



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

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1. The Senate met at 10:44 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 29th September, 2020.  
*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*
3. **Announcements:**
  - (a) **Joint Executive-Legislative Retreat:**  
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi (*Kebbi North*) as follows:



SENATE LEADER

### *ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN*

*The Joint Executive-Legislative Retreat holds on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at the Banquet Hall, Presidential villa Abuja by 10 a.m. prompt.*

*Letters of invitation have already been sent to your various offices and kindly note that buses will depart for the venue by 9 a.m. prompt on each day. The buses will be parked by the entrance of the Senate Building.*

*(Signed)*  
**Senator Yahaya Abdullahi**  
**Senate Leader**

- (b) **Appreciation:**  
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko (*Sokoto North*) as follows:



**Sen. Aliyu M. Wamakko** GMON, MMWL, MNFE  
(Governor Sokoto State, May 2007 - May 2015)  
Sarkin Yamman Sokoto  
Chairman Senate Committee on: Defence  
Vice Chairman: Anti-Corruption and Other Related Matters  
SOKOTO NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

29th September, 2020

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

*Dear President of the Senate,*

**APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PRAYERS OVER THE  
DEMISE OF MY DAUGHTER**

*My Dear Distinguished Colleagues:*

*I write to convey my appreciation to Mr. President, Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan CON, the Deputy President of the Senate, Senate Principal Officers, all my Distinguished Colleagues, Senate Management and the Senate Press Corps for your prayers and show of love towards me and my family during the demise of my beloved daughter SADIYA MAGATAKARDA WAMAKKO on Thursday, 10th September, 2020.*

*Mr. President, my Distinguished Colleagues, your massive presence was a great relief to me and my entire family.*

*Your actions have further encouraged me to maintain true friendship with all my Distinguished Colleagues at all times. Your show of solidarity in my time of grief will remain indelible in my memory and will stretch beyond the 9th Senate.*

*On behalf of my family, I thank you for your support.*

*May Allah bless you.*

*(Signed)*

**Senator Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda**

**4. Petitions:**

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Uche L. Ekwunife (*Anambra Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to three (3) petitions from:
  - (a) Women's Organization for Gender Issues, against the Permanent Secretary, Sabi'u Zakari, Defence Headquarters, over the alleged victimisation of Dr. (Mrs.) Nkenke, Ojeme Karen;

- (b) Sub-contractors Forum, Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN) Housing Scheme Abuja, against PENGASSAN for alleged refusal to pay sub-contractors the outstanding balance for the construction of PENGASSAN Site Three Staff Housing Scheme, Abuja already completed and occupied by the body; and
- (c) Mr. Kenneth Onyebuchi Osakwe, against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), over alleged wrongful termination of his appointment.

She urged the Senate to look into the matters.

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

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Akon E. Eyakenyi (*Akwa-Ibom South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from her constituent, Mr. Samuel Sunday Duncan, over alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, Akwa-Ibom State. She urged the Senate to look into the matter.

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

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

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Tolulope A. Odebiyi (*Ogun West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the need for the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of sign language for deaf people. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

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

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

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Wangagha B. Degi-Eremienyo (*Bayelsa East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the terror activities by sea pirates and kidnappers in Bayelsa State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

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

**7. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the commencement of construction works on the Ibbi bridge in Taraba South Senatorial District. He stated that his entire constituency had written a letter of appreciation commending Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for a promise kept. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to lay the letter on behalf of his constituency for onward transmission to Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Federation.

*By the Leave of the Senate, appreciation letter laid to be transmitted to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation.*

**8. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Istifanus D. Gyang (*Plateau North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the serial killings and targeted assassination of Traditional Rulers in Plateau North Senatorial District. He stated that the latest victim of the killings was the Acting District Head (Gwom Rivey) of Forom, HRH Da Bulus Chuwang Jang, in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area. He added that over the past few months, many Traditional Rulers and District Heads have been gruesomely killed under suspicious circumstances without any one being arrested and prosecuted.

and communities in Plateau North Senatorial District to avert further killings.

