



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8th December, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:43 a.m. The Deputy President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 3rd December, 2020.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.

3. **Petitions:**

Rising on Order 41, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to Seventeen (17) petitions received from the Office of the President of the Senate as follows:

- (i) Barr. Yahaya Ibrahim of Maigari and Associates on behalf of their client, S. A. Ifabiyi & Co. Nigeria Limited, against the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON), over alleged injustice against the family of late Elder Samuel Ifabiyi;
- (ii) Usman Hamzah, against Trustfund Pensions PLC, over alleged persistent refusal to pay agreed agency fees in the sum of ₦35,894,799.95 on the roll-over of pension accounts from five organisations despite repeated demands;
- (iii) Inspt. Peter Okafor, against the Police Service Commission, in respect of the complaint on inability to curb alleged cheating/injustice in the Inspector to Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) promotion exercise;
- (iv) Oladapo V. and two others, against Conoil PLC, over non-payment of their final entitlements;
- (v) Joel Adighogu and 128 others, against Capital Oil & Gas Industries Ltd, over alleged 4 years of unpaid salaries and over 10 years of unpaid/unremitted Pension;
- (vi) Tejumola Abiola - Oloke, on appeal for the reinstatement of SPR Durojaye James into the Nigerian Army Pursuant to Section 191 and 173 of the Armed Forces Act CAP A20 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004;
- (vii) R.O. Owan and 9 other dismissed Officers, against the Nigeria Customs Service, over alleged wrongful dismissal, nepotism, favouritism and degrading treatment;
- (viii) Olanrewaju Suraju and four others, on appeal for support of Nigerian Whistleblower, who exposed the leaked confidential information by Former Dutch Ambassador over Shell corruption, investigation and protest to Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

- (ix) Engr. Aliyu Garba & Dr. Welle Sylvanus, over the non-compliance and selective implementation of Presidential directives regarding PhD scholarship for 90 recipients of the 2012, 2013 and 2014 President's NYSC National Honours Awardees;
- (x) Dr. Emilia Anaedo and Oloruntoba, against Hajia Mariam Suleiman - CEO/MD Famzhi Interbiz Limited over alleged default of payments, intent to defraud, acts of financial fraud, breach of trust, deceit and insensitivity to the plights of investors;
- (xi) Andrew Shola Okoro Esq., on alleged unfair dismissal by the Court of Appeal, over the sum of ₦52,414.03 (Fifty-two Thousand Four Hundred and Fourteen Naira, Three Kobo) Bankers Draft;
- (xii) Chief Emeh Gilbert, against the Commandant and top Management of Nigeria Police Academy, Kano, over alleged gross mismanagement of public funds through diversion and spending of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) without appropriation and non-compliance with Fiscal Responsibility Act and illegal collection of gratification ranging between ₦1,500,000 - ₦2,000,000 from innocent Nigerian candidates seeking admission into the Academy since 2016 to date;
- (xiii) Tunde Babalola, against the Nigeria Customs Service, for alleged continued illegal detention of a 2018 model Toyota Hilux-Diesel Engine Mini Truck, property of Peamynd Autos Nigeria Ltd., at the Nigeria Customs Service Facility, Benin, Edo State;
- (xiv) Rt. Hon. J. G. Lebo, Esq., against Beijing International for alleged violation of Rights, intimidation and breach of contract of Nigerian International Footballer - Mr. Victor Anichebe;
- (xv) Kenneth Emeka Nwulu, against the Nigerian Export Promotion Council, over alleged unjust termination of his appointment;
- (xvi) Dr. Kola Balogun, on behalf of retired DSP Folorunsho Saudat Alolade, against Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD), over short-fall in pension payments; and
- (xvii) Olugbenga Adedugbe, on behalf of Inspector Adama Abdulazeez (AP No: 224507), over alleged abrupt and unjustifiable denial of salaries and benefits as an officer of the Nigeria Police Force.

