



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23rd March, 2021

1. The Senate met at 10:57 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 17th March, 2021.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The President of the Senate announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

Confirmation of Appointment:



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

17th March, 2021

*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 AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (NHRC)

Pursuant to Section 2(3) of the National Human Rights Commission Act (as amended), I hereby present, for confirmation by the Senate the appointment of the underlisted sixteen (16) nominees as Chairman and Members of the National Human Rights Commission. Their CVs are attached herewith.

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>(i)</i>	<i>Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>(ii)</i>	<i>Mrs. Beatrice Jedy-Agba, mni</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>(iii)</i>	<i>Amb. Umar Zainab Salisu</i>	<i>Member</i>

(iv)	Mrs. Dafe T. Adesida	Member
(v)	Joseph Onyemaechi Mmamel	Member
(vi)	Ahmad Abubakar Fingilla	Member
(vii)	Kemi Asiwaju-Okeyonda	Member
(viii)	Abubakar Muhammed	Member
(ix)	Femi Okeowo	Member
(x)	Sunny Daniel	Member
(xi)	Barrister Agabaidu Chukwuemeka Jideani	Member
(xii)	Mrs. Nella Andem-Rabana, SAN	Member
(xiii)	Azubuike Nwakwenta	Member
(xiv)	Jamila Isah	Member
(xv)	Mrs. Idayat Omolara Hassan	Member
(xvi)	Prof. Anthony Ojukwu	Member

2. While hoping that the nominees will be considered and confirmed in the usual expeditious manner. Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Obinna J. Ogba (*Ebonyi Central*) as follows:



Sen. Obinna Joseph Ogba FICA

CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

MEMBER SENATE COMMITTEE ON: Sports & Youth Dev., Agriculture & Rural Dev., Education (Basic & Sec.), Federal Character, Communications, Petroleum Upstream, Local & Foreign Debt, Police Affairs, Science & Tech., FERMA, Local Contents, Defence.

23rd March, 2021

His Excellency,
DIST. SENATOR AHMAD IBRAHIM LAWAN, Ph.D, CON
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

RE: NOTIFICATION OF A GLORIOUS EXIT AND INVITATION TO THE BURIAL CEREMONY OF OUR FATHER, LATE CHIEF OGBAOKU ODO (OMEIHEUFU 1 OF NKALAGU), ISHIELU L.G.A, EBONYI STATE.

I write to remind you about the burial of my beloved father, late CHIEF OGBAOKU ODO (OMEIHEUFU 1 OF NKALAGU) who slept in the Lord on Thursday, 10th December, 2020 at the enviable age of 105.

The burial arrangements are as follows:

Friday 26th March, 2021 - Wake at his family compound at Amanvu Nkalagu, Ishielu LGA, Ebonyi State.

Saturday 27th March, 2021 - Funeral Service/Interment at his family compound at Amanvu Nkalagu, Ishielu LGA, Ebonyi State.

It is our utmost desire that as we commit his remains to mother earth, we sincerely request your esteemed presence at the event to graciously identify with us in this moment of grief and in honour of our departed father.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my warmest regards.

(Signed)

SEN. OBINNA J. OGBA

Chairman, Senate Committee on Youth & Sports

For the family

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Order 42, Senator Biodun C. Olujimi (*Ekiti South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the violence that marred the Ekiti State House of Assembly Bye-Election on Saturday, 20th March, 2021. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

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

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Order 42, Senator Uche L. Ekwunife (*Anambra Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the killings of security personnel across Anambra State on Thursday, 18th and Friday, 19th March, 2021. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

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

7. Presentation of Bills:

(i) FCT Area Courts Bill, 2021 (HB. 67) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Federal College of Education (Special) Birnin-Kudu (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 169) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) Institute of Local Government and Public Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 577) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) Factoring, Assignments and Receivables Financing Bill, 2021 (SB. 667) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) College of Maritime Studies and Naval Architecture (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 673) — *Read the First Time.*

8. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the confirmation of the nomination of Engr. Wakil Bukar for appointment as Commissioner for the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC):

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 Engr. Wakil Bukar for appointment as Commissioner for the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) (*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 of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the confirmation of the nomination of Engr. Wakil Bukar for appointment as Commissioner for the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)
(Screening of Nominee)

Nominee screened:

Engr. Wakil Bukar — *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 Establishment and Public Service on the confirmation of the nomination of Engr. Wakil Bukar for appointment as Commissioner for the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) and approved the nomination.

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

Confirmation of Nominee:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Wakil Bukar for appointment as Commissioner for the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Wakil Bukar for appointment as Commissioner for the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.

9. Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act No. 3, 2014 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB.669):

Motion made: That a Bill For an Act to Amend the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act No.3 2014 to extend the tenor of the Resolution Cost Fund and for Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Micheal O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

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.

10. Nigerian Mineral Development Corporation (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 505):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Mineral Development Corporation to invest and catalyze investments in the mining sector, to promote and support mining sector growth and for all Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Umaru T. Al-Makura — Nasarawa South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Solid Minerals, Steel Development and Metallurgy to report within four (4) weeks.

11. Nigerian Postal Service Act Cap N127 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB.657):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Postal Service Act Cap N127 LFN 2004, and Establish the Nigeria Postal Commission to make comprehensive provisions for the development and regulation of postal services and for Other Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu — Lagos Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

12. Federal Medical Centre Mubi, Adamawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 668):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide the legal framework to Establish the Federal Medical Centre Mubi, Adamawa State and for Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Aishatu A. Dahiru — Adamawa 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.

13. Motion:

Urgent need to investigate the economic and security implication of an unregulated Nigerian retail sector and also consider appropriate legislative measures to incentivize and protect indigenous retail traders:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Raw Materials Research and Development Council Bill, 2021 (HB. 47) — Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 329) — Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. School of Mines and Geological Studies, Akoko Edo (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 441) — Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 24th March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Adjourned accordingly at 1:23 p.m.

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