



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 24th November, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:42 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings(2) of Tuesday, 20th October, 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 five (5) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(a) **Confirmation of Appointments:**



**PRESIDENT**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

12<sup>th</sup> November, 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 APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNING  
COUNCIL OF THE HYDROELECTRIC POWER PRODUCING AREAS  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HYPADEC)**

*Pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) Act, I hereby present for confirmation by the Senate, the following eight (8) nominees as Chairman, Managing Director and Members of the Governing Council of Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC). Their CVs are attached herewith.*

<b>S/No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Position</b>
(i)	Ityav Joseph Terfa	Benue	Chairman
(ii)	Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa	Kebbi	Managing Director
(iii)	Alh. Isa Ozi Salami, OFR	Kogi	Member
(iv)	Taoheed Daud Toyin	Kwara	Member
(v)	Hon. Mikail A. Bmitosahi	Niger	Member
(vi)	Saleh Mohammed Galadima Kanam	Plateau	Member
(vii)	Engr. Aminu Muhammed Ganda	Sokoto	Member
(viii)	Chief (Barr) Utum Eteng	Cross River	Member

2. While I hope that the Senate will consider and confirm the nominees in the expeditious manner, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

**Muhammadu Buhari**

**(b) Confirmation of Appointments:**



5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

In accordance with the provision of Section 32(3) of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2019, I write to present for confirmation by the Senate, the following seven (7) nominees as Chairman and Members of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Their CVs are attached herewith.

<b>S/No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Zone</b>
(i)	Hon. Dr. Hussaini Suleiman Kangiwa	Chairman	North West
(ii)	Oparaku Onyejelam Jaja	Member	South East
(iii)	Philomena Isioma Konwea	Member	South South
(iv)	Omopariola Busuyi Oluwasola	Member	South West
(v)	Amina Rahma Audu	Member	North West
(vi)	Mrs. Esther Andrew Awu	Member	North Central
(vii)	Abba Audu Ibrahim	Member	North East

2. It is my hope that the Distinguished Senate will consider and confirm the nominees in the usual expeditious manner.

3. Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)  
**Muhammadu Buhari**

(c) **Confirmation of Appointment:**



5<sup>th</sup> November, 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 THE CONFIRMATION OF FULL-TIME COMMISSIONER  
REPRESENTING THE NORTH-WEST GEO-POLITICAL ZONE IN THE  
NATIONAL PENSION COMMISSION**

In accordance with the provision of Section 19(3) of the Pension Reforms Act, 2014, I write to present, for confirmation by the Senate, the nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu as full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission. His CV is hereby attached.

It is my hope that the Distinguished Senate will consider and confirm the nominee in the usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)  
**Muhammadu Buhari**

(d) **Confirmation of Appointment:**



21<sup>st</sup> October, 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 APPOINTMENT OF THE  
CHAIRMAN, INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION (INEC)**

*In accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I am pleased to present for confirmation by the Senate, the nomination of Professor Mahmood Yakubu for appointment as Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for a second and final term.*

*While hoping that the Senate will consider and confirm the re-appointment of the nominee, please accept Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*  
**Muhammadu Buhari**

**(e) Confirmation of Appointment:**



**PRESIDENT  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

21<sup>st</sup> October, 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 APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL  
COMMISSIONER FOR THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION (INEC)**

*Pursuant to paragraph 14 of Part I(F) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I am pleased to present to the Senate for confirmation, the appointment of Professor Abdullahi Abdu Zuru as National Commissioner, representing the North West in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).*

*The Senate is invited to note that this request is sequel to the resignation of Abubakar Ahmed Nahuche, National Commissioner representing North West, who served for four (4) years in the Commission.*

*While hoping that the Senate will consider and confirm the nominee in the usual expeditious manner, please accept Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*  
**Muhammadu Buhari**

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**4. Announcements:**

**(a) Auditor-General's Performance Audit Reports:**

The President of the Senate read a letter from Auditor-General for the Federation as follows:



**THE AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION**

Audit House, Plot 273, Samuel Ademulegun Street, Central Business District,  
P.M.B 128, Garki - Abuja, Nigeria.

