



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14th December, 2021

1. The Senate met at 11:05 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 8th December, 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) **Confirmation of Appointment:**



**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

10th December, 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 THE APPOINTMENT OF SIX (6)
NATIONAL COMMISSIONERS AND ONE (1) RESIDENT ELECTORAL
COMMISSIONER FOR THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL
COMMISSION ('INEC')**

Pursuant to paragraph 14 of Part (1) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), I hereby forward for the confirmation, by the Senate, the appointment of the underlisted nominees as National Commissioners and Resident Electoral Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission ('INEC'):

<u>S/No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Position</u>
i.	Mal. Mohammed Haruna	Niger	North- Central	National Commissioner

ii.	Mrs. May Agbamuche-Mbu	Delta	South-South	National Commissioner
iii.	Ukeagu Kenneth Nnamdi	Abia	South-East	National Commissioner
iv.	Maj. Gen. A. B. Alkali (rtd)	Adamawa	North-East	National Commissioner
v.	Engr. (Prof.) Rhoda H. Gumus	Bayelsa	South-South	National Commissioner
vi.	Mr. Sam Olumekun	Ondo	South-West	National Commissioner
vii.	Olaniyi Olaleye Ijalaye	Ondo	South-West	Resident Electoral Commissioner

2. The Curricula Vitae of the nominees are attached herewith.

3. While trusting that the Senate will favourably consider this request and confirm the nominees in the usual expeditious manner, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

(b) Confirmation of Appointment:



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

10th December, 2021

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF FIVE COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the provision of Section 154 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I hereby forward for confirmation, by the Senate, the underlisted nominees as Commissioners in the National Population Commission. Copies of their CVs are attached.

<u>S/No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Position</u>
i.	Engineer Benedict Ukpong	Akwa-Ibom	Commissioner
ii.	Mrs. Gloria Izonfo, mni	Bayelsa	Commissioner
iii.	Barr. (Mrs.) Patricia O. Iyanya Kupchi	Benue	Commissioner
iv.	Dr. Bala Haliru	Kebbi	Commissioner
v.	Dr. Eyitayo Oyetunji	Oyo	Commissioner

2. While hoping that the Senate will consider and confirm the nominees in the usual expeditious manner, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(c) **Confirmation of Appointment:**



**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

8th December, 2021

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEE

In accordance with Section 147(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I have the honour to forward for confirmation by the Senate the nomination of Mu'azu Jaji Sambo, from Taraba State as Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Copy of his Curriculum Vitae is attached herewith.

It is my hope that this submission will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Senate. Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Order 43, Senator Yahaya I. Oloriegbe (*Kwara Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the United Nations (UN) commemoration of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day designated for 12th December, 2021 of every year. He acknowledged the efforts of the Federal Government towards achieving UHC through signatory to several international treaties amongst others over the years. He also commended the National Assembly for its commitment and key interventions to support UHC objectives. He observed that the Federal Government's efforts are yet to translate to the desired improvement in our country's healthcare delivery. He urged the Senate to call for the following actions:

- (i) That the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning and the Federal Ministry of Health should immediately release and implement approved funds earmarked for the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF);
- (ii) That the Federal Ministry of Health and its relevant Departments and Agencies should strengthen health security infrastructure and fully implement the National Action Plan on Health Security; and
- (iii) That the Federal Ministries of Finance and Health and other relevant agencies should identify robust health financing structures and mechanisms that will enable Nigeria achieve UHC by year 2030.

By the leave of the Senate, Point of Order noted.

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Order 43, Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa-Ibom North East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the non-release of the take off grant of the University of Uyo, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, 30 years after the establishment of the University. He stated that the delay in the release of the take-off grant has resulted to the deplorable and decayed infrastructure in the University both at the annex and the permanent sites making teaching and learning very difficult. He urged the Federal Government to release the funds as soon as possible.

By the leave of the Senate, the Federal Government should do the needful.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Federal Medical Centre Igboho, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 37) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Council for Management Development Act Cap N99 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1119) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal College of Education Okobo, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 842) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Nigerian Biodiversity Bill, 2021 (SB. 876) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Act CAP N137 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 877) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Communications:

Report on the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget Proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2022:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Communications on the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) Budget proposal for the year ending 31st December, 2022 (*Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu — Lagos Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Communications:

Report on the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget Proposal for the year 2022:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Communications on the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Budget proposal for the year 2022 (*Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu — Lagos Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Motion:

Amendment of the Standing Orders of the Senate pursuant to Order 111 of the Senate Standing Orders, 2015 (as Amended):

Motion made: That the Senate notes that the Senate Standing Orders were last amended in 2015, to accommodate issues that will make such Orders dynamic to facilitate effective legislative process;

further notes that despite the amendment, there are a number of issues that still require further amendments in response to emerging developments that make Nigerian democracy which requires enhanced rules of practice and procedure for a sound legislation to tackle such developments;

aware that the development necessitated and has made it imperative to amend the Standing Orders of the Senate 2015 (as Amended) occasioned by the split and addition of Senate Standing Committees by the 8th Senate and to have their functions and jurisdictions reflect in the Standing Orders of the Senate;

further aware that there also exist some areas in the Senate Standing Orders that requires amendment to ensure reflection of present realities, smooth running of the Senate and international best parliamentary practice;

notes that in the face of the Senate Standing Orders there exist no provision for Orders 4 to 8 and numbering error in Order 95; and

aware that the amendments have been circulated to Senators in accordance with the provision of Order 111 Rule 2 of the Senate Standing Orders, 2015 (as Amended).

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

- (i) consider and approve, as it deems fit, the proposed amendments to guide the Senate in its Legislative deliberations;
- (ii) resolves into the Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed Amendments; and
- (iii) approve the proposed amendments as contained therein (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do consider and approve, as it deems fit, the proposed amendment to guide the Senate in its Legislative deliberations — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do resolves into the Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed Amendments — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do approve the proposed amendments as contained therein— *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) consider and approve, as it deems fit, the proposed amendments to guide the Senate in its Legislative deliberations;
- (ii) resolves into the Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed Amendments; and
- (iii) approve the proposed amendments as contained therein (*S/Res/050/03/21*).

Motion made: Pursuant to Resolution No. (*S/Res/050/03/21*), that the Senate do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Proposed Amendments (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND BUSINESS
ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE STANDING ORDERS, 2015 (AS AMENDED)**Order 1: Practice and Procedure of the Senate.**

- (a) The proceedings in the Senate and in all Committees of the Senate shall be conducted in accordance with the following Standing Orders.
- (b) In all cases not provided for in this Standing Orders, or by Sessional or other Orders or practice of the Senate, the Senate shall by Resolution regulate its procedure.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 1 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 1 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 2: First Sitting of the Senate.

