



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 10th March, 2021

1. The Senate met at 10:46 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Closed Session:**
Closed Session — 10:47 a.m.

Open Session — 11:19 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, 9th March, 2021.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcements:**

(a) ***Invitation to a Marriage Feast:***

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Theodore A. Orji — (*Abia Central*) as follows:



His Excellency
Senator Theodore Ahamefule Orji, CON
Ochendo
ABIA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT

March, 8, 2021

Senator Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan,
President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

INVITATION TO A MARRIAGE FEAST

Senator T.A. Orji's family of Amokwe Ugba in Umuahia North LGA of Abia State in a God ordained synergy with the family of Chief Sir & Lady Alexander Chizindu Amadiwochi of Isiokpo Town, Ikwerre LGA, Rivers State is inviting you to the marriage ceremonies of their illustrious son and daughter Mr. Chiemeka Orji and Miss Oroma Amadiwochi.

The dates and time are as follows:

April 5, 2021 - Traditional Ceremony @ Ikwerre LGA Council Premises,
Isiokpo Town, Ikwerre LGA, Rivers State.

Time: 12 noon

April 7, 2021 - White Wedding @ International Conference Centre (Adjacent
Central Bank of Nigeria), Ogurube Layout, Umuahia, Abia State.

Time: 10:00 am

Wedding Reception @ Broadcasting Corporation of Abia State
(BCA) Premises, Government Layout BCA Road, Umuahia, Abia
State.

Time: 1:00 pm

Remain blessed.

(Signed)

Sen. T.A. Orji, CON

(b) **Book Launch:**

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Yahaya I. Oloriegbe — (Kwara
Central) as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
SEN. DR. IBRAHIM YAHAYA OLORIEGBE
Chairman, Senate Committee on Health
KWARA CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT

March 10, 2021

Your Excellency,
Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

MY BOOK LAUNCH: A LETTER OF INVITATION

I humbly wish to invite Your Excellency and all Distinguished Senators to the launching of my
biography, which was written and produced (in November, 2020) by my children and family
members in commemoration of my 60th birthday.

The book, *PARAGON OF VIRTUE: Diary of Ibrahim Yahaya Oloriegbe at 60*, is a compilation
of views of my family members, friends, colleagues, political associates and others who are
witnesses to my life journey so far. It also captures my humble background and growth as a
young boy with great aspirations; my career as a medical doctor whose focus is helping others;
and of course, my political history that explains my active participation towards improving the
standard of governance as well as positively remolding the collective aspirations of our people
particularly in Kwara State as well as Nigeria.

While I give gratitude to Allah (SWT) for my journey so far, it is still my goal to push the
envelope of humanity with every opportunity of my breathing.

Thus, this book launch is another such opportunity to contribute to my community, my constituency and the Nation as all proceeds from the book would be channeled to my Foundation in providing more humanitarian interventions in the communities and lives of my constituents and Nigerians at large.

Therefore, I would be greatly honored to secure your presence as well as the presence of all my Distinguished colleagues at this event, which is scheduled as follows:

*Venue: International Conference Centre, Abuja
Date: 20th April, 2021
Time: 2:00pm*

Your Excellency, I personally look forward to your presence and the presence of all Distinguished Senators at this event as this would further strengthen my primary goal of energizing our youth in nation-building through positive examples of patriotism and active involvement in politics and governance.

Sir, kindly be assured of my warmest regards.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

Senator Ibrahim Yahaya Oloriegbe

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Orders 42 and 52, Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah (*Kebbi South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the prevalent humanitarian crisis in Bena and Wasagu, both in Kebbi State arising from bandits activities in the neighbouring Zamfara State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes with concern the prevalent humanitarian crisis in Bena and Wasagu in Kebbi State arising from bandits activities in the neighbouring Zamfara State which shares border with Kebbi State; and

worried that the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from about seventeen (17) villages in Zamfara State which shares border with Kebbi State have moved to Bena, Wasagu and Meye areas with no arrangement for an IDP camp, are scattered all over, making it difficult to cater for their welfare.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to as a matter of urgency establish an IDPs' camp in Bena and render support to the Kebbi State Government for the welfare of the IDPs; and*
- (ii) urge the National Security Adviser (NSA) and all agencies involved in internal security at the moment, to increase the deployment of Security Agencies to arrest the ugly situation (Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South).*