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22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020.

**The Senate President,**  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

**Submission Of Auditor-General's Performance Audit Reports**

In accordance with Section 85(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), I am pleased to submit to the Distinguished Senate President, two (2) hard copies of Auditor-General's Report on Performance Audits as follows:

- (i) Performance Audit On the Federal Government of Nigeria Budget Preparation Process and Its Implementation.
  - (ii) Monitoring of the Maintenance of Federal Roads in Nigeria.
  - (iii) The Role of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) in the Provision of Meters and Billing of Electricity Consumers (2016 - 2018).
2. Please, accept the assurances of my highest regards, always.

(Signed)  
**A. M. AYINE, FCA**  
Auditor-General for the Federation

- (b) **Burial:**  
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Michael A. Nnachi (*Ebonyi South*) as follows:



**Senator Michael Ama Nnachi** Ph.D, FNIQS, FCArb, RQS, MEMAN  
EBONYI SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
VICE CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON AIR FORCE  
VICE CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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The President of the Senate,  
Distinguished Senator, Ahmad  
Ibrahim Lawan Ph.D, CON  
Sadaunan Bade, National Assembly, Abuja

Your Excellency,

**BURIAL OF MY LATE FATHER**

I write to remind you and indeed the entire Senate and by extension the National Assembly of the burial of my late father, Pa Samuel U. Nnachi, which by God's grace comes up in my country

home, Itim Edda in Afikpo South Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Viz;

Date 27th and 28th November 2020

Service of songs is by 7pm on Friday 27th November, 2020. While the funeral service will take place by 9am on the 28th of November 2020 at Itim Secondary School by Presbyterian Church in Itim Edda, Afikpo South LGA of Ebonyi State.

I and my family have provided accommodation for Distinguished Senators in Enugu against Friday and Saturday, from where they will be conveyed to Itim Edda, Afikpo South LGA, Ebonyi State, where the burial will take place, for those who would oblige us with their esteemed presence at my late father's burial.

I will be incredibly grateful if your Excellency would lead my Distinguished colleagues to the burial.

Accept the assurances of my highest regards,

(Signed)

**Senator Michael Ama Nnachi, Ph.D.**

**5. Petitions:**

- (a) Rising on Order 41, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to seventeen (17) petitions from:
- (i) Dr. Lawal Jimoh and Alh. Bolo Shehu, against the Executive Secretary of Petroleum Technology Development Fund for gross mismanagement of training fund running to several billions of naira annually over the years (2016 - 2019) in connivance with top management staff and some external syndicates contractors leading to deliberate diversion of training fund at the detriment of technological development of youths across the geopolitical zones of the country, fairly and equitably;
- (ii) Prof. Chike Mbakwe, against the Accountant General of the Federation, Director of IPPIS of the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation for alleged failure to declare savings made from IPPIS capturing running to several billions of naira loss to the Federal Government of Nigeria and connivance with the Directors of Human Resources and Administration of MDAs and Syndicates operating with IPPIS Office to capture candidates with fake letters of employment purportedly issued by the Federal Civil Service Commission and MDAs into the Payroll of the Federation unchecked over the years;
- (iii) Chief Kayode Akintomide, against Gata Trading Company, a subsidiary of Dansa/Dangote Holdings for alleged breach of Contract with Fraudulent intent;
- (iv) Dr. Samuel Oluwaoromipin and Pharm. Abosede Idowu Adekola to redress the unjustifiable exclusion of other critical healthcare stakeholders by Federal Ministry of Health in NEMTC/SEMTC;