- (1) On the first sitting of a new Senate, pursuant to the Proclamation of the first sitting by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senators-elect shall assemble at the time and place so appointed.

Clerk reads Proclamation.

- (2) Senators-elect, having assembled, the Clerk to the National Assembly shall:
 - (a) Read the Proclamation for the holding of the first Session of the Senate.

Roll Call.

- (b) Call the Senate to Order and proceed to the roll call and confirmation of writs of election as well as declaration of assets and liabilities of Senators-elect in alphabetical Order.
- (c) The Clerk, before proceeding with the provisions of paragraph 2 (d) shall ensure that two thirds of the Senators-elect are present.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "that" in line 2, leave out the words "two thirds" and insert the words "simple majority" instead thereof (Senator Binos D. Yaroe — Adamawa South).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (d) After the roll call, but before their swearing in, preside over the election of the President and Deputy President of the Senate.

Confirmation or Writ of Election.

- (3) Each Senator-elect called shall present the writ of election and the receipt for the declaration of assets and liabilities which shall be laid upon the Table by the Clerk (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*).

Committee's Recommendation:

Question that Order 2 as amended do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

PRESIDING OFFICERS
ELECTION OF PRESIDING AND OTHER OFFICERS

Order 3: Election of President of the Senate.

- (1) A Senator-elect may, before taking the Oaths prescribed in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, take part in the election of the President and Deputy President of the Senate.

Ranking of Senators.

- (2) Nomination of Senators to serve as Presiding Officers and appointments of Principal Officers and other Officers of the Senate or on any Parliamentary delegations shall be in accordance with the ranking of Senators. In determining ranking, the following Order shall apply-
- (i) Senators returning based on number of times re-elected;
 - (ii) Senators who had been Members of the House of Representatives;
 - (iii) Senators elected as Senators for the First Time.
 - (iv) The appointment of Senators as Chairmen and Members of Committees shall be carried out in such a manner as to reflect the Six Geopolitical Zones of the Country and there shall be no predominance of Senators from a few Geopolitical Zones.
- (3) The election of the President of the Senate shall be conducted in the following manner:

Nomination of Senators.

- (a) A Senator-elect, addressing the Clerk, shall propose another Senator-elect to the Senate to be President of the Senate and shall move that such Senator-elect "Do take the Chair of the Senate as President of the Senate." Another Senator-elect shall second the nomination.

Senator informs the Senate if he/she accepts nomination.

- (b) A Senator-elect when nominated and seconded shall inform the Senate whether he or she accepts the nomination. He/She may then proceed to address the Senate.

Procedure if only one Senator nominated.

- (c) The Clerk shall then ask "Are there any further nominations?", and if there are no further nominations, the Clerk shall say "I declare the nominations Closed". The Clerk shall then, declare the Senator-elect so proposed and seconded elected as President of the Senate. Such Senator-elect shall be conducted to the Chair by the proposer and seconder of the motion, and shall take the chair of the President of the Senate.

Procedure if two Senators nominated.

- (d) If more than one Senator-elect is proposed as President of the Senate, the Clerk shall after the second nomination ask: "Are there any further nominations?", and if there are no further nominations, the Clerk shall say, "I declare the nominations Closed".

Methods of voting.

- (e) When two or more Senators-elect are nominated and seconded to "take the Chair of the Senate as President of the Senate", the election shall be conducted as follows:

Tellers.

- (i) Voting by secret ballot which shall be conducted by the Clerks-at-Table using the list of the Senators-elect of the Senate, who shall each be given a ballot paper to cast his/her vote, with the proposers and seconders as Teller.

President-elect of the Senate.

- (ii) The Clerk of the Senate shall submit the result of the voting to the Clerk to the National Assembly who shall then declare the Senator-elect who has received the highest number of votes as President-elect of the Senate.

Procedure if more than two Senators -elect are nominated.

- (f) when more than two Senators-elect are nominated and seconded to take the Chair of the Senate as President of the Senate, the division shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in Order 3 (3) (e)(i) herein and the Senator-elect who has received the highest number of votes shall be declared the President-elect of the Senate. In the event of two or more Senators-elect receiving highest but equal number of votes, the name of the candidate having the smallest number of votes shall be excluded from subsequent divisions, a further division shall take place. This voting shall continue until one candidate receives a simple majority of votes of the Senators-elect. Such person will then be declared President-elect of the Senate.

Candidate withdraws name

- (g) At any time after the result of the first voting is declared, but before the commencement of a second or subsequent voting, a candidate may withdraw his name from the election, which shall then proceed as if such Senator-elect had never been nominated. Whenever at any stage a withdrawal leaves only one candidate remaining, such a candidate shall, without further voting, be declared as President-elect of the Senate.

No debate or Question of Privilege.

- (h) During the election of a President of the Senate, there shall be no debate and no question of privilege may be raised.

Voting.

- (i) All Senators-elect are entitled to participate in the voting for President of the Senate and Deputy President of the Senate.

Election of the Deputy President of the Senate.

- (4) The procedure for the election of the Deputy President of the Senate shall be the same as that of the President of the Senate.

Declaration of Assets and Liabilities and Oaths.

- (5) The President of the Senate and Deputy President-elect of the Senate shall submit their assets and liabilities declaration and acknowledgment receipt and subsequently take and subscribe to the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Membership as prescribed in the Constitution before the Clerk to the National Assembly.

President of the Senate takes Chair and Mace laid upon the Table.

- (6) Having been sworn, the President of the Senate, returns his acknowledgment to the Senate for the honour conferred upon him, and thereupon sits down in the Chair and then the Mace (which hitherto lay on the lower bracket) shall be laid on the upper bracket of the Table.

Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Membership.

- (7) Every Senator-elect shall, before taking his seat, submit his Certificate of Return to the President of the Senate, as well as his assets and liabilities declaration and acknowledgment receipt, and subsequently take and subscribe to the Oath/Affirmation of Allegiance and Oath of Membership prescribed in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended.

Vacancy in the office of the President of the Senate.

- (8) Whenever a vacancy has occurred in the Office of President of the Senate or Deputy President of the Senate during a Session, the Clerk shall report same to the Senate at its next sitting, and the Senate shall either forthwith, or at its next sitting, proceed to the election of a new President of the Senate in the manner hereinbefore provided.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 3 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 3 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

Order 4: Language.

The proceedings and debates of the Senate shall be conducted in English, but when adequate arrangements are made, can also be in Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba. A Senator may present a petition in any Language other than English, if the petition be accompanied by an English translation certified to be correct by the Senator presenting the petition.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 4 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 4 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 5: Quorum.

- (1) The quorum of the Senate shall be One Third of the members of the Senate.

