



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14th September, 2021

1. The Senate met at 11:04 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. Votes and Proceedings:
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings (2) of Thursday, 15th July, 2021.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The President of the Senate announced that he had received three (3) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:
(a) Transmission of the Explosives Bill, 2021:



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

27th August, 2021

*Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**TRANSMISSION OF THE EXPLOSIVES BILL 2021 TO
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Section 58(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith the Explosives Bill 2021 for the kind consideration by the Senate.

The Explosives Bill 2021 seeks to repeal the Explosives Act 1964 and enact the Explosives Act, to regulate the manufacture, storage, possession, use, distribution, purchase, sale, transportation, importation, and exportation of explosives and for related matters.

While hoping that this submission will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Senate, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

(b) *Transmission of the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons Bill, 2021:*



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

26th August, 2021

Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

TRANSMISSION OF THE CONTROL OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS
BILL 2021 TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Section 58(2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith, the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons Bill 2021 for the kind consideration by the Senate.

The Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons Bill 2021 seeks to transform the Presidential Committee on Small Arms and Light Weapons into a National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons under the Office of the National Security Adviser.

National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, when fully operationalized, would go a long way at expressing Nigeria's optimism and practical commitment to the global fight against the proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons, including the mopping up of existing Small Arms and Light Weapons which have become a significant driver of insecurity across the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

While hoping that this submission will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Senate, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

(c) *Addendum to the 2018-2021 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan:*



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

24th August, 2021

*Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**ADDENDUM TO THE REQUEST FOR THE SENATE'S CONCURRENT APPROVAL
OF MULTILATERAL FUND PROJECTS UNDER THE 2018-2021 FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT EXTERNAL BORROWING (ROLLING) PLAN**

I write in respect of the above subject and to submit the attached addendum to the proposed 2018 - 2021 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan for the consideration and concurrent approval of the Senate for same to become effective. (See Annex I).

The Distinguished Senate President may wish to recall that I earlier transmitted a request on the proposed 2018-2020 Federal Government External Borrowing Plan for the concurrent approval of the Senate in May, 2021. However, in view of other emerging needs and to ensure that all critical projects approved by FEC as at June 2021 are incorporated, I hereby forward an addendum to the proposed Borrowing Plan.

The Projects listed in the addendum to the 2018-2021 Federal Government External Borrowing Plan are to be financed through sovereign loans from the World Bank, French Development Agency (AFD), China-EXIM Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Credit Suisse Group and Standard Chartered/China Export and Credit (SINOSURE) in the total, sum of USD4,054,476,863.00 plus Euro 710,000,000.00 and Grant Component of USD 125,000,000.00.

The Senate is kindly invited to note that the projects and programmes in the Borrowing Plan were selected based on positive, technical and economic evaluations and the contribution they would make to the socio-economic development of the country including employment generation and poverty reduction as well as protection of the most vulnerable and very poor segments of the Nigerian society.

The Senate may also wish to note that all the listed projects in the addendum form part of the 2018 - 2021 External Borrowing Plan and covered both the Federal and States Government Projects and are geared towards the realization of the Nigeria Economic Sustainability Plan that cut across key sectors such as Infrastructure, Health, Agriculture and Food Security, Energy, Education and Human Capital Development and COVID-19 Response efforts. A summary of some key projects in each of the six geo-political zones and a summary on the expected impacts on the socio-economic development of each of the six (6) geo-political zones are attached herewith as Annex II and III.

Given the importance attached to the timely delivery of the projects listed in the proposed Borrowing Plan and the benefits both the Federal and States Governments stand to gain from the implementation of same, I hereby wish to request for the kind consideration and concurrent approval of the Senate for projects listed in the addendum to the 2018 - 2021 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan to enable the projects become effective.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my warm personal regards.

*Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

4. Announcement:

Notice of Transition:

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi (*Kebbi North*) as follows:



**SENATOR YAHAYA A. ABDULLAHI
KEBBI NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

14th September, 2021

To: All Distinguished Senators

From: The Majority Leader

NOTICE OF THE TRANSITION TO GLORY OF LATE MRS. SUSANA GLADYS ASO (NEE OSUEDI) THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF SENATOR SURAJUDEEN AJIBOLA BASIRU.

This is to inform all Distinguished Senators of the transition to glory of late Mrs. Susana Gladys Aso (nee Osuedi), the mother-in-law of Senator Surajudeen Ajibola Basiru.

Burial rites are scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 25th September, 2021

Time: 10.00am.

Venue: Aso Family Compound, Igbide, Isoko South, Delta State

Reception: Eru Primary School, Igbide, Isoko South, Delta State

Time: 12.00noon

This letter therefore, serves to notify all Distinguished Senators of the event, please.

Thank you.

(Signed)
Distinguished Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi

5. Remarks by the President of the Senate:

SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, DISTINGUISHED SENATOR AHMAD IBRAHIM LAWAN, PhD, CON, AT SENATE RESUMPTION, SENATE CHAMBER, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX, THREE ARMS ZONE, ASO ROCK, ABUJA, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.

Protocol,

Dear Distinguished Colleagues, I welcome you all back from our annual summer recess. As usual, the recess was an opportunity for us to be with our families, and spend quality time, to catch up with our loved ones that we missed in the course of our legislative duties.

Distinguished Colleagues, before we embarked on our recess we had accomplished the targets that we set for ourselves. We passed the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB), and also passed the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, 2010. These were landmark Legislations targeted at enhancing the Oil and Gas Sector in our Country and improving the Electoral System in our dear Nation.