- (v) Olugbenga Adedugbe, against the Nigeria Police Force for unlawful dismissal of Ex-Sgt Owodunni Oluwatayo;
- (vi) Victoria Goltokka, against the appointment of Mr. James David Lalu as the Executive Secretary of National Commission for Persons with Disabilities over alleged case of rape;
- (vii) Arthur C. Nwosu Esq. of Chike Onyali Chambers, against alleged predetermined

dismissal of DC Idris A. Service No. 37083 from Nigeria Customs Service;

- (viii) O. A. Odeh, Esq., against the continued unlawful detention of Ogo Tom Uhia by the Hon. Minister of State, Power, (Hon. Goddy Jedy Agba), DIG. Michael Anthony Ogbizi (Force CID, Abuja), ACP. Tahir Usman, ACP. Gabriel Elaigwu and Rojas Elijah Elebel contrary to Sections 27 of the Police Act, 35 of the 1999 Constitution and Article 6 of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights (Ratification and Enforcement) Act;
- (ix) An Appeal from V. A. Ojeifo, Esq on behalf of Pinnacle Shipping & Logistics Nig. Ltd (as presented to the Senate by Senator Albert Bassey Akpan), for payment in respect of the offer of contract for the construction of pavilion C, against the sub-committee on Works and Services, Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, Akwa Ibom State;
- (x) Yayaha Oladebo Oladosu requesting for his unpaid 17 years and 2 months Pensions and Arrears out of 23 years from Nigerian Army as instructed to Military Pension Board, via letter dated 17th July, 2007 and Army Headquarters approval letter dated 10th June, 2009;
- (xi) Eric Ndubueze Ufom & Ngozi Pauline Ikebuaku demanding the arrest and prosecution of Mr. James Lalu for alleged committing sexual assault (rape), against Miss Veronica Goltokka and thereafter moves to obstruct justice;
- (xii) Muhammad T. Isma'il, against Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC), over alleged wrongful demotion;
- (xiii) S.S. Ogidi of Menigoi & Company, against alleged abuse of fundamental human right by National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) and Communities' representatives of Messrs Menigoi and Company on the Negative effects of the oil Company operation in some impacted communities in Bayelsa and Rivers States;
- (xiv) Yohanna Ibrahim Barde, against Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, over alleged wrongful stoppage of his monthly salary;
- (xv) Cpl Sunday Awe, against Nigeria Police for alleged refusal to reinstate him by the Nigeria Police Force;
- (xvi) Gregory Eton, Esq. on behalf of Etim Udo and 7 others, against the Nigeria Police Force, for the reinstatement of the wrongfully dismissed Police Officers; and
- (xvii) Isa Usman Kunini & 3 others, against the Nigerian Ports Authority, for the alleged non-release of their balance of 100% of 280% gratuity benefit withheld by the Nigerian Ports Authority since 2018.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

*Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Order 41(3)] to report within four (4) weeks.*

- (b) Rising on Order 41, Senator Francis A. Alimikhena (*Edo North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition by his constituent, RC Khanoba Aliyu Yunusa, against the Federal Road Safety Corp, over alleged wrongful termination of appointment. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

*Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Order 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.*

## 6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Orders 42 and 52, Senator Muhammad A. Adamu (*Kebbi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Need to Protect Nigerian Indigenous Airlines from Extinction. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

*aware* that the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON) is the Association of Domestic Scheduled and Charter Airline Operators of both fixed (airplane) and Rotary Wings (Helicopter) operators in Nigeria;

*also aware* that the association represents the interest of its collective members and the aviation industry in general;

*notes* that airlines are the pivot and catalyst of the Nigerian economy and are at the forefront of providing critical support for the Nigerian Micro/Macro economy;

*further notes* the immense contribution of the association to job creation, nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and sustainable environment for investors in the sector;

*worried* that despite the significant contributions to the growth and development of the Nigerian economy, domestic airlines in the country are faced with multiplicity of challenges that threaten their continuous existence;