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 two (2) weeks.

4. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) 2021 Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill, 2020 (SB. 596) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Oaths Act CAP 01 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 574) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 592) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act CAP E1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 546) — *Read the First Time.*

- (v) National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Eiyetoro (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 481) — *Read the First Time.*

5. **National Integrated Community Development Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.199):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the National Integrated Community Development Agency for the mobilization of rural communities and the development of the rural areas in Nigeria; and to charge the National Integrated Community Development Agency with diverse functions directed towards the improvement of the quality of life in the rural areas, 2020 be read Second Time (*Senator Stella A. Oduah — Anambra North*).

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.

6. **Loan Recovery (Regulations) Bill, 2020 (SB.492):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish a unified scheme for a sound financial system that will facilitate and improve credit repayment culture by empowering Creditors Bank to track loan defaulters account in any Bank in Nigeria through the means of Bank Verification Number (BVN), recover past and due obligation without recourse to borrower, provide penalties for breaches and violations of obligations and enhance loan recovery across banking sectors in Nigeria; and for Other 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 Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions to report within Four (4) weeks.

7. **Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB.480):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an act to repeal the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act 1988 and to re-enact the Medical and Dental Practitioners' Act to establish the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria for the registration of medical practitioners and dental surgeons and to provide for a disciplinary tribunal for the discipline of members and Related Matters Thereto, 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.

8. **Federal University of Education, Ankpa, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.146):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an act to establish the Federal University of Education, Ankpa, Kogi State and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Jibrin Isah — Kogi East*).

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.

9. Nigeria French Language Village (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.483):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Studies and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Solomon O. Adeola — Lagos West*).

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.

10. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu for Appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the confirmation of the nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu for appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission (*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 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu for Appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Umaru Farouk Aminu

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Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy 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 Nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu for Appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission and approved the nomination.

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 Umaru Farouk Aminu for Appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Umaru Farouk Aminu for Appointment as Full-time Commissioner representing the North-West Geopolitical Zone in the National Pension Commission accordingly confirmed.

11. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Otuma Eric Susane and Five Others on behalf of Okpokunou Urban Community (OUC), against Shell Petroleum Development Company and HRM Chief Pere Charles Ayemi-Botu for denying Okpokunou Community of oil contracts and accruable benefits from Shell Petroleum Development Company operations at Okpokunou (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the sharing formula of 5% of proceeds arising from the ownership of the oil wells and activities by Shell around Okpokunou oil wells be given to HRM Chief Pere Charles Ayemi-Botu while the five Communities (Okpokunou, Oboro, Edegbene, Enekorogha and Duno-Ogosu) share the remaining 95% — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Department of Petroleum Resource (DPR) be urged to ensure compliance in the interest of peace among the Communities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Committee on Petroleum (Upstream) be mandated to monitor compliance — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the sharing formula of 5% of proceeds arising from the ownership of the oil wells and activities by Shell around Okpokunou oil wells be given to HRM Chief Pere Charles Ayemi-Botu while the five Communities (Okpokunou, Oboro, Edegbene, Enekorogha and Duno-Ogosu) share the remaining 95%;
- (ii) That the Department of Petroleum Resource (DPR) be urged to ensure compliance in the interest of peace among the Communities; and
- (iii) The Committee on Petroleum (Upstream) be mandated to monitor compliance (*S/Res/050/02/20*).

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- b. Two (2) petitions from Okuzu Leaders of Thought and Oba Patriotic Union respectively, against Rev. Uche U. Ibeabuchi who was seen as unqualified to be nominated for appointment as a representative of Anambra State in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do accept the withdrawal of the petitions from Okuzu Leaders of

Thought and Oba Patriotic Union against Rev. Uche U. Ibeabuchi who was earlier seen as unqualified for nomination for appointment as a representative of Anambra State in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) as they have resolved the matter amicably — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do appreciate the efforts of the petitioners and the respondent in resolving the matter among themselves — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do accept the withdrawal of the petitions from Okuzu Leaders of Thought and Oba Patriotic Union against Rev. Uche U. Ibeabuchi who was earlier seen as unqualified for nomination for appointment as a representative of Anambra State in the Federal Character Commission (FCC) as they have resolved the matter amicably; and
- (ii) That the Senate do appreciate the efforts of the petitioners and the respondent in resolving the matter among themselves (***S/Res/051/02/20***).

