



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th December, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:48 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 10:49 a.m.

Open Session — 11:25 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 Tuesday, 15th December, 2020.

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

4. **Privileges of the Floor:**

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Order 17(1)(e) to admit Honourable Members of the House of Representatives to the Floor for the purpose of witnessing the Oaths-taking of Senator-Elect (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Honourable Members of the House of Representatives accordingly admitted.

Admission of Family, Friends and Associates:

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Order 17(1) to admit Family, Friends and Associates of Senator-Elect to the Floor for the purpose of witnessing the Oaths-taking (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Family, Friends and Associates accordingly admitted.

5. **Oaths:**

Senator-Elect, ODEY, Stephen Adi (*Cross River North*) took and subscribed to Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as required by law.

6. Petitions:

Rising on Order 41, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to Twelve (12) petitions received from the Office of the President of the Senate as follows:

- (i) Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade (Mrs.), against the President of the ECOWAS Commission over an alleged wrongful dismissal and termination of her appointment as the Director of Administration;
- (ii) Emmanuel E. Okere, against Bestworth Insurance Brokers Limited, over an alleged outright diversion/fraud of over Twenty-Six Billion Naira (₦26 Billion) earmarked for the payment of Ex- PHCN Staff's Insurance premium meant to cushion the effects of privatization of the power industry in November 2003;
- (iii) Chiedu Efenemokwu, against the Managing Director and the Management of Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), over refusal of the Commission to pay Maersk Nigeria Limited their long outstanding sum;
- (iv) Ibrahim Tanko and Olusegun Jones, against the Chief Medical Director and the Director of Finance and Accounts of Federal Medical Centre, Keffi over an alleged gross misappropriation of Public Funds including Internally Generated Revenue from 2015 - 2018;
- (v) Ismail Mohammed and Haruna Danladi, against the Management of Nigerian Petroleum Development Company Ltd., Benin City and National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS) over an alleged misappropriation of ₦1.2 trillion Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) between 2016 - 2019;
- (vi) Chinanekpere Onuorah Esq. of Onuorah and Associates, against Sterling Oil Exploration & Energy Production Company Ltd. over an alleged Financial Crimes against the Niger-Delta Region and non compliance with the law;
- (vii) Dr. Olawunmi Olajide-Awosedo, against the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) over alleged corruption, extortion, insider abuse, collusion and fraud, harassment and intimidation;
- (viii) Eshanekpe Israel, against Ocean Marine Solutions Ltd. over alleged negligence, recklessness, and abandonment of indigenous Ex-Militants of its Operational Area - OML 30;
- (ix) Kolawole Johnson, against the Senator Godswill Akpabio, over allegation of mismanagement in the affairs of the Niger Delta Development Commission;
- (x) Pharm. (Mazi) Sam Ohuabunwa and four others, against Pharm. A. T. Mora, over his appointment as Chairman, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria;
- (xi) Dianabasi Akpan, against the Niger Delta Development Commission, over the appointment of Mr. Effiong Akwa as Acting Executive Director of NDDC; and
- (xii) Dr. Igwe Sylvester, against the Executive Secretary and Management of Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA) over alleged gross misappropriation of funds.

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.

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 607) —

Read the First Time.

- (ii) Industrial Training Fund Act No. 19 2011 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 608) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Students Financial Aids Scheme (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 609) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal School of Basic Studies Ile-Oluji (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 611) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) 2020 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 612) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Conference Committee:

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

Consideration of Report deferred to the next Legislative Day.

9. Committee on Appropriations:

Report on the 2021 Appropriation Bill, 2020 (SB. 523):

Presentation and Consideration of Report deferred to Monday, 21st December, 2020 (Special Sitting).

10. Committee on Police Affairs:

Report on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Chief Onyemuche Nnamani for Appointment as Member of the Police Service Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of Chief Onyemuche Nnamani for appointment as Member of the Police Service Commission (*Senator Dauda H. Jika — Bauchi 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 Police Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of Chief Onyemuche Nnamani for appointment as Member of the Police Service Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Chief Onyemuche Nnamani

—

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 Police Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of Chief

Onyemuche Nnamani for appointment as Member of the Police Service 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 Chief Onyemuche Nnamani for appointment as Member of the Police Service Commission ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief Onyemuche Nnamani for appointment as Member of the Police Service Commission accordingly confirmed.