*observes* that there are some pertinent issues that have continued to negatively plague the industry and affecting airline operations in the country which include but are not limited to the following:

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- (1) Non-implementation of the Executive Order on zero customs duty and zero VAT on importation of commercial aircrafts and aircraft spare parts.
- (2) Non-implementation of the Executive Order on the Removal of VAT from Air Transportation and Inability to access forex.
- (3) High cost of capital and lack of single digit interest rate for airlines.
- (4) Replacement of NCAA 5% Ticket Sales Charge (TSC) with a fixed charge similar to FAAN Passenger Service Charge (PSC).
- (5) Multiplicity of Taxes, Fees and Charges.

- (6) Urgent review of NAICOM Act on Aviation Insurance and exceptional permission to grant the externalization of insurance placements for domestic airlines in the country on an exceptional basis in the interest of air transport safety due to inability of Nigerian Insurance Companies to cover aviation risks.
- (7) Multiple Entries and Multiple Frequencies Granted to Foreign Airlines and depletion of the domestic airline market with loss of jobs.
- (8) Unnecessary delays for weeks in clearing of Aircraft on Ground (AOG) spares parts.
- (9) High Operating Cost (continually rising cost of JetA1).
- (10) Lack of Business Friendly and Enabling Regulatory Frameworks.



- (11) Over-Regulation of Domestic Airlines.
- (12) Inadequate and Decaying infrastructure.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to fully implement the Executive Order on zero customs duty and zero VAT on importation of commercial aircraft and aircraft spare parts and also implement the Executive Order on the removal of VAT;
- (ii) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to make foreign exchange readily and easily accessible for the sector and make the interest rate a single digit for airlines which will reduce the cost of capital;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to eliminate multiple taxes, fees and charges;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to facilitate review of the NAICOM Act on aviation insurance and exceptional permission to grant the externalization of insurance placements for domestic airlines in the country on an exceptional basis in the interest of the air transport safety due to inability of Nigerian Insurance Companies to cover aviation risks;
- (v) urge the Ministry of Aviation to allocate more entries and frequencies to domestic airlines on international routes;
- (vi) create a more business friendly environment for the air transport sector by fast tracking the clearance of Aircraft On Ground (AOG) spare parts and facilitate availability of jet A1; and
- (vii) urge the Federal Government to upgrade decaying infrastructures.

*Debate:*

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

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to fully implement the Executive Order on zero customs duty and zero VAT on importation of commercial aircraft and aircraft spare parts and also implement the executive order on the removal of VAT — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (ii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to make foreign exchange readily and easily accessible for the sector and make the interest rate a single digit for airlines which will reduce the cost of capital — *Agreed to.*

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***Proposed Resolution (iii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to eliminate multiple taxes, fees and charges — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (iv):***

*Question:* That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to facilitate review of the NAICOM Act on aviation insurance and exceptional permission to grant the externalization of insurance placements for domestic airlines in the country on an exceptional basis in the interest of the air transport safety due to inability of Nigerian Insurance Companies to cover aviation risks — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (v):***

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Ministry of Aviation to allocate more entries and frequencies to domestic airlines on international routes — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (vi):***

*Question:* That the Senate do create a more business friendly environment for the air transport sector by fast tracking the clearance of Aircraft On Ground (AOG) spare parts and facilitate availability of JetA1 — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (vii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to upgrade decaying infrastructures — *Agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to fully implement the Executive Order on zero customs duty and zero VAT on importation of commercial aircraft and aircraft spare parts and also implement the executive order on the removal of VAT;
- (ii) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to make foreign exchange readily and easily accessible for the sector and make the interest rate a single digit for airlines which will reduce the cost of capital;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to eliminate multiple taxes, fees and charges;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to facilitate review of the NAICOM Act on aviation insurance and exceptional permission to grant the externalization of insurance placements for domestic airlines in the country on an exceptional basis in the interest of the air transport safety due to inability of Nigerian Insurance Companies to cover aviation risks;
- (v) urge the Ministry of Aviation to allocate more entries and frequencies to domestic airlines on international routes;
- (vi) create a more business friendly environment for the air transport sector by fast tracking the clearance of Aircraft On Ground (AOG) spare parts and facilitate availability of jet A1; and
- (vii) urge the Federal Government to upgrade decaying infrastructures (*S/Res/035/02/20*).