- (2) If, at any time during the daily Sessions of the Senate, a question is raised by any Senator as to the presence of a quorum, the Presiding Officer shall within fifteen minutes forthwith, direct the Clerk to call the roll and announce the result, and these proceedings shall be without debate.
- (3) Whenever after such roll call, it shall be ascertained that a quorum is not present, the President of the Senate may direct Sergeant-at-Arms to request and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of the absent Senators, which Order shall be determined without debate; and pending its execution, and until a quorum shall be present, no debate nor motion, except to adjourn or to suspend sitting shall be in Order.
- (4) If notice be taken in a Committee of the whole Senate that a quorum is not present, the Chairman shall follow the course pursued by the President of the Senate in accordance with paragraphs (2) of this Rule.
- (5) If from the number of Senators taking part in a division, including those Senators who decline to vote, it appears that a quorum is not present the divisions shall be invalid, the business then under consideration shall stand over until the next sitting; and the President of the Senate shall count the Senate as provided in paragraph (2) and (3) of Rule 5. If a quorum is then present, the next business shall be entered upon.
- (6) In the event of Joint Sitting, quorum shall not be less than One-Third of all the members of the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 5 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 5 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 6: — Seat of Senators.

- (1) The President of the Senate shall allocate a seat to each Senator.
- (2) A Senator may only speak from the seat allocated to him, provided that the President of the Senate may change the allocation from time to time.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 6 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 6 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 7: Re-assembly of the Senate.

- (1) Whenever the Senate shall stand adjourned to a date not fixed and it is represented to the President of the Senate by the leaders of the political parties in the Senate that the Senate shall meet on a certain day at a certain time, the President of the Senate shall give notice accordingly and the Senate shall meet on the date and at the time stated in the notice.

- (2) Whenever the Senate stands adjourned either to a date fixed by the rule of the Senate or to a date determined in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Rule and it is represented by the Leaders of the Political Parties in the Senate to the President of the Senate that the Public interest requires that the Senate should meet on an earlier or a later date or time than that on which it stands adjourned, the President of the Senate may give notice accordingly, and the Senate shall meet on the date and at the time stated in the notice.
- (3) Whenever the President of the Senate shall have given notice in accordance with either of the two preceding paragraphs, the Clerk shall communicate the terms of the notice to each Senator.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 7 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 7 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 8: Termination of a Sitting.

- (a) Fifteen minutes before the time appointed for the termination of a sitting, the President of the Senate shall interrupt the business under discussion and unless an extension of time is moved, its resumption shall be appointed for such day as the Senator in charge of such business shall name.
- (b) If the Senate shall be in Committee at that time, the Chairman shall interrupt the business and unless an extension of time is moved, shall leave the Chair forthwith to report progress to the Senate and ask their leave to sit again on such day as the Senator in charge of the business shall name.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 8 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 8 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

PRIVILEGES

Order 9: Definition.

- (a) Privileges are the rights enjoyed by the Senate collectively and by the members of the Senate individually conferred by the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act Cap 208 Laws of the Federation 1990 and other Statutes, or by practice, precedent usage and custom.

Taken up immediately.

- (b) Whenever a matter of privilege arises, it shall be taken up immediately.
- (c) In cases where adequate provision is not made in this Standing Orders, the Senate shall by Resolution regulate its procedure.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 9 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 9 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 10: Privilege.

Any Senator may rise at any time to speak upon a matter of Privilege suddenly arising, and he shall be prepared to move, without Notice, a motion declaring that a contempt or breach of privilege has been committed, or referring the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, but if the matter is raised in Committee of the Whole Senate, the Chairman shall leave the Chair to report progress.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 10 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 10 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 11: Precedence to Matter of Privilege.

When a matter of privilege at any time arises, the President shall, until the matter is disposed of, or unless the debate on a motion thereon is adjourned, suspend the consideration and decision of every other question: provided that precedence over other business shall not be given to any motion if, in the opinion of the President of the Senate, a prima facie case of breach of privilege has not been made out or the matter has not been raised at the earliest opportunity.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 11 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 11 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 12: Privileges of the Floor.

- (1) No person shall be admitted to the lobby or the floor of the Senate while in Session, except the following and only by consent of the Senate:
 - (a) The President or Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and their Private Secretaries;
 - (b) Former elected Presidents and former elected Vice Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
 - (c) Former Presidents and former Vice Presidents of the Senate;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Former", leave out the word "Vice" and insert the word "Deputy" instead thereof (Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege — Delta Central).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (d) Former Senators and Senators-elect;

- (e) Members of the House of the Representatives;
- (f) Judges of the Supreme Court;
- (g) Former Clerks and former Sergeant-at- Arms of the Senate;
- (h) Secretary to the Government of the Federation (when carrying a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria);
- (i) Former Speakers and Deputy Speakers of the House of Representatives;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "and", insert the word "Former" instead thereof (Senator Binosa D. Yaroe — Adamawa North).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (j) Ambassadors and Ministers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
 - (k) Governors of State and former elected Governors of State;
 - (l) Members of National Legislatures of foreign countries only on official duties;
 - (m) Legislative Aides to Senators when in the actual discharge of official duties; and
 - (n) Officers and employees of the Senate in the discharge of their Official duties.
- (2) The Senate Chamber shall not be granted for any other purpose than the use of the Senate.
- (3) No smoking or drinking shall be permitted at any time on the floor of the Senate Chamber (Senator Sadiq U. Umar — Kwara North).

Question that Order 12 as amended do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 13: Complaint against Newspaper, Book, etc.

Any Senator complaining to the Senate of a statement in a Newspaper, book or other publication as breach of privilege shall produce a copy of the newspaper, book or other publication containing the statement in question, and shall be prepared to give the name of the printer or publisher.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 13 do stand part of the Standing Orders (Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 13 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 14: Privilege matter raised when Senate not Sitting.

During a period when the Senate is not sitting and is not expected to meet for a further period of at least two weeks, a member may bring to the attention of the President of the Senate a matter of privilege which has arisen since the Senate last met and which he proposes should be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "he" in line 4, insert the word "/she" and wherever it appears in the Order (Senator Binos D. Yaroe — Adamawa South).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

If the President of the Senate is satisfied that a prima facie case of breach of privilege has been made out and the matter is one upon which urgent action should be taken, he shall refer it forthwith to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges:

Provided that any referral by the President of the Senate in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Standing Orders shall be reported to the Senate by the President at its next sitting whereupon the member who raised the matter shall be required to move forthwith, without notice, that such referral be endorsed by the Senate. If the motion is negatived, the Committee on Ethics and Privileges shall take no further action in respect of the matter (Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 14 as amended do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

SENATORS

Order 15: Senators to leave Address with the Clerk.