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to as a matter of urgency establish an IDPs' camp in Bena and render support to the Kebbi State Government for the welfare of the IDPs — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Security Adviser (NSA) and all agencies involved in internal security at the moment, to increase the deployment of Security Agencies to arrest the ugly situation — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to as a matter of urgency establish an IDPs' camp in Bena and render support to the Kebbi State Government for the welfare of the IDPs; and
- (ii) urge the National Security Adviser (NSA) and all agencies involved in internal security at the moment, to increase the deployment of Security Agencies to arrest the ugly situation (*S/Res/078/02/21*).

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Orders 42 and 52, Senator Betty J. Apiafi (*Rivers West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the International Women's Day (IWD) which was celebrated on the 8th of March, 2021 with a theme "Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 World #ChooseToChallenge". She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes that the International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on the 8th of March every year. It is a day set aside globally to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It is also a day to aspire and inspire people to act in the on-going effort for gender equality. The day seeks to celebrate women's contributions to society and raise awareness about the fight for gender parity;

Gender parity is a statistical measure that compares women and men through their income, education, and work hours among other points. It is also an important tool for policymakers striving towards gender equality. It is important to note that the global celebration of International Women's Day is a time for reflection on how far women have come, advocacy for what is still needed, and action to continue breaking down barriers limiting gender equality;

aware that this is the 26th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and the theme for this year's International Women's Day Celebration is "Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world #ChooseToChallenge". A challenged world is an alert world, from challenge comes change and call out inequality;

further aware that the International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of women and their achievements. It is also a day that seeks to raise awareness of issues affecting women around the world, highlighting initiatives and campaigns focused on improving women's lives and increasing gender parity (equality between men and women);

observes that given the pandemic, we now more than ever before, need to challenge pre-existing biases against women, some of which are systemic, political, cultural, and social. With the pandemic we have new barrier which include an increase in domestic violence, unpaid care duties, unemployment and poverty. We have to be intentional about tackling these pre-existing and new biases to give women opportunities to thrive;

further observes that Women are at the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic as health care workers, care givers, innovators etc. Some of the most exemplary and effective national leaders in combating the pandemic are women. The pandemic has highlighted both the importance of the contributions of women and the lopsided burden women carry;

concerned that even at the national level, gender inequality still exists. For instance, there is record of only one female Governor and thirteen female Deputy Governors in Nigerian history. The 9th National Assembly in Nigeria only has record of seven female Senators while the rest are men. Again, there are only seven female Ministers in Nigeria and they represent about 15.91% of the entire 44-Member Ministerial list. This again reflects the need for gender equality; and

convinced that we can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can choose to challenge stereotypes, broader perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively we can help to create an inclusive world.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge employers of labour to give women equal opportunities to allow women achieve their full potentials;
- (ii) urge Nigerians to maintain a gender equal mindset and challenge gender stereotypes and biases;
- (iii) urge the 9th National Assembly to amend the Nigerian Constitution to include gender parity and to enact laws that will improve the lot of women and girls in Nigeria;
- (iv) urge the 9th National Assembly to challenge and change laws that infringe on women's rights (Police Act, Federal Character Law, Electoral Act, Labour Act, Political Party Constitutions);
- (v) urge the 9th National Assembly and the Federal Government to forge positive visibility for women and celebrate women's achievements; and
- (vi) urge the 9th National Assembly to domesticate all UN Conventions and Treaties of the African Union (AU) in respect to gender issues (*Senator Betty J. Apiafi — Rivers West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge employers of labour to give women equal opportunities to allow women achieve their full potentials — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge Nigerians to maintain a gender equal mindset and Challenge gender stereotypes and biases — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the 9th National Assembly to amend the Nigerian Constitution to include gender parity and to enact laws that will improve the lot of women and girls in Nigeria — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the 9th National Assembly to Challenge and change laws that infringe on women's rights (Police Act, Federal Character Law, Electoral Act, Labour Act, Political Party Constitutions) — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do urge the 9th National Assembly and the Federal Government to Forge positive visibility for women and Celebrate women's achievements — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vi):