**7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Orders 42 and 52, Senator Biodun C. Olujimi (*Ekiti South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the #EndSARS protests: Urgent need for the Federal Government to assist Lagos State Government in rebuilding its infrastructure.

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She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

*notes* that the #EndSARS protest, which assumed a global dimension, began on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020, when the video of a SARS officer who allegedly shot a young Nigerian in Ughelli, Delta State, surfaced online;

*further notes* that on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, youths in Lagos state set out for a three-day protest to call for the disbandment of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) unit of the Nigeria Police Force, as part of the push for reforms in the unit;

*aware* that 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 was the start of a 14-day protest in Lagos that eventually turned violent and hijacked by hoodlums;

*further aware* that at about 6:45pm on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, several media accounts revealed that peaceful protesters were allegedly shot at by the Nigerian military at the Lekki toll

gate;

*concerned* that the alleged shooting of protesters further infuriated protesters and tension flared with consequent violent protests and the beginning of wanton looting and destroying of public and private assets all over the country and particularly Lagos, the epicenter of the protests;

*worried* that private and public assets destroyed by hoodlums in Lagos was estimated to be in the region of over 1 trillion naira by the Governor of Lagos State - Babajide Sanwo-Olu;

*further worried* that the long list of destroyed public and private properties in Lagos are: Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government Secretariat, Palace of the Oba of Lagos; Lagos High Court, Igbosere; Oyingbo BRT terminus; Ojodu Berger BRT terminus; Vehicle Inspection Office, Ojodu Berger; Lagos State Public Works Corporation, Ojodu Berger; Lagos City Hall and Circle Mall, Lekki; numerous luxury shops in Surulere, The Nation Newspaper, TVC and Shoprite Lekki including 27 BRT vehicles estimated to cost \$200,000 each and another 57 BRT vehicles estimated to cost \$100,000 each, all totalling about ₦3.9 billion; and

*alarmed* that 25 police stations were reportedly burnt in Lagos: Orile, Amukoko, Layeni, Ilasamaja, Ikotun, Ajah, Igando, Elemoro, Makinde, Onipanu, Ebute Ero, Pen-Cinema, Isokoko, Alade, Cele, Igbo Elerin, Shibiri, Gbagada, Onilekere, Makoko, Daleko, Asahun, Makinyo, Amuwo-Odofin, Anti-Kidnapping, Surulere. Other Police stations that were vandalised but not burnt were Ojo, Ojodu, Mowo, PPL and Morogbo.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to set up a visitation panel to assess the level of destruction of public and private assets in Lagos State;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to commit to assisting Lagos State in rebuilding the state after the wanton destruction of lives and properties by giving 1% of VAT collection to Lagos State; and
- (iii) mandate the Senate Committee on State and Local Government Affairs to monitor compliance;

*Debate:*

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

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to set up a visitation panel to assess the level of destruction of public and private assets in Lagos State.

***Amendment Proposed:***

Immediately after the word “states” *insert* the words “and other States affected by the aftermath of #EndSars protest and destruction of properties” (*Senator Albert B. Akpan — Akwa-Ibom North East*).

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

***Proposed Resolution (ii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to commit to assisting Lagos State in rebuilding the state after the wanton destruction of lives and properties by giving 1% of VAT collection to Lagos State.

***Amendment Proposed:***

Immediately after the word “State” *insert* the words “and other States affected by the aftermath #EndSars protest and destruction” (*Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide — Edo South*).