Every Senator shall at the commencement of each Session, or as soon as he has taken his seat, enter his name and address, and also his address during the Session, in a book to be kept by the Clerk of the Senate (Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North).

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "his" in line 2, insert the word "/her" and wherever it appears in the Order (Senator Binos D. Yaroe — Adamawa South).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Question that Order 15 as amended do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 16: Journeys Abroad.

A Senator going abroad shall so inform the President of the Senate, indicating the purpose, the time of his stay abroad and his contact address.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 16 do stand part of the Standing Orders (Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 16 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 17: Attendance at Sittings.

A Senator shall, to the best of his ability, regularly attend the sittings of the Senate and those of the Committees of which he is a member.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 17 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 17 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 18: Mode of Resignation from the Senate.

- (1) A Senator shall resign his seat in the Senate by writing to the President of the Senate which letter shall be submitted personally by him or her to the President of the Senate in open Session of the Senate on the legislative day preceding the date of resignation.
- (2) The President of the Senate shall cause the letter to be read by the Clerk as soon as it is received and may allow a short debate on it. The letter shall be published in the Votes and Proceedings of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 18 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 18 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 19: Dispatch of letter of Resignation.

- (1) If a Senator is unable to submit his letter of resignation personally to the President of the Senate as herein before provided, he shall send it:
 - (a) If in the country ? through some one authorized for this purpose in writing by the President of the Senate;
 - (b) If abroad ? through a diplomatic or consular representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The person authorized as stated in (a), or the representative as stated in (b), shall verify the member's signature on the resignation and mark on it the date of the signature.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 19 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 19 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 20: Duties of the President of the Senate.

The President of the Senate shall:

- (a) Preside at sittings of the Senate;
- (b) Sign the Votes and Proceedings after Approval by the Senate;
- (c) Be responsible for the observance of the Rules of the Standing Orders in the Senate and Committee of the whole;
- (d) Receive all communications addressed to the Senate;

- (e) Have general control, except as provided by rule or law, of the Chamber of Senate, and its corridors and passages;
- (f) Sign all acts, addresses, Resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoena issued by Order of the Senate;
- (g) Be responsible for the observance of the Rules of debates. He shall give rulings on Points of Order or of Constitution raised during debates;
- (h) Have a casting vote to avoid equality of votes but shall not vote in any other case;
- (i) Interpret the Rules.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 20 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 20 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 21: Duties of the Deputy President of the Senate.

In the absence of the President of the Senate, the Deputy President of the Senate shall perform all the duties and functions of the President of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 21 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 21 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 22: Duties of the President of the Senate Pro-Tempore.

In the absence of the President of the Senate and Deputy President of the Senate, such Senator as the Senate may elect for the purpose shall preside, such Senator shall be known as "President Pro-Tempore".

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 22 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 22 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 23: Duties of the Leader of the Senate.

- (1) There shall be a Leader of the Senate. The Leader shall be a Senator nominated from the party with the highest number of seats in the Senate.
- (2) The Leader of the Senate shall:
 - (a) Lead the business of the Senate;
 - (b) Manage the legislative schedule of the Senate;
 - (c) Liaise with Committee Chairmen and other functionaries of the Senate; and

- (d) Perform such duties as the President may allocate/assign to him (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*).

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "President", insert the words "of the Senate" (*Senator Binos D. Yaroe — Adamawa North*).

Question that Order 23 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Order 24: Duties of the Chief Whip.

- (1) There shall be a Chief Whip of the Senate. The Chief Whip shall be a Senator nominated from the party with the highest number of seats in the Senate.
- (2) The Chief Whip shall:
- (a) Maintain Order and decorum in the Senate;
 - (b) Manage the affairs of his party during meetings;
 - (c) Organize the party members in divisions and debates;
 - (d) Arrange the business of the party on the floor of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 24 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 24 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 25: Duties of the Deputy Leader of the Senate.

- (1) There shall be a Deputy Leader of the Senate. The Deputy Leader shall be a Senator nominated from the party with the highest number of seats in the Senate.
- (2) The Deputy Leader shall:
- (a) Assist the Leader of the Senate in the performance of his functions; and
 - (b) Act for the Leader of the Senate in his absence.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 25 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 25 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 26: Duties of Deputy Chief Whip.

- (1) There shall be a Deputy Chief Whip of the Senate, who shall be a Senator nominated from the party with the highest number of seats in the Senate.
- (2) The Deputy Chief Whip shall:
- (a) assist the Chief Whip in the performance of his/her functions; and

- (b) act for the Chief Whip in his/her absence.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 26 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 26 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 27: Duties of the Minority Leader.

- (1) There shall be a Minority Leader of the Senate who shall be nominated from the Minority parties in the Senate.
- (2) The Minority Leader shall:
 - (a) liaise with the Senate Majority Leader;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Senate", leave out the word "Majority" (Senator Binos D. Yaroe — Adamawa North).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (b) second motions for the parties on major issues;
- (c) second motions on formal and non-partisan business of the Senate;
- (d) perform such duties as the President may allocate to him (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*).

Question that Order 27 as amended do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 28: Duties of Minority Whip.

- (1) There shall be a Minority Whip of the Senate who shall be a Senator nominated from among the minority parties in the Senate.
- (2) The Minority Whip shall:
 - (a) Manage the affairs of his party during meetings;
 - (b) Organize Minority party members in divisions and debates; and
 - (c) Arrange the business of the minority parties on the floor of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 28 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 28 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 29: Duties of Deputy Minority Leader.

- (1) There shall be a Deputy Minority Leader of the Senate who shall be a Senator nominated from the Minority Parties in the Senate.

- (2) The Deputy Minority Leader shall:
 - (a) Assist the Minority Leader in the performance of his functions; and
 - (b) Act for the Minority Leader in his/her absence.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 29 do stand part of the Standing Orders. (Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 29 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 30: Duties of Deputy Minority Whip.

- (1) There shall be a Deputy Minority Whip of the Senate who shall be a Senator nominated from the Minority Parties in the Senate.
- (2) The Deputy Minority Whip shall:
 - (a) Assist the Minority Whip in the performance of his/her functions; and
 - (b) Act for the Minority Whip in his/her absence.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 30 do stand part of the Standing Orders (Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 30 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 31: Change of Party Leadership

After due notice to the President of the Senate, each party has the right to change its Leadership, provided that the change is made by majority of the Senators of the Party in the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 31 do stand part of the Standing Orders (Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 31 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 32: Duties of the Clerk of the Senate.