Question: That the Senate do urge the 9th National Assembly to domesticate all Conventions and Treaties of the African Union (AU) in respect to gender issues — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge employers of labour to give women equal opportunities to allow women achieve their full potentials;
- (ii) urge Nigerians to maintain a gender equal mindset and challenge gender stereotypes and biases;
- (iii) urge the 9th National Assembly to amend the Nigerian Constitution to include gender parity and to enact laws that will improve the lot of women and girls in Nigeria;
- (iv) urge the 9th National Assembly to challenge and change laws that infringe on women's rights (Police Act, Federal Character Law, Electoral Act, Labour Act, Political Party Constitutions);
- (v) urge the 9th National Assembly and the Federal Government to forge positive visibility for women and celebrate women's achievements; and
- (vi) urge the 9th National Assembly to domesticate all Conventions and Treaties of the African Union (AU) in respect to gender issues (*S/Res/079/02/21*).

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Orders 42 and 52, Senator Tolulope A. Odebiyi (*Ogun West*) drew the attention of the Senate to the urgent need to intervene in the plight of communities in Yewa area of Ogun State displaced and forced to seek refuge in Benin Republic as a result of incessant attacks by suspected herdsmen. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

recall the recent spate of attacks by suspected herdsmen on communities in Yewa area of Ogun State;

notes that many of these attacks by suspected herdsmen in the area remain perennial, owing to the near absence of police and other security personnel in the affected communities;

disturbed that these attacks have brought unquantifiable damage to facilities which would have ensured the welfare of the residents and inhabitants of these communities;

further disturbed, that many communities, namely (but not limited to) Asa, Oho Agbooro, Moro, Ibeku and Agbon-Ojodu, were affected by the criminal activities of these suspected herdsmen;

aware that the countless attacks by these criminal elements have forced many residents of these areas to desert and relocate to a Refugee Camp in Pobe area of Benin Republic in search of safety, with many of them forced to live in very unfavourable conditions in the Refugee Camps;

further aware that the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Red Cross Society in Ogun State, Mr Oluwole Aboyade, described the situation as " ... a very serious disaster, a serious one of the highest order. .. " after an informed on-the-spot assessment of the affected communities;

aware also that the Red Cross Organization, the only recognized organization that has been providing intermittent aids for these displaced persons, had to issue out statement, seeking assistance from well-meaning Nigerians for members of these affected communities;

disturbed that the State Government alone, can not be left with the onerous task of resettling these displaced citizens, hence, the need for support from the Federal Government to effectively return the affected citizens to their various communities;

further disturbed that, if the Benin Republic that is a neighbour to Nigeria could accommodate Nigerians, give them food and set up a refugee camp for them, Nigeria needs to positively step up on how we treat our citizens who are victims of an internally induced crisis; and

concerned that if the situation is not urgently and properly attended to, it will undermine the country's international standing and cause a hitch in our relations with our neighbour;

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development; and the Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA) to undertake an 'on-the-spot' assessment of the affected communities with a view to determining the extent of the problem and providing relief to the affected persons;
- (ii) urge the concerned authorities to pursue/put in place necessary mechanism for the reparation and relocation of the affected peoples and communities; and
- (iii) urge the authorities of the Nigerian Police Force to see to the provision of Police Post(s) and ensuring police presence in these communities, so as to ensure security and rekindle the people's confidence (*Senator Tolulope A. Odebiyi — Ogun West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development; and the Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA) to undertake an 'on-the-spot' assessment of the affected communities with a view to determining the extent of the problem and providing relief to the affected persons — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the concerned authorities to pursue/put in place necessary mechanism for the reparation and relocation of the affected peoples and communities — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the authorities of the Nigerian Police Force to see to the provision of Police Post(s) and ensuring police presence in these communities, so as to ensure security and rekindle the people's confidence — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development; and the Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA) to undertake an 'on-the-spot' assessment of the affected communities with a view to determining the extent of the problem and providing relief to the affected persons;