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

**Proposed Resolution (iii):**

*Question:* That the Senate do mandate the Senate Committee on State and Local Government Affairs to monitor compliance — *Agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to set up a visitation panel to assess the level of destruction of public and private assets in Lagos State and other States affected by the aftermath of #EndSars protest and destruction of properties;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to commit to assisting Lagos state in rebuilding the state after the wanton destruction of lives and properties by giving 1% of VAT collection to Lagos State and other States affected by the aftermath #EndSars protest and destruction; and
- (iii) urge the Senate Committee on State and Local Government Affairs to monitor compliance **(S/Res/036/02/20)**.

**8. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Orders 42 and 52, Senator Gershom H. Bassey (*Cross River South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Mayhem Visited on the Ancient City of Calabar the First Capital of Nigeria on 23rd and 24th October, 2020. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

*notes* that on the 23rd day of October, 2020 a large crowd masquerading as #EndSars protesters invaded and looted the Cross River State COVID-19 Palliative Warehouse located at Bishop Moinagh Street in Calabar, Cross River State;

*further notes* that as a result of the invasion of the COVID-19 Palliative Warehouse, the Cross River State Government imposed a 24-hour curfew in Calabar that started from 6pm on the same 23rd October to avert further breakdown of law and order;

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*worried* that despite the 24-hour curfew, a group of vandals on the next day being 24th October invaded over 120 properties in Calabar and vandalized, looted, burnt down some high value properties belonging to individuals, the State Government and Federal Government;

*further worried* that the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) Office, West African Examination Council (WAEC) Office, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Office, the brand new state of the art Calabar International Convention Centre (ICC), the sprawling Tinapa Business Resort, the Federal Neuro Psychiatric Hospital, the Infectious Diseases Hospital amongst many others and private residences mostly of past and present Federal lawmakers were vandalized, looted or burnt;

*convinced* that the mayhem of 24th October was an invasion of the sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it was premeditated, selective and targeted at highly valued Federal and State Government infrastructure and Federal lawmakers;

*aware* that the intervention of the military bases and security installations like the 13 Amphibious Brigade Calabar, Eastern Naval Command Calabar, NNS Victory Calabar, 207 Special Mobility Airforce Unit Calabar and Zone 6 Police Command Calabar prevented the mayhem from spreading;

*further aware* that Cross River State being a predominantly civil service state may not overcome

the effects of the invasion since the destroyed state infrastructure were built from lean state resources over the years;

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- (i) condemn the attacks on private and public properties in Calabar on the 23rd and 24th October, 2020; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence; Defence; Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to investigate the invasion of the ancient city of Calabar on the 24th day of October, 2020.

*Debate:*

**Proposed Resolution (i):**

*Question:* That the Senate do condemn the attacks on private and public properties in Calabar on the 23rd and 24th October, 2020.

**Amendment Proposed:**

Immediately after the figure “2020” insert the words “and other States affected by the aftermath EndSars protest and destruction” (*Senator Christopher S. Ekpenyong — Akwa-Ibom North West*).

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

**Proposed Resolution (ii):**

*Question:* That the Senate do mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence; Defence; Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to investigate the invasion of the ancient city of Calabar on the 24th day of October, 2020

**Amendment Proposed:**

Immediately after the figure “2020” insert the words “and other cities affected by the aftermath #EndSars protest and destruction” (*Senator Shuaibu L. Isa — Taraba North*).

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

*Resolved:*

That the Senate do:

- (i) condemn the attacks on private and public properties in Calabar on the 23rd and 24th October, 2020 and other States affected by the aftermath EndSars protest and destruction; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence; Defence; Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to investigate the invasion of the ancient city of Calabar on the 24th day of October, 2020 and other cities affected by the aftermath #EndSars protest and destruction (*S/Res/037/02/20*).

