



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 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 Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.  
*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*
3. **Announcement:**  
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*) as follows:



**THE SENATE**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution  
National Assembly Complex,  
P.M.B. 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria

*His Excellency  
The Senate President  
Senate Chamber  
National Assembly Complex  
Abuja*

*17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution will meet tomorrow; Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, at 12:00noon, in Senate Meeting Room 231, Senate Building.*

*(Signed)  
Senator Ovie Omo-Agege  
Deputy Senate President/Chairman*

4. **Petitions:**  
Rising on Order 41, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to eight (8) petitions received from the Office of the President of the Senate as follows:  
(i) Dr. Uyilawa Okhuaihesuyi and Dr. Jerry Isogun of Nigerian Association of Resident Doctors on behalf of two thousand (2000) House Officers, against the Federal Government of Nigeria, over alleged failure to pay their earned salary;

- (ii) Kehinde Yekeen, Esq, against Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), over alleged planned concession of the Lagos State International Trade Fair Complex without due regards to the massive infrastructural investments by stakeholders;
- (iii) Chief (Sir) Monday Abueh, against the Federal Government of Nigeria, over the dangerous state of KM 0-15 (Eleme Junction - Onne) Section of the East/West Road in Eleme LGA, Rivers State;
- (iv) Dr. Isa Akeke, against the Abuja Municipal Area Council, over illegal demolition of part of Irefa Hospital parameter fence;
- (v) Ajisola Michael S., against the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) and Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD), over non-adjustment of his grade level;
- (vi) Victor Olupeka Esq., against the Federal Government of Nigeria/Ministry of Works and Housing, over request to return Ogidi-Asaya Ayere-Ajowa-Ikare Akoko back to its original status;
- (vii) Oghorodi Isaac Onoharigho and 135 others, against the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC), over the alleged non-assumption of official duty of legally recruited officers since 2018; and
- (viii) Anacho Uzomba, against the Lagos State Judicial Service Commission, over non-issuance of judgement documents;

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.*

#### 5. **Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Federal University of Agriculture and Maritime Studies, Mokwa, Niger State (Establishment) Bill, 2021(SB. 365) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc) Act CAP U15 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 648) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 670) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Nwafor Orizu University of Education Nsube, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 671) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Federal University of Science and Technology Lau, Taraba State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 672) — *Read the First Time.*

#### 6. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**

***Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:***

***Motion made:*** That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Mr. Isa Usman Kunini on behalf of 126 Retired Officers of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) against the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) for alleged non-payment of the balance of 100% of 280% of their Gratuity Benefit by the Authority Since 2018; and
- b. Arthur C. Nwosu, Esq. on behalf of Deputy Comptroller of Customs (DC), Idris Aloma Zamdai against the Nigeria Customs Service for unlawful dismissal from Service (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Reports Laid.*

7. **Joint Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA); Petroleum (Downstream); and National Planning:**

*Report of the Joint Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA); Petroleum (Downstream); and National Planning on the Non-Remittance of the 5% user charge pump price of petrol and international vehicles transit charges accruing to Federal Roads Maintenance Agency:*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA); Petroleum (Downstream); and National Planning on the Non-Remittance of the 5% user charge pump price of petrol and international vehicles transit charges accruing to Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (*Senator Abdullahi K. Barkiya — Katsina Central*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

8. **Armed Forces Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 362):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to give effect to Section 219 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to provide for the establishment of the Armed Forces Service Commission and for Other Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe — Abia South*).

*Debate:*

**Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 12:23 p.m.

Open Session — 12:43 p.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.

*Consideration of the Bill suspended for further consultation.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

11. **Nursing and Midwifery (Registration etc.) Act Cap N143 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 304):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

12. **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.*

**13. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.  
(*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Adjourned accordingly at 12:52 p.m.*

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