



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 6th May, 2021

1. The Senate met at 10:52 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 5th May, 2021.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Petitions:**

(a) Rising on Order 41, Senator Adelere A. Oriolowo (*Osun West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mrs. Sinmiat Oyewumi Oguntolá against Federal Civil Service Commission over alleged wrongful termination of her 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 four (4) weeks.

(b) Rising on Order 41, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to Five (5) petitions received from the Office of the President of the Senate as follows:

(i) D.S. Oladele against the Authority of Yaba College of Technology, over alleged refusal to release his certificate despite the directive of the Federal Government 40 years ago;

(ii) F.T. Eruli-Ede, Esq., against the Commissioner for Transport, Delta State and Delta State Management Committee on Public Parks and Land Transport, over alleged assault, disobedience of court judgement, threat to his life, acts likely to result in violence, breakdown of law and order and breach of peace;

(iii) J.A. Kalu Esq., against the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) over alleged impudent effort to re-open and reverse the decision of the Senate relating to the stakeholders of the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex;

(iv) Muhammad Kabir Orjiegbulam against Members of the Proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) over alleged threat to his life and family; and

(v) Centre for Liberty and 9 Others, against the Nigerian Senate over alleged CSOs condemnation of the Senate for refusal to shut down the Social Media Bill one (1) year after Public Hearing, result.

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.

4. Security Briefing:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the National Security Adviser (NSA); Chief of Defence Staff; Chief of Army Staff; Chief of Naval Staff; Chief of Air Staff; Acting Inspector General of Police (Ag.IGP); Director-General, National Intelligence Agency (NIA); Director-General, Department of State Security; and Director-General of Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) to brief the Senate on the plans to contain the present insecurity in Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

(i) Admission of Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Babajide C. Omoworare:

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Order 17(1) to admit Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Babajide C. Omoworare to the floor (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Babajide C. Omoworare accordingly admitted.

(ii) Admission of the Service Chiefs:

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Order 17(1) to admit the National Security Adviser (NSA); Chief of Defence Staff; Chief of Army Staff; Chief of Naval Staff; Chief of Air Staff; Acting Inspector General of Police (Ag.IGP); Director-General, National Intelligence Agency (NIA); Director-General, Department of State Security; and Director-General of Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) to the Floor of the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

National Security Adviser (NSA); Chief of Defence Staff; Chief of Army Staff; Chief of Naval Staff; Chief of Air Staff; Acting Inspector General of Police (Ag.IGP); Director-General, National Intelligence Agency (NIA); Director-General, Department of State Security; and Director-General of Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) accordingly admitted.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to receive briefing on the Plans to contain the present insecurity in Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Briefing by the Service Chiefs on Plans to Contain the Present Insecurity in Nigeria.

Closed Session — 11.08 am

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Order 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Open Session — 3.20 pm

Chair to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole in a Closed Session received briefing from the Chief of Defence Staff; Chief of Army Staff; Chief of Naval Staff; Chief of Air Staff; Acting Inspector General of Police; Director-General, National Intelligent Agency; Director General of Department of State Security; and Director General of Defence Intelligence Agency on their plans of containing the present insecurity situation in Nigeria.

Thereafter, they answered questions from Distinguished Senators bordering on insecurity, insurgency, terrorism, kidnapping and other topical security matters.

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

5. Adjournment:

And it being 3:27pm, the President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 18th May, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:27pm.

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