**9. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Orders 42 and 52, Senator Uche L. Ekwunife (*Anambra Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Need to Honour Late Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi (OON) (former Chief Press Secretary to Three Nigerian Heads of State -Gen. Murtala Mohammed, Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo and Alhaji Shehu Shagari). She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

*notes* with gratitude and total submission to the will of Almighty God, the return to his ancestors, of His Royal Highness Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi, the Uthokoneze of Achalla kingdom Anambra State Nigeria on May 11, 2020, at the age of 84;

*further notes* that Igwe Nwokedi meritoriously traversed all the core components of mass communication and public relations from news reporting, editorship, broadcasting, public relations managerial positions. He served with honesty as the Chief Press Secretary to three Nigerian Heads of State - General Murtala Mohammed, General Olusegun Obasanjo and Alhaji Shehu Shagari from 1975-1979;

*recalls* that Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi exuded glamour, grace and unique candour in his position as the then Head of the Public Relations Department of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);

*further recall* that Igwe Alex Nwokedi equally excelled in trade unionism and sports administration where he served as Secretary - General of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Lagos Branch from 1958-1966 and the National Chapter from 1976-1977. He also served as the team-manager of the then Electricity Corporation of Nigeria (ECN) Football Club as well as the most colourful and most decorated President of the Cricket Federation of Nigeria within living memory;

Versatile Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi also left his indelible foot-prints in the corporate boardroom arena as a non-executive director of the United Bank for Africa (UBA) PLC and the Anambra State Broadcasting Corporation;

Igwe Nwokedi completed his shinny comprehensive cycle of excellence when he ascended the Royal throne as the Uthokoneze of Achalla kingdom and also made it as the Chairman of the Anambra State Council of Traditional Rulers for some years; and

In appreciation of this extra-ordinary personage of our time with widow- Kofo Nwokedi, Children-Chinedu, Adaeze and Akachukwu, we submit absolutely with respect to the will of God;

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- (i) observe one minute of silence in respect of Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi (OON); and
- (ii) urge the Federal and State authorities to name a befitting National and State monument in memory of Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi.

*Debate:*

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

*Question:* That the Senate do observe one minute of silence in respect of Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi (OON) — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (ii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do urge Federal and State authorities to name a befitting National and State monument in memory of Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi — *Agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe one minute of silence in respect of Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi (OON); and
- (ii) urge Federal and State authorities to name a befitting National and State monument in memory of Igwe Alex Ezeoba Nwokedi (***S/Res/038/02/20***).

*One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.*

**10. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Abba P. Moro (*Benue South*) drew the attention of the Senate to

Strange Deaths suspected to be caused by Yellow Fever in Epeilo, Otukpa, Itabono, and Owukpa in Ogbadibo Local Government and Ichama in Onpokwu Local Government of Benue State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

*Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Order 42(2)].*

**11. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) 2020 FCT Appropriation Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 539) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 423) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal College of Medical Sciences Nasarawa-Eggon, Nasarawa State Bill, 2020 (SB.518) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) FCT School of Nursing and Midwifery Abuja (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 571) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 578) — *Read the First Time.*

**12. Executive Communication:**

***Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal:***

*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 for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal:

No.	Name	Position	Zone
(i)	Mrs. Saratu Mama Shafi	Chairman	North Central
(ii)	George Chukwuma Mbonu	Member	South-East
(iii)	Barr. Thomas E. Okosun	Member	South South
(iv)	Umar Dauda Duhu	Member	North East
(v)	Mr. Ibrahim EI-Yakubu	Member	North West
(vi)	Mrs. Sola Salako Ajulo	Member	South-West
(vii)	Kenneth Tersoo Gyado	Member	North Central

*(Senate Leader).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Trade and Investment to report within two (2) weeks.*

**13. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

***Report on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB):***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB):

S/No.	Name	Designation	State	Zone
(i)	Barr. Benedict Umeano	Member	Anambra	South-East
(ii)	Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma	Member	Edo	South-South
(iii)	CP. Olayinka Babatunde Balogun (Rtd)	Member	Ogun	South-West

*(Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo 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 Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB).

