows:



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Committee on Communications
*National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
P.M.B. 141, Garki Abuja*

18th February, 2021

*His Excellency,
Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON
President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please recall that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at its Plenary Session on 5th May, 2020, mandated its Joint Committee on Communications; Science & Technology; ICT & Cyber Crimes; and Primary Healthcare & Communicable Diseases to investigate "The Status of 5G Network in Nigeria and its Technological Impact on Nigerian Citizens" and referred same to the Joint Committee for further legislative action.

However, due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic at the time of referral, the Joint Committee was only able to receive memoranda from relevant stakeholders pending schedule of the Public Hearing.

To this effect, the Joint Committee hereby seizes this opportunity to invite Distinguished Senators, stakeholders and the general public to a 1-day investigative public hearing slated for Thursday, 25th February, 2021 in the Senate Conference Room 022, Senate New Building at 2:00 p.m.

Stakeholders are enjoined to forward their memoranda to the Joint Committee Secretariat in Room SB 61, Senate Wing (White House Building), National Assembly Complex, Abuja, on or before Wednesday, 24th February, 2021.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my kindest regards.

(Signed)

SENATOR OLUREMI S. TINUBU, OON
CHAIRMAN, JOINT COMMITTEE

4. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Institute of Mediators and Conciliators (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 213) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) University of Broadcasting and Film Studies, Jos (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 406) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act, 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 637) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal University of Technology Akure, Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 638) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Families of Fallen Servicemen Support Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 345) — *Read the First Time.*

5. Committee on Finance:

Report of the Committee on Finance on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for Appointment as Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)
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Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on the confirmation of the nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for appointment as Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC):

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

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 Finance on the confirmation of the nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for appointment as Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC).

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako

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*Agreed to.****Proposed Resolution***

Question: That the Senate do urge the Presidency to constitute Board Members of Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) with one (1) Representative from each of the six (6) Geo-Political Zones and one (1) from the Civil Society Organizations in accordance with the Act setting up the Fiscal Responsibility Commission Section 5(1)(a)(b)(c) and (d) — *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 Finance on the confirmation of the nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for appointment as Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) and approved the nomination and the Resolution.

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

Confirmation of nomination:***Question:***

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for appointment as Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for appointment as Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.

Resolved:

That the Senate do urge the Presidency to constitute Board Members of Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) with one (1) Representative from each of the six (6) Geo-Political Zones and one (1) from the Civil Society Organizations in accordance with Section 5(1)(a)(b)(c) and (d) of the Act setting up the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (*S/Res/073/02/21*).

6. Federal Medical Centres (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 636):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the legal framework to Establish the Federal Medical Centres and for Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Aishatu A. Dahiru — Adamawa 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.

7. Federal University of Special Needs Education, Oyo (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 363):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Special Needs Education, Oyo, to provide training and teaching instructions in every aspect of special needs education and such other fields of applied learning leading to award of degree and relevant to the needs of the development of education in Nigeria, matters of administration and discipline of students and for Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Teslim K. Folarin — Oyo 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.

8. Prohibition of Casualization in Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 329):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Prohibition of casualization in all forms of employment in the private and public sector in Nigeria and for Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity to report within four (4) weeks.

9. Emergency Economic Stimulus Bill, 2021 (HB. 835) — Concurrence

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. National Commission for Refugees Act Cap N21 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 171) — Concurrence

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. University of Agriculture, Jalingo (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 750) — Concurrence

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:46 p.m.

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