- (1) Acting on behalf of the Clerk to the National Assembly, the Clerk shall, at the commencement of the first sitting of the Senate call the Senators-elect to Order, proceed to the roll call of Senators-elect by State in alphabetical Order, pending the election of a President of the Senate and the Deputy President of the Senate.
- (2) At the opening of each day's proceedings, the Clerk shall distribute to Senators the Order Paper, setting forth the business of the day.
- (3) The Clerk shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Senate and of Committees of the Whole Senate, and shall circulate a copy of such minutes to be known as the Votes and Proceedings, on the day following each sitting of the Senate or as soon as possible thereafter.

- (4) Votes and Proceedings shall record all decisions of the Senate and shall be signed by the president of the Senate after confirmation by the Senate.
- (5) In the case of divisions of the Senate or Committee of the Whole Senate, the Votes and Proceedings shall include the numbers voting for and against the question, and the names of Senators so voting.
- (6) The Clerk shall prepare from day to day, and keep an Order Book showing all business appointed for any day, and any notices of motions or amendments which have been set down for a future day or an early day if no particular day has been selected. The Order shall be open to the inspection of Senators at all reasonable times in the office of the Clerk or at the Table.
- (7) The Clerk shall be responsible for the custody of the votes, records, Bills and other documents laid before the Senate, which shall be open to inspection by Senators and other persons under such arrangement as may be sanctioned by the President of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 32 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 32 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 33: Absence of Clerk.

In case of unavoidable absence of the Clerk, his duties shall be performed by the Deputy Clerk.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 33 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 33 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 34: Vacancy in office of the Clerk.

During any vacancy in the office of the Clerk, all of Clerk powers, functions, and duties of the Clerk shall be exercised and performed by the Deputy Clerk.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 34 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 34 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 35: Duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to attend the Senate during its sittings, to maintain Order under the direction of the President of the Senate or Chairman, and pending the election of a President of the Senate or Deputy President of the Senate under the direction of the Clerk. He shall execute the commands of the Senate, and all processes issued by authority thereof, directed to him by the President of the Senate.

- (2) He shall be the Chief Security Officer of the Senate.
- (3) He shall enforce strictly the rules relating to the privileges of the Chamber.
- (4) He shall allow no person to enter any room or rooms reserved for Senators during Senate sittings; and fifteen minutes before the hour of the meeting of the Senate each day he shall see that the floor is cleared of all persons except those privileged to remain, and keep so until ten minutes, after adjournment.
- (5) He shall have the duty of ensuring that no visitor allowed by the President of the Senate or any other Presiding Officer into the Chamber of the Senate has on himself a camera or any other recording equipment or instrument of any description whatsoever, for the purpose of taking photographs, or recording the proceedings of the Senate. Neither shall such visitor bear firearms nor mobile phones.
- (6) He shall ensure that no Senator or visitor shall enter the Chamber or the public gallery of the Senate with any type of walking stick, or any offensive or dangerous weapon. Mobile phone shall be switched off in the Chamber (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*).

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the words "walking stick", *insert* the words "except in case of a Senator or visitor that is known as proven to have a form of disability of bodily deformity (*Senator Tolulope A. Odebiji — Ogun West*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Question that Order 35 as amended do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 36: Jurisdiction of Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Sergeant-At-Arms attending the Senate shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the Mace, furniture and fittings thereof.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 36 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 36 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 37: Other Security personnel.

Any security personnel within the precincts of the Senate shall be subject to the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 37 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 37 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 38: Order of Business.

Unless the Senate otherwise directs, the business of each Sitting day shall be transacted in the following Order:

- (1) Formal entry of the President of the Senate;
- (2) Prayers;
- (3) Approval of Votes and Proceedings;
- (4) Oath/Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath/Affirmation of Membership of new Senators-elect;
- (5) Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- (6) Other announcement by the President of the Senate;
- (7) Petitions;
- (8) Matters of Urgent Public Importance;
- (9) Personal Explanation; and
- (10) Order of the day.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 38 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 38 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 39: Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

- (1) The President of the Senate shall immediately after prayers or as soon as any new Senator-elect has taken the Oath/Affirmation of Allegiance read to the Senate any message addressed to the Senate by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (2) A message from the President, if presented to the Senate by the Leader of the Senate may be brought up at any time before the commencement or at the close of public business, and shall be considered forthwith or Ordered to be considered upon a future day.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 39 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 39 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 40: Petitions.

- (1) A petition may only be presented to the Senate by a Senator, who shall affix his name at the beginning thereof.
- (2) A Senator presenting a petition shall confine himself to a brief statement of the parties from whom it came, the number of signatures attached to it and the material allegations contained in it, and to reading the prayers of such petitions.

- (3) All petitions shall be ordered, without question being put to lie upon the Table. Such petitions shall stand referred to the Public Petitions Committee.
- (4) No Senator may present to the Senate a petition signed by himself.
- (5) No petition shall be presented to the Senate unless it is in accordance with the following rules:
 - (a) Every petition must be properly addressed to the Senate, respectful, decorous and temperate in its language, and must conclude with a prayer setting forth the relief sought by the petitioner;
 - (b) Every petition must be signed by at least one person on every sheet on which the petition is written;
 - (c) If signatures are affixed to sheets other than that containing the petition itself, the prayer of the petition or summary thereof shall be written at the top of each sheet;
 - (d) Signatures or marks shall not be valid unless, in the case of signatures, they are in the handwriting of the person signing and in the case of marks, they are witnessed and attested to as required by law. The signatures or marks shall be followed by the residential addresses of the persons signing or making the mark.
 - (e) Every petition shall be in English language or in any other language but must be accompanied by an English translation thereof and duly certified to be correct by the Senator who presents it.
- (6) The Senate will not receive any petition which asks for a grant of public funds unless the recommendation of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has been signified thereto:

Provided that Petition for legislation to this effect may be received.

- (7) Senate should not receive, or deliberate on any matter to which actions are pending in any Court of law.
- (8) Such actions must be actually pending and not commenced in court when the Senate had already received, deliberated or considered the matter.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 40 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 40 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 41: Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

- (1) The matter for discussion shall, if possible, be referred to the President of the Senate before commencement of the day's sitting and the President of the Senate shall refuse to allow the claim unless he is satisfied that the matter is definite and urgent.

- (2) If the claim is allowed by the President of the Senate, and the leave of the Senate is given, by at least one-fifth of all the Senators, the matter shall stand over till the next legislative day.
- (3) A Senator Moving a Motion under combined Orders 41 and 51 shall ensure that copies of the Motion are available for all Senators when approval to move the Motion is granted.
- (4) Not more than one such motion may be made at the same sitting.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 41 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 41 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 42: Personal Explanation.