*The Senate condoles with the families, people and Government of Plateau State and urged the security agencies to provide adequate security for the Traditional Rulers and their communities.*

**9. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Jibrin Isah (*Kogi East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of the 27<sup>th</sup> Attah Igala and Chairman, Kogi State Council of Chiefs, HRM Michael Idakwo Ameh Oboni II, which occurred on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 after a brief illness. He stated that HRM Dr. Michael attended Saint Boniface Primary School, Idah and completed his primary education in 1960, after which he gained admission into Saint Augustine's College, Kabba in 1961 and graduated in 1967. He further stated that HRM joined the Nigerian Airforce in 1968 and was discharged in 1974 at his request. He was appointed the 27<sup>th</sup> Attah Igala on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2013, under the Igala native law and custom. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

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

**10. Personal Explanation:**

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Edo Governorship election of 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. He appreciated and commended Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for promising and ensuring free and fair election in the State. He also commended the Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the Inspector-General of Police and other Security Agencies for the conduct of a free, fair and credible election in the State. He equally appreciated the Oba of Benin, Oba Ewuare II for convening the first peace meeting for the candidates and the political parties in the State.

**11. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 329) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Petroleum Industry Bill, 2020 (SB. 510) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Donkey Slaughter Regulation and Export Certification Bill, 2020 (SB. 496) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Nigerian Mineral Development Corporation (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 505) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 499). — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2020 (SB. 296) — *Read the First Time.*

**12. Joint Committee on Finance; and National Planning:**

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

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance; and National Planning 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.*

**13. Executive Communication:**

***Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Chairman and Commissioners of the***

**National Population Commission:**

*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 Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Commissioners of the National Population Commission:

S/N	Name	State	Position
i.	Nasir Isa Kwarra	Nasarawa	Chairman
ii.	Ali Silas Agara	Nasarawa	Commissioner
iii.	Muhammed Chiso A. Dottoji	Sokoto	Commissioner
iv.	Gidado Razak Folorunso	Kwara	Commissioner
v.	Ibrahim Mohammed	Bauchi	Commissioner
vi.	Hon. Joseph Kwali Shazin	FCT	Commissioner
vii.	Ajayi Ayodeji Sunday	Ekiti	Commissioner
viii.	Garba A. G. Zakar K/Hausa	Jigawa	Commissioner
ix.	Mai Aliyu Muhammad	Yobe	Commissioner
x.	Muhammad Muttaka Rini	Zamfara	Commissioner
xi.	Hon. Engr. Bala Almu Banya	Katsina	Commissioner
xii.	Mrs. Bimbola Salu-Hundeyin	Lagos	Commissioner

*(Senate Leader).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on National Population and Identity Card to report within two (2) weeks.*

**14. Executive Communication:**

***Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Chairman; Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive; Executive Commissioners; and Non-Executive Commissioners of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission:***

*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 Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman, Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive, Executive Commissioners and Non-Executive Commissioners of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission:

S/N	Name	Position	Zone
i.	Barr. Emeka Nwankpa	Chairman	South East
ii.	Babatunde Irukera	Executive Vice Chairman/CEO	North Central
iii.	Mrs. Yinka Osoba Apata	Executive Commissioner	South West
iv.	Adamu Ahmed Abdullahi	Executive Commissioner	North East
v.	AVM Wakili Abdullahi Ahmed	Non-Executive Commissioner	North West
vi.	Ayang Francis Eyam	Non-Executive Commissioner	South South
vii.	Dr. Ben Nwoye	Non-Executive Commissioner	South East
viii.	Chief Theophilus S. Oyebiyi	Non-Executive Commissioner	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.*