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- c. Barrister Chidi H. Onyiuke on behalf of his son, Akachukwu M. Onyiuke, against the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) for allegedly withholding his 2019 JAMB result (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do commend the Management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) for carrying out a successful revalidation exercise which led to the release of 33 candidates' UTME results earlier withheld by the Board including that of Mr. Akachukwu Onyiuke, the son of the petitioner — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) should write the various universities concerned, that all the candidates whose results were delayed but later verified successfully by JAMB should be exempted from the Post UMTE and be offered admissions, if they met their cut-off points — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the University of Ibadan where the petitioner has chosen as his first choice of university to study Medicine (MBBS), be mandated to exempt the petitioner, Akachukwu Onyiuke with JAMB Registration No. 97517506GE from Post UTME exams and be considered for admission for MBBS programme, provided the JAMB cut-off mark set by the University was met by the petitioner for 2019/2020 Academic Session — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do commend the Management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) for carrying out a successful revalidation exercise which led to the release of 33 candidates' UTME results earlier withheld by the Board including that of Mr. Akachukwu Onyiuke, the son of the petitioner;
- (ii) That the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) should write the various universities concerned, that all the candidates whose results were delayed but later verified successfully by JAMB should be exempted from the Post UMTE and be offered admissions, if they met their cut-off points; and

- (iii) That the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the University of Ibadan where the petitioner has chosen as his first choice of university to study Medicine (MBBS), be mandated to exempt the petitioner, Akachukwu Onyiuke with JAMB Registration No. 97517506GE from Post UTME exams and be considered for admission for MBBS programme, provided the JAMB cut-off mark set by the University was met by the petitioner for 2019/2020 Academic Session (*S/Res/052/02/20*).

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- d. Omemiroro Ogedegbe, Esq. on behalf of the family of late Chinedu Obi, against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for alleged extra-judicial killing of their son, late Chinedu Obi by the Force and the refusal of the Force to bring the Police Officer involved to justice (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do condemn the action of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for the unprofessional manner it handled the civil matter between the phone seller and late Chinedu Obi that resulted in the death of the latter — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Police be compelled to fish out the Police officer who shot late Chinedu Obi to death for prosecution according to the laws of the land.

Amendment Proposed

Leave out the Proposed Resolution (ii) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“That the Police be mandated to fish out the Police officer who shot late Chinedu Obi to death for investigation and subsequent prosecution according to the laws of the land (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

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

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do request the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) to liaise with the family of late Chinedu Obi in order to assist the family foot the bills of his burial — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Nigeria Police Force to pay a sum of ₦10,000,000 (Ten Million Naira) as compensation to the family of late Chinedu Obi to mitigate the pains of his demise — *Negatived.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of late Chinedu Obi — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do condemn the action of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for the unprofessional manner it handled the civil matter between the phone seller and late Chinedu Obi that resulted in the death of the latter;
- (ii) That the Police be mandated to fish out the Police officer who shot late Chinedu Obi to death for investigation and subsequent prosecution according to the laws of the land;

- (iii) That the Senate do request the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) to liaise with the family of late Chinedu Obi in order to assist the family foot the bills of his burial;
- (iv) That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of late Chinedu Obi (*S/Res/053/02/20*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

12. Motion:

Urgent Need to investigate the loss of \$9 billion annually due to illegal mining and the smuggling of gold in Nigeria:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 9th December, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:58 p.m.

Ovie Augustine Omo-Agege
Deputy President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.