#### **Nominees recommended for confirmation:**

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| (i)   | Barr. Benedict Umeano <i>(Member) (Anambra) (South-East)</i>             | <i>— Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii)  | Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma <i>(Member) (Edo) (South-South)</i>    | <i>— Agreed to.</i> |
| (iii) | CP. Olayinka Babatunde Balogun (Rtd) <i>(Member) (Ogun) (South-West)</i> | <i>— Agreed to.</i> |

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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 Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) 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 Barr. Benedict Umeano for Appointment as Member of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Barr. Benedict Umeano for Appointment as Member of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma for Appointment as Member of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma for Appointment as Member of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of CP. Olayinka Babatunde Balogun (Rtd) for Appointment as Member of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*



*Nomination of CP. Olayinka Babatunde Balogun (Rtd) for Appointment as Member of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) accordingly confirmed.*

**14. Committee on Local and Foreign Debts:**  
***Report on the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance as refund to Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross River, Osun and Ondo States:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance as refund to Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross River, Osun and Ondo States Government for Projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Beneficiary States</b>	<b>Amount (₦)</b>
(i)	Bayelsa State	38,404,564,783.40
(ii)	Cross River State	18,394,732,608.85
(iii)	Ondo State	7,822,147,577.08
(iv)	Osun State	4,567,456,673.63
(v)	Rivers State	78,953,067,518.29
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,141,969,161.24</b>

*(Senator Clifford A. Ordia — Edo Central).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid and presented.*

*Debate:*

***Proposed Resolution:***

*Question:* That the Senate do approve the Promissory Note Program and Bond Issuance in the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Eight Billion, One Hundred and Forty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-One Naira, Twenty-Four Kobo (₦148,141,969,161.24) Only as refund to Bayelsa, Cross Rivers, Ondo, Osun and Rivers States Governments respectively for the projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government to:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Beneficiary States</b>	<b>Amount (₦)</b>
(i)	Bayelsa State	38,404,564,783.40
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,141,969,161.24</b>

*— Agreed to.*

*Resolved:*

That the Senate do approve the Promissory Note Program and Bond Issuance in the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Eight Billion, One Hundred and Forty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-One Naira, Twenty-Four Kobo (₦148,141,969,161.24) Only as refund to Bayelsa, Cross Rivers, Ondo, Osun and Rivers States Governments respectively for the projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government to:

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**TOTAL**

**148,141,969,161.24**

*(S/Res/039/02/20).*

- 15. Closed Session:**  
Closed Session — 12:56 p.m.  
Open Session — 1:37 p.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.

- 16. Reports of the Auditor-General for the Federation:**  
*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Audit Reports of the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Reports Laid and referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to report within eight (8) weeks.*

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- 17. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**  
***Report on the Federal College of Education Mutum Biyu (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.101):***

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

- 18. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**  
***Report on the Federal University of Technology Manchok, Kaduna State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 141):***

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

- 19. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**  
***Report on the Federal Polytechnic Aba (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 10):***

*Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.*

- 20. Motions:**

**(a) *Need for the Re-Construction and Dualization of Kano - Dambatta - Kazaure - Daura - Niger Boarder Road:***

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**(b) *The Urgent Need for Priority Attention and Completion of the Yenegwe-Okaki-Kolo-Nembe-Brass Road in Bayelsa State:***

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**(c) *Urgent Need for National Communication Commission to Curb the DSTV act of Arbitrary Charges on Customers:***

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

- 21. Nigeria National Commission Against the Proliferation Of Small Arms and Light Weapons (Establishment, etc.) Bill, (SB. 513):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**22. Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, (SB. 428):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**23. Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba (Establishment, etc.) Bill, (SB. 282):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**24. Federal Medical Centre Owutu Edda (Establishment, etc.) Bill, (SB. 295):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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**26. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 25th November, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.  
(*Senate Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:42 p.m.*

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