- (ii) urge the concerned authorities to pursue/put in place necessary mechanism for the reparation and relocation of the affected peoples and communities; and
- (iii) urge the authorities of the Nigerian Police Force to see to the provision of Police Post(s) and ensuring police presence in these communities, so as to ensure security and rekindle the people's confidence (*S/Res/080/02/21*).

8. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Renewable Energy Bill, 2021 (SB. 27) — *Read the First Time*.
- (ii) National Agency for Technology Incubation (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 476) — *Read the First Time*.
- (iii) School of Mines and Geological Studies Kabba, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 661) — *Read the First Time*.
- (iv) Terrorism (Prevention) Act 2013 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 662) — *Read the First Time*.
- (v) Bitumen Training Institute Ode Aye, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 663) — *Read the First Time*.

9. Modibbo Adama University Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 630):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of a Teaching Hospital for the Modibbo Adama University Yola and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 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.

10. Insurance Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 578):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Insurance Act 2003, to set minimum limit of compensation in the event of death, injury or loss of property of third parties with respect to insurance of public buildings and buildings under construction and for Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ibikunle O. Amosun — Ogun 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.

11. National Directorate of Employment Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 605):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act Cap N28 LFN 2004 and for Other Related Matters Therein, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abdullahi K. Barkiya — Katsina North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity to report within four (4) weeks.

12. Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Ogoja (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 621):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Ogoja and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Stephen A. Odey — Cross River North*).

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.

13. Motions:

(a) Urgent need for the rehabilitation of Shintaku-Anyigba Road to enhance revitalization of commercial activities and boost economic development:

Motion made: The Senate notes that Shintaku-Anyigba road in Kogi State is a Federal road and one of the best land transportation routes, which links the Southern and Northern parts of the country;

further notes that Shintaku-Anyigba road is boosted by the Lokoja-Shintaku waterway, which takes about 20 minutes by ferry from Lokoja to Shintaku, and about 40 minutes from Shintaku to Anyigba, making a total of about 55 minutes from Lokoja to Anyigba in Kogi East;

informed that the population of citizens along Shintaku-Anyigba route is about 1,200,000 with major commercial activities in major towns along the route, which provide employment opportunities for many with the attendant reduction in crime rate in those towns;

further informed that apart from trading, farming is a major occupation of citizens within the area, resulting in commercial production of watermelon, yam, cassava, carrot, cucumber, beans, rice, sugarcane and fish;

worried that the Shintaku-Anyigba road is now in a highly deplorable state, thereby negatively affecting water transportation from Lokoja to Shintaku with commuters now resorting to the longer Lokoja-Ajaokuta-Anyigba route that takes about 3 hours;

regrets that there is massive unemployment within the area due to dwindling commercial activities arising from the deplorable state of the road, and this is fueling the rate of crime in the area;

concerned that the deplorable condition of the road now provides a safe haven for criminals, as cases of armed robbery and kidnapping are being reported along the route on an almost daily basis;

convinced that there is an urgent need for the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to embark on immediate maintenance of the Shintaku-Anyigba road to boost economic activities, facilitate transportation of farm produce and reduce crime rate in the axis; and

further convinced that the maintenance of the Shintaku-Anyigba road will revive water transportation from Lokoja to Shintaku, which will provide more employment opportunities and improve the standard of living of the people in the axis.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently liaise with FERMA for immediate rehabilitation of the Shintaku-Anyigba road in Kogi State, and report within 3 weeks (*Senator Jibrin Isah — Kogi East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently liaise with FERMA for immediate rehabilitation of the Shintaku-Anyigba road in Kogi State, and report within 3 weeks — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:

That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently liaise with FERMA for immediate rehabilitation of the Shintaku-Anyigba road in Kogi State, and report within 3 weeks (*S/Res/081/02/21*).