By the indulgence of the Senate and the leave of the President of the Senate, a Senator may make a Personal Explanation although there be no question before the Senate; but no controversial matter may be brought forward nor may debate arise upon the Explanation. The terms of the proposed statement shall be submitted in detail to the President of the Senate when his leave to make it is sought.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 42 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 42 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 43: Orders of the Day.

- (1) An Order of the Day is a Bill or other matter which the Senate has ordered to be taken into consideration on a particular day. An earlier day cannot be substituted for the day so appointed.

Precedence of Orders of the Day postponed by request.

- (2) Orders of the Day shall, have precedence over each other according to the Order of the Day in which they appear on the Order Paper. An Order of the Day may be postponed on motion without Notice moved by the Senator in charge thereof, or in his absence, by another Senator at his request.

- (3) Orders of the day not reached before the end of a Sitting or appointed for a day on which the Senate does not sit shall be stepped down for a later date to be determined by the Rules and Business Committee.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 43 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 43 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 44: Suspension of Rules.

- (1) No rule shall be suspended except by a vote of two thirds of the Senate.

- (2) When a motion to suspend the Rule has been submitted to the Senate, it shall be in Order, before the final vote is taken thereon, to debate the proposition to be voted upon for twenty minutes, one half of such time to be given to debate in opposition to such proposition; and the rights of debate shall be allowed whenever the previous question has been Ordered on any proposition on which there has been no debate.
- (3) On any Legislative Day on which the President of the Senate entertains motion to suspend the rules and pass Bills or Resolutions he may announce to the Senate, in his discretion, before entertaining the first of such motions that he will postpone further proceedings on each of such motions on which a recorded vote of the Ayes and Noes is Ordered, or on which the vote is objected to until-
 - (a) All of such motions on that Legislative Day have been entertained and any debate thereon concluded with the question having been put and determined on each such motion on which the taking of the vote will not be postponed; or
 - (b) The next legislative day, with the question having been put and determined on each such motion on which the taking of the vote will not be postponed; or
 - (c) Where the President of the Senate has postponed votes pursuant to paragraph (3) (a) of this clause, when the last of all motions on the Legislative Day to suspend the Rules and pass Bills or Resolutions has been entertained and any debate therein concluded, the President of the Senate shall put the question on each motion which further proceedings were postponed in the Order in which that motion was entertained.
- (4) Where the President of the Senate has postponed votes pursuant to paragraph (3) (b) of this clause, on the next legislative day the President of the Senate shall put as unfinished business on which further proceedings were postponed, in the Order in which that motion was entertained.
- (5) At any time after the vote on the question has been taken on the first motion on which the President of the Senate has postponed further proceeding under this paragraph, the President of the Senate may in his discretion, reduce to not less than five minutes the period of time within which a recorded vote on the question may be taken on any or all of the additional motions in which the President of the Senate has postponed further proceedings under this paragraph.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 44 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 44 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 45: Notice of Motion.

Unless the Rules otherwise direct, notice shall be given of any Motion or amendment which is proposed to be moved with the exception of the following:

- (a) A motion or amendment made or offered in Committee of the whole Senate;

- (b) A motion for the adjournment of the Senate or of any debate;
- (c) A motion that the report of a Select Committee be referred to Committee of the Whole Senate;
- (d) A motion for the withdrawal of strangers;
- (e) A motion for the suspension of a Senator;
- (f) A motion arising out of the business of the day made immediately after that business is disposed of and before any fresh matter is entered upon; and
- (g) An amendment to a motion which has been moved without notice.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 45 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 45 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 46: Procedure of giving Notices.

- (1) Notice must be written and signed.
- (2) All notices of motions must be submitted to the President of the Senate at the following periods:
 - (a) On a day in which the Senate is sitting;
 - (b) On a day when the Senate is not sitting between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. except on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.
- (3) The President of the Senate shall forward such notice(s) of motions to the Rules and Business Committee, which shall schedule it on the Order Paper.
- (4) The Rules and Business Committee shall examine the substance of all motions referred to it and if approved be scheduled on the Order Paper for deliberations within seven (7) days after the publication of the schedule.
- (5) The Senate shall deliberate on the general principles and merits of all such motions and if necessary shall refer same to the relevant Committee.
- (6) All notices of amendments to motions must be given to the President of the Senate not later than five (5) days after the publication of the schedules. The President of the Senate shall cause such amendments to be forwarded to the Rules and Business Committee.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 46 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 46 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 47: Relevance of Amendments.

- (1) Amendments proposed to any motion or Bill under consideration in the Senate or a Committee thereof shall only be in Order if they are relevant to the question or matter then under discussion.
- (2) An amendment proposed to any amendment proposed from the Chair shall only be in Order if it be relevant to that amendment.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 47 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 47 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 48: Seconding Motions and Amendments.

The question on any motion or amendment shall not be proposed from the Chair in the Senate unless it shall have been seconded, but in Committee a seconder shall not be required.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 48 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 48 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 49: Method of putting the Question on Amendments.

- (1) Upon an amendment to insert or add words the President of the Senate or Chairman shall state the amendment and propose the question thereon in the form that those words be inserted (or added).
- (2) Upon an amendment to leave out words, the President of the Senate or the Chairman shall state the amendment and propose the Question thereon in the form "That those words be left out".
- (3) Upon an amendment to leave out words, and insert other words instead, the President of the Senate or the Chairman shall first state the words to be left out and put the question thereon in the form,

"That those words to be left out" and if that question be agreed to shall then state the words proposed to be inserted and put the question thereon in the form, "That those words be there inserted".

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 49 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 49 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 50: Withdrawal of Motions or Amendment.

- (1) A motion or an amendment may be withdrawn, at the request of the mover by leave of the Senate or Committee, before the commencement of debate. A motion or an amendment so withdrawn may be made again but in the case of motion, notice is required.

- (2) If an amendment has been proposed to a question, the original motion cannot be withdrawn until the amendment has been disposed of.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 50 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 50 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 51: *Dispensing with Notice.*

Notice shall not be dispensed with in the case of a motion or in respect of any other proceeding for which notice is required except with the consent of the President of the Senate and the general assent of the Senators present.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 51 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 51 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 52: *Rules of Debate.*

- (1) A Senator shall not read his speech save if he is moving a motion or presenting a Bill.
- (2) A Senator may however, read short extracts from books or papers in support of his argument, and may refresh his memory by reference to notes.
- (3) A Senator is allowed to read his speech during debates on the Appropriation Bill.
- (4) A Senator must confine his observations to the subjects under discussion and may not introduce matter irrelevant thereto.
- (5) Reference shall not be made to any matter on which a Judicial decision is pending, in such a way as might in the opinion of the President of the Senate prejudice the interest of parties thereto.
- (6) It shall be out of Order to attempt to reconsider any specific question upon which the Senate has come to a conclusion during the current Session except upon a substantive motion for rescission.
- (7) It shall be out of Order to use offensive and insulting language.
- (8) No Senator shall impute improper motives to any other Senator.
- (9) A Senator desiring to speak shall raise his hand in his place and if called upon, shall rise and address his observations to the President of the Senate or the Chairman.
- (10) If two or more Senators rise at the same time the President of the Senate or Chairman shall call on the Senator who first catches his eye.