Distinguished Colleagues, as we are all aware, Mr. President assented to the Petroleum Industry Bill on 16th August, 2021 making it an Act of Parliament. Also, the President had set up an Implementation Committee to start the execution of the provisions of the Petroleum Industry Act. I want to take this opportunity to urge the Implementation Committee to expedite action so that our Country will start to reap the benefits of the law. It is equally important that our Committees on Petroleum Downstream, Petroleum Upstream, and Gas to start oversight on the implementation of the Petroleum Industry Act, with a view to ensuring that the Senate discharges its critical mandate of compliance with contents and dictates of the law.

Distinguished Colleagues, both the Senate and the House of Representatives passed the Electoral Act Amendment Bill in July 2021. There are however, some differences between the two versions of the bill. There is therefore the need to set up a Conference Committee between the two Chambers to harmonize the two versions. The Senate Conference Committee will be announced soon.

We will expedite the process to ensure that the National Assembly is able to transmit the harmonized version to the President for his assent. Both Chambers had done a great and patriotic job to increase the integrity and transparency of our Electoral processes and procedures through these amendments.

Distinguished Colleagues, our commitment to the review of the 1999 Constitution as amended is resolute. The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution had worked throughout the period of the recess. I am aware that the Committee will present the report of its work to the Senate soon. I commend the Chairman and members of this Committee for their sacrifice and sense of duty.

Let me assure Nigerians that the Senate, indeed the National Assembly is concerned with issues that will make Nigeria a more united and stronger Federation. A Nigeria where there will be Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress.

Distinguished Colleagues, the Senate Joint Committee on Finance, National Planning and Economic Matters, Petroleum Downstream, Petroleum Upstream and Committee on Banking, has been working hard on the 2022/2024 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP).

The report of the Committee will soon be presented to the Senate for consideration. This is preparatory to the presentation of the 2022 Appropriation Bill by Mr. President soon.

Let me emphasize that the Senate, indeed the National Assembly is primed and ready to receive and start work on the Bill. The Standing Committees are ready to receive Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) for budget Defense. As in the previous years, all MDAs are expected to defend their budget proposals within October 2021, as this is the only allotted window for the exercise.

Distinguished Colleagues, there is no gainsaying the fact that, the early passage of the 2020 and 2021 Budget has yielded tremendous benefits to our Economy and Country. According to the second - quarter GDP report released by the National Bureau for Statistic (NBS), Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 5.01% in the second quarter of 2021 - strongest growth since fourth quarter 2014. This can be attributed to the early passage and subsequent implementation of the Budgets.

The National Assembly is proud to be a major factor in turning around the economic fortunes of our dear Country.

Distinguished Colleagues, let me applaud and commend our gallant Armed Forces for the recent success recorded in their fight against insurgency and banditry in our Country. I want to urge them to sustain the campaigns until the insurgents and bandits are rooted out in our Country.

Distinguished Colleagues, you would recall that we approved the Supplementary Budget request of the Executive in July this year, just before we proceeded for the annual summer recess. The National Assembly approved over ₦800 Billion for our Security and Intelligence Agencies. While that provision was appropriate and indeed necessary, we should sustain the trajectory of increase in funds and resources to the security sector. Therefore, we should consider a ramp up of more resources for our security agencies in the 2022 Appropriation. This also requires that our Defence and Intelligence related Committees must step up their oversight on the Agencies.

Distinguished Colleagues, the fight against the security challenges in our Country requires continued engagements between the National Assembly and the Executive arms of Government. It also requires continuous engagements with citizens, for the necessary and desired results to be achieved. We must therefore remain resolute and focused in achieving those. The National Assembly, indeed the Federal Government has no more serious challenges to tackle than insecurity today.

Distinguished Colleagues, I want to remind us that this Senate pledged to be and remain the Senate that works for Nigerians. We have so far proven that beyond any reasonable doubt. We must therefore remain focused on this altruistic and patriotic path, in order to continue to provide pro - people and life improving legislative interventions throughout our legislative mandate. In conclusion, I urge us all to pray for God's intervention.

Almighty God, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, we beseech thee to inspire and guide all our counsels and actions, so that we may always walk in the path of justice, love and charity to one another.

Help us with thy grace to do only those things that will promote the unity, happiness and prosperity of Nigeria. Amen.

Once again, I welcome you back.

God bless the Senate.

God bless the National Assembly.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Ameen.

6. **Demise of Honourable Omolafe Isaac Adedayo (Akure North/South Federal Constituency):**
Motion made: That the Senate notes the demise of Honourable Omolafe Isaac Adedayo who represented Akure North/South Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives on Monday, 16th August, 2021. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence, suspend all other legislative activities and adjourn Plenary in his honour (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North*).

Question put and agreed to.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the Deceased and all Senate proceedings suspended.

7. **Presentation of Bills:**

(i) National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency Act No. 15 2006 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 351).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(ii) National Metallurgical Training Institute, Onitsha (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 770).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(iii) National Boundary Commission Act Cap N10 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 115).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(iv) Federal Medical Centre Deba, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 382).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

(v) Money Laundering No. 11 2011 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 789).

Presentation of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. **Committees on Finance; National Planning; Foreign & Local Debts; Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Institutions; Petroleum Resources (Upstream); Downstream Petroleum Sector and Gas:**
Report on the 2022 - 2024 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary):**

Report on the Federal University of Health and Medical Sciences Iyin, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 647):

Presentation and Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary):**
Report on the Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 616):

Presentation and Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary):**
Report on the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards) Act CAP U15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 617 & SB. 648):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on the Federal College of Education Omuo-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 269):

Presentation and Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Federal College of Education Kaiama, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 151):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB.748):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Federal University Gusau, Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 640):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. **Legal Aid Council 2011 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 560):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 15th September, 2021 at 10.00am.
(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Adjourned accordingly at 11:30 am.

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