11. Committee on Trade and Investment:

Report on the 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 receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal:

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

(Senator Tolulope A. Odebiyi — Ogun West).

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 Trade and Investment on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Mrs. Saratu Mama Shafii (<i>Chairman</i>)(<i>North Central</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(ii)	George Chukwuma Mbonu (<i>Member</i>)(<i>South-East</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

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(iii)	Barr. Thomas E. Okosun (<i>Member</i>)(<i>South-South</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iv)	Dr. Umar Dauda Duhu (<i>Member</i>)(<i>North-East</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(v)	Mr. Ibrahim El-Yakubu (<i>Member</i>)(<i>North-West</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vi)	Sola Salako Ajulo (Mrs) (<i>Member</i>)(<i>South-West</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vii)	Kenneth Tersoo Gyado (<i>Member</i>)(<i>North-Central</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

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 Trade and Investment on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal 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 Mrs. Saratu Mama Shafii for appointment as Chairman of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mrs. Saratu Mama Shafii for appointment as Chairman of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of George Chukwuma Mbonu for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of George Chukwuma Mbonu for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Thomas E. Okosun for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Thomas E. Okosun for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Umar Dauda Duhu for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Umar Dauda Duhu for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Ibrahim El-Yakubu for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Ibrahim El-Yakubu for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sola Salako Ajulo (Mrs) for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Sola Salako Ajulo (Mrs) for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Kenneth Tersoo Gyado for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal ?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Kenneth Tersoo Gyado for appointment as Member of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Tribunal accordingly confirmed.

12. 2020 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 612):

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 79(1), that a Bill for an Act to amend the Appropriation Act 2020 in order to extend the implementation year from the 31st December, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 or, until the coming into force of the 2021 Appropriation Act, whichever occurs earlier and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 81, that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of Supply to Consider a Bill for an Act to amend the Appropriation Act 2020 in order to extend the implementation year from the 31st December, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 or, until the coming into force of the 2021 Appropriation Act, whichever occurs earlier and for Related Matters, 2020.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION ACT 2020 IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION YEAR FROM THE 31ST DECEMBER, 2020 TO 31ST MARCH, 2021 OR, UNTIL THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE 2021 APPROPRIATION ACT, WHICHEVER OCCURS EARLIER AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Long Title and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Appropriation Act, 2020 in order to extend the implementation of the Capital aspect of the Appropriation Act, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 and for Related Matters, 2020” (*Senator Michael O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

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

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Clause 1: Commencement.

The Appropriation Act, 2020 is hereby amended as set out hereunder (*Senate Leader*).

Committee Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 12.

Section 12 is amended by substituting the entire section to read thus:

“The implementation of the Capital Expenditure in the Appropriation Act, 2020 will lapse on 31st March, 2021” (*Senate Leader*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in clause 2 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

“Section 12 is hereby amended by adding a proviso to wit:

“Provided that the implementation of the Capital Expenditure in the Appropriation Act, 2020 shall lapse on 31st March, 2021” (*Senator Michael O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

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

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Appropriation Act, 2020 (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

Committee Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of Supply Considered a Bill for an Act to amend the Appropriation Act, 2020 in order to extend the implementation of the Capital aspect of the Appropriation Act, 2020 to 31st March, 2021 and for Related Matters, 2020 and approved as follows:

Long Title	—	As Amended
Clause 1	—	As Recommended
Clause 2	—	As Amended
Clause 3	—	As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of Supply on the 2020 Appropriation Act, 2020 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

13. National Unity Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.375):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the National Unity Corps to empower, develop and provide alternative employment for the youths, to facilitate peace, community services, nation-building and for Other Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Istifanus D. Gyang — Plateau North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

- 14. University of Creative Arts and Studies, Orlu, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.454):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the University of Creative Arts and Studies, Orlu, Imo State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Anayo R. Okorochoa — Imo 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.

- 15. National Tea and Coffee Development Council (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.100):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

- 16. Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.333):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

- 17. National Maternal and Perinatal Deaths Surveillance (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (SB.581):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

- 18. National Human Rights Commission Act CAP N46 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB.586):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 17th December, 2020 at 10.00 a.m
(*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 2:00 p.m.

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

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of 15th December, 2020 in page 1131, item 3, *leave out* the word “suspension” and *insert* the word “suspend” instead thereof.