- (11) No Senator shall speak more than once to the same question without leave of the Senate, unless he be the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until those chosen to speak shall have spoken.
- (12) The Senator reporting the measure under consideration from a Committee may open and close, where general debate has been had thereon; and if it shall extend beyond one day, he shall be entitled to forty minutes to close, notwithstanding he may have used thirty minutes in opening.
- (13) The conduct of the President, Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senators and Judges or the performance of judicial functions by other persons shall not be raised except upon a substantive motion. For the purpose of this paragraph, a substantive motion does not include a motion for an adjournment.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 52 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 52 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 53: Raising a Point of Order.

- (1) Any Senator deviating from the provisions of these rules and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) may be immediately called to Order by the President of the Senate or the Chairman, or by a Senator rising to a Point of Order. A Senator rising to a Point of Order shall simply direct attention to the part he desires to bring to notice and submit it to the President of the Senate or to Chairman for decision.
- (2) When the question of Order has been stated, the Senator who raised it shall resume his seat, and no other Senator, except with the leave of the President of the Senate or Chairman shall rise until the President of the Senate or Chairman has decided the question, after which the Senator who was addressing the Senate or Committee at the time the question was raised shall be entitled to proceed with his speech giving effect to the ruling from the Chair.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 53 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 53 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 54: Time Limit and Sequence of Speeches.

- (1) The Rules and Business Committee shall allocate time to all sequence of speeches, Motions or Bills coming before the Senate.
- (2) During the debates on all motions, the President of the Senate shall allow a Senator to speak for or against the motion. But during Second Reading of a Bill, a Senator can speak on the general principles of the Bill or measures pointing out the merits or demerits of the Bill, including statutory and constitutional issues.

- (3) The President of the Senate shall allocate one-half of such time to be given to debate in favour of the Majority Party and one-half to debate in opposition to such proposition.
- (4) No Senator shall be entitled to address the Senate or a Committee of the Whole Senate for more than forty minutes on any subject.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 54 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 54 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 55: Senators to Stand Still.

- (1) At the entry of the Presiding Officer, all Senators, Officials, Members of the Press and those in the gallery shall stand still until the Presiding Officer has taken his seat.

Decorum.

- (2) During a sitting all Senators shall enter and leave the Senate with decorum.

Senators to take their places.

- (3) Every Senator, when he or she comes into the Chamber, shall take his or her seat, and shall not at any time stand in any of the passages or gangways.

Senators to make obeisance to Chair.

- (4) Every Senator shall make obeisance to the Chair in passing to or obeisance to Chair, from his seat.

Crossing the floor of the Senate.

- (5) Senators shall not cross the floor of the Senate unnecessarily nor sit in a place allotted to any other Senator.

Senators passing through the Senate.

- (6) Senators shall take care not to pass between the Chair and any Senator who is speaking, or between the Chair and the Mace.

When President is putting the question.

- (7) When the President of the Senate is putting a question, no Senator may walk out of or across the floor of the Chamber.

Reading of Newspapers.

- (8) Senators shall not read Newspapers or magazines in their places and shall only read such books and letters as may be connected with the business under debate.

Senator speaking not to be interrupted.

- (9) When a Senator is speaking, no Senator may converse aloud or make any noise or disturbance to interrupt him.

Senators to be Silent.

- (10) During a sitting all Senators shall be silent or shall confer only in undertones.

No smoking, chewing or drinking.

- (11) No Senator shall be allowed to smoke, chew or drink upon the floor of the Senate.

Interruption not allowed exceptions.

- (12) No Senator may interrupt another Senator while speaking, unless:

- (a) To call attention to a Point of Order or privilege suddenly arising;
- (b) To call attention to the want of a quorum;
- (c) To call attention to the presence of stranger;
- (d) To move a closure motion; or
- (e) To move "That the business of the day be called on".

Senators to be properly dressed.

- (13) Senators shall attend the sitting of the Senate properly dressed; in known traditional and formal attires.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 55 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 55 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 56: Relevancy in Debate.

- (1) Debate upon any motion, Bill or amendment shall be relevant to such motion, Bill or amendment, except in the case of a substantive motion for the adjournment of the Senate.
- (2) When a motion is made for the adjournment of a debate of the Senate during any debate, or that the Chairman do report progress or do leave the Chair; the debate upon such motion shall be confined to the matter of such motion; and a Senator who has made or seconded such a motion shall not be entitled to move or second any similar motion during the same debate.
- (3) When an amendment proposed to leave out words and insert other words instead thereof, debate upon the first question proposed on the amendment may include both the words proposed to be left out and those proposed to be inserted.
- (4) On an amendment proposing to leave out words or to insert words debate shall be confined to the omission or insertion of such words respectively.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 56 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 56 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 57: Dilatory Motions.

No dilatory motion shall be brought by a Senator or entertained by the President of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 57 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 57 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 58: Closure of debates.

- (1) After a question has been proposed, a Senator rising in his place may claim to move "That the question be now put" and, unless it shall appear to the Chair that such motion is an abuse of the Rules of the Senate or an infringement of the rights of the minority, the motion "That the question be now put" shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate notwithstanding that the mover had no opportunity to make his reply.
- (2) When the motion "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be made (if the assent of the Chair has not been withheld) which may be required to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair.
- (3) Such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
- (4) This rule shall be put in force only when in the Senate, the President of the Senate, or, in Committee of the Whole Senate, the President of the Senate or the Deputy President of the Senate is in the Chair; provided that when the absence of the President of the Senate has been announced under the provisions of Rule 21 (duties of the Deputy President of the Senate), this Order may be put into force in the Senate when the Deputy President of the Senate is in the Chair.
- (5) A question for the closure of debate shall not be decided in the affirmative unless, when a division be taken, it appears by the numbers declared from the Chair that not less than one-half of all the Senators voted in support of the motion.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 58 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 58 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 59: Adjournment of Debate.

A Senator who has not spoken to the question, or who has the right of reply, may move the adjournment of debate, which question shall be put forthwith and determined without amendment or debate. If the question is resolved in the affirmative, the Rules and Business Committee shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 59 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 59 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 60: If Motion Negatived, Mover may Speak Later.