**15. Executive Communication:*****Request for Resolution of the National Assembly for approval of the Reimbursement of ₦148.14bn through the issuance of Promissory Notes:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the Request for Resolution of the National Assembly for approval of the Reimbursement of ₦148.14bn through the issuance of Promissory Notes to Bayelsa, Cross River, Ondo, Osun and Rivers State Governments for Federal Road Projects executed by the States:

S/N	Beneficiary	Amount (₦)
1.	Bayelsa State	38,404,564,783.40
2.	Cross River State	18,394,732,608.85
3.	Ondo State	7,822,147,577.08
4.	Osun State	4,567,456,673.63
5.	Rivers State	78,953,067,518.29
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,141,969,161.24</b>

(Senate Leader).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts to report within two (2) weeks.*

**16. Executive Communication:*****Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Non-Career Ambassadors-Designate:***

*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 Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Non-Career Ambassadors-Designate:

No.	Names	Position	State
i.	Amb. Muhammad Haruna Manta	Non-Career Ambassador	Niger State
ii.	Alh. Yusuf Yunusa	Non-Career Ambassador	Yobe State

(Senate Leader).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs to report within two (2) weeks.*

**17. Executive Communication:*****Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Chairman; Director-General; and Executive Commissioners for the National Pension Commission:***

*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 Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman; Director-General; and Executive Commissioner for the National Pension Commission:

S/N	Name	Zone/State	Position
i.	Dr. Oyindasola Oluremi Oni	North Central	Chairman
ii.	Aisha Dahir Umar	North East	Director-General
iii.	Hannatu Hanney Musa Musawa	North West	Commissioner
iv.	Clement Oyedele Akintola	South West	Commissioner
v.	Ayim C. Nyerere	South East	Commissioner
vi.	Charles Efe Sylvester Emukowhate	South South	Commissioner

(Senate Leader).

*Question put and agreed to.*

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*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service to report within two (2) weeks.*

**18. Executive Communication:**

***Confirmation of the Nomination of eight (8) Justices of the Court of Appeal for Appointment as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria:***

*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 Nomination of the following (8) Justices of the Court of Appeal for Appointment as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria:

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Zone/State</b>
i.	Hon. Justice M. Lawal Garba	North West
ii.	Hon. Justice Helen M. Ogunwumiju	South West
iii.	Hon. Justice Addu Aboki	North West
iv.	Hon. Justice I. M. M. Saulawa	North West
v.	Hon. Justice Adamu Jauro	North East
vi.	Hon. Justice Samuel C. Oseji	South South
vii.	Hon. Justice Tijjani Abubakar	North East
viii.	Hon. Justice Emmanuel A. Agim	South South

*(Senate Leader).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within two (2) weeks.*

**19. Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria Act CAP F5 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 196):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria Act CAP F5 LFN 2004 to Re-enact the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, to provide for the effective management of Airports in Nigeria and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Aviation to report within four (4) weeks.*

**20. Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.197):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau, for the regulation, prevention and providing effective administration for Safety Investigation in Nigeria and for Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Aviation to report within four (4) weeks.*

**21. Federal College Of Education Omuo-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB.269):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal College Of Education Omuo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Biodun C. Olujimi — Ekiti South*).

*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.*

**22. Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc.) Act CAP A15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB.416):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc.) Act CAP A15 LFN 2004 and for Other Related Matters, 2020 be read the Second Time (*Senator Albert B. Akpan — Akwa-Ibom North East*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on National Planning to report within four (4) weeks.*

**23. Motions:**

**(a) *Need to investigate Pre-Shipment Inspection of export activities in Nigeria with respect to Non Repatriation of Crude Oil Export Proceeds in line with Pre-Shipment Inspection of Export Act CAP-P26 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, visa-a- vis challenges posed by the global COVID-19 Pandemic:***

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**(b) *Urgent need to rescue South East Amalgamated Market Traders Association businesses from total collapse and extinction from shipping lines, most in particular PIL:***

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**(c) *Urgent need for effective response to the current flood disaster in the country:***

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**24. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 6th October, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:49 p.m.*

**Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON**

*President,*

*Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*