(b) *Urgent need for palliative repairs and total reconstruction of Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road:*

Motion made: The Senate notes that over the years the state of disrepair of major roads in Nigeria has been a cause for concern for all patriotic Nigerians desirous of alleviating the suffering of majority of the people;

aware that since the dawn of our nascent democracy in 1999, all Appropriation Acts passed by the National Assembly contains provisions and budgetary allocations for road maintenance, road reconstruction, completion of ongoing road projects and construction of new roads;

alarmed that vast stretches of once motorable and ultra-busy Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road from Surulere through Mushin, Oshodi, Agege Motor Road, Alagbado onward in Lagos State to Ota, Ifo, Papalanto, Ewekoro, Itori, Wasimi, Obada-Oko and Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, has totally collapsed without any sign or signal for palliative repairs, rehabilitation or reconstruction from agencies charged with road maintenance, repairs and reconstruction;

further aware that this road is of vital socio economic importance not only to the people of Lagos and Ogun States, but Nigeria, as it leads to the foremost Nigeria industrial/manufacturing hub with the highest number of industries including such heavy duty industries like Dangote Cement Industry at Ibeshe, Larfarge Cement Industry at Ewekoro, Dufil Foods, makers of Indomie Noodles, Nestle and Honda among others as well as such educational and religious institutions as the Covenant University, Bells University, Winners Chapel, all in Ota etc;

regrets that thousands of our citizens and hundreds of articulated vehicles are daily held up for hours in traffic gridlocks for upwards of 6 hours at a stretch for a journey that ordinarily would not last 30 minutes, all resulting in huge loss of man-hours, untold suffering, accidents and unfavourable business environment for the teeming industries in the axis;

concerned that the Expressway that is supposed to be a major alternative route to the usually congested Lagos-Ibadan Expressway with its link to Ibadan from Abeokuta is in such a state of total neglect and disrepair;

further aware that the then Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing in May 2018 announced a programme of rehabilitation of Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway through an award of a two and half year contract of ₦22.387 billion to Julius Berger Plc but nothing was done to make any difference on the critical road till date;

further notes that recently, the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) made a passionate appeal to the Federal Government for palliative measures to reduce the untold hardship, accidents and robberies that are traceable to the completely collapsed sections of the Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road;

observes that if no immediate remedial measure is put in place now pending total reconstruction, the industries along the axis would be completely cut off from accessing raw materials from the Lagos seaports and transporting finished goods to and from Lagos and elsewhere; and

deeply saddened that even as we speak, thousands of our people are in agonizing hardship as a result of the deplorable state of this critical infrastructure.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing; and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately put in motion machinery to temporarily rehabilitate the road pending its total reconstruction to reduce the hardship and suffering of our people;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works; and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to request for a status report from FERMA and the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in terms of budgetary allocations for repairs and maintenance and extent of work done over the years; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include further funding for the reconstruction of Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road in the next Appropriation Bill (*Senator Solomon O. Adeola — Lagos West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing; and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately put in motion machinery to temporarily rehabilitate the road pending its total reconstruction to reduce the hardship and suffering of our people — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committees on Works; and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to request for a status report from FERMA and the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in terms of budgetary allocations for repairs and maintenance and extent of work done over the years — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include further funding for the reconstruction of Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road in the next Appropriation Bill — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing; and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately put in motion machinery to temporarily rehabilitate the road pending its total reconstruction to reduce the hardship and suffering of our people;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works; and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to request for a status report from FERMA and the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in terms of budgetary allocations for repairs and maintenance and extent of work done over the years; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include further funding for the reconstruction of Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road in the next Appropriation Bill (S/Res/082/02/21).

14. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 16th March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Adjourned accordingly at 1:40 p.m.

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