In the event of a motion for the adjournment of the debate upon any question being negatived, the Senator moving the motion for such adjournment may address the Senate at a later period during such debate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 60 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 60 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 61: Anticipation.

- (1) It shall be out of Order to make a motion or move an amendment dealing with the subject matter of a Bill or other Order of the day appointed for consideration.
- (2) An Order of the day, notice of motion or amendment of which notice has been given shall not be anticipated in a debate upon a motion for the adjournment of the Senate or in any other debate.
- (3) In determining whether a discussion is out of Order on the grounds of anticipation, the President of the Senate shall have regard to the probability of the matter anticipated being brought before the Senate within a reasonable time.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 61 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 61 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

ORDER

Order 62: The President to be heard in silence.

Whenever the President of the Senate, or the Chairman rises during a debate, any Senator then speaking or offering to speak shall sit down, and the Senate or the Committee shall be silent so that the President of the Senate or the Chairman may be heard without interruption.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 62 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 62 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 63: Decision of Chairman is final.

The President of the Senate in the Senate and the Chairman in any Committee shall be responsible for the observance of the rules of Order in the Senate and Committee respectively and their decision upon any Point of Order shall not be open to appeal and shall not be reviewed by the Senate except upon a substantive motion after notice.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 63 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 63 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 64: President to advise Senate when Motion Out of Order.

Whenever the President of the Senate is of the opinion that a motion offered to the Senate is contrary to its Rules and Privileges, the President of the Senate shall appraise the Senate thereof immediately, before putting the question thereon, and may quote the rule or authority applicable.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 64 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 64 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 65: Senator called to Order.

If a Senator on being called to Order for an offence against any Standing Orders persists in the offence, the President of the Senate may direct the Senator to discontinue his/her speech.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 65 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 65 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 66: Order in the Senate Committee.

(1) The President of the Senate or the Chairman, after having called the attention of the Senate, or of the Committee, to the conduct of a Senator, who persists in irrelevance or tedious repetition either of his own arguments, or of the argument used by other Senators in debate, may direct him to discontinue his speech.

(2) If such a Senator refuses to resume his or her seat, the President of the Senate, or the Chairman shall Order such a Senator whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the Senate during the remainder of that day's sitting; and the Sergeant-at-arms shall act on such Orders he may receive from the Chair in pursuance of this Order.

Naming a Senator.

(3) If on any occasion the President of the Senate or the Chairman deems that his powers, under the previous provision of this Rule are inadequate, he may name such Senator or Senators, in which event the procedure shall be followed as is prescribed by paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (8) and (9) of this Rule.

Suspension after naming.

- (4) When a Senator is named by the President of the Senate, if the offence is a minor one, the President of the Senate may Order the Senator to withdraw for the rest of the Legislative Day; but if the matter appears to the President of the Senate to be of a more serious nature, the President of the Senate shall put the question on motion being made, no amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed, that such suspension being for any time stated in the motion not exceeding 14 legislative days.
- (5) When a Senator has been named by the Chair when the Senate is meeting in Committee, the Chair shall forthwith suspend the proceedings of the Committee and report the circumstances to the Senate and the President of the Senate shall then proceed as in clause (4), as if the offence had been committed in the Senate itself.

Suspension from Session when force necessary.

- (6) If any Senator who is suspended from the service of the Senate refuses to obey the direction of the President of the Senate, when summoned under the Order of the President of the Senate by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the President shall call to the attention of the Senate that force is necessary in Order to compel obedience by any Senator named by the President of the Senate.
- (7) Not more than one Senator shall be named at the same time, unless two or more Senators, present together, have jointly disregarded the authority of the Chair.
- (8) If a Senator be suspended under the provisions of this rule, he shall be directed by the President of the Senate to withdraw. His suspension shall last until determined by the Senate.
- (9) If a Senator or two or more Senators acting jointly who have been suspended under this rule from the service of the Senate, shall refuse to obey the direction of the President of the Senate to withdraw, when severally summoned under the direction, the President of the Senate shall call the attention of the Senate to the fact that recourse to force is necessary in Order to compel obedience to his direction. When the Senator or Senators named by him as having refused to obey his direction have been removed from the Senate, they shall thereupon without any further question being put be suspended from the service of the Senate during the remainder of the Session.
- (10) Senators who are Ordered to withdraw under paragraph (2) of this rule or who are suspended from the service of the Senate under paragraphs (3) and (6) of this rule, shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the Senate and shall be excluded therefrom for the remainder of the sitting or for the period of their suspension as the case may be.
- (11) In the case of grave disorder arising in the Senate the President of the Senate may, if he thinks it necessary to do so, adjourn the Senate without putting any question.

- (12) Nothing in this rule shall be taken to deprive the Senate of the power of proceeding against any Senator according to Resolution of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 66 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 66 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 67: Strangers Excluded on Motion.

All strangers may be excluded from the Senate or any Committee thereof on a motion properly moved and adopted by the Senate or the Committee, as the case may be.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 66 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 66 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 68: No Stranger on Floor, etc. during Meetings.

Except as herein provided, no Senator shall bring any stranger into any part of the Senate when the Senate, or the Committee of the Whole, or a Committee of the Senate, is meeting.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 68 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 68 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 69: Matters not Open to Debate.

- (1) The following matters not open to debate, shall be moved without argument or opinion offered, and shall be forthwith put from the Chair without amendment:
- (a) Motion for adjournment of debate;
 - (b) Motion for extension of time moved by the Leader of the Senate or any Senator acting on his/her behalf;
 - (c) Motion that the question be now put;
 - (d) Question that a Bill be reported;
 - (e) Motion of dissent from a ruling of the Chairman;
 - (f) Motion that the Chairman reports progress;
 - (g) Motion that a Senator be suspended; and
 - (h) Question that strangers be ordered to withdraw.

Not to Obstruct.

- (2) Should any of these questions be negatived, no similar proposal shall be received if the President of the Senate or the Chairman is of the opinion that it is an abuse of the Orders or norms of the Senate, or is moved for the purpose of obstructing business.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 69 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 69 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

VOTING

Order 70: Voting.

- (1) No Senator may speak on any question after the same has been fully put by the President of the Senate or the Chairman.
- (2) A question is fully put when the President of the Senate or Chairman has collected the voices both of the Ayes and of the Noes.
- (3) When the question has been put by the President of the Senate or the Chairman at the conclusion of the debate the votes shall be taken by voices Ayes and Noes and the result shall be declared by the President of the Senate or the Chairman.
- (4) The result shall be declared by the President or the Chairman stating "I think the Ayes have it" or "I think that the Noes have it" as the case may be.
- (5) If a Senator states that he voted in error or that his vote has been counted wrongly, he may claim to have his vote altered, provided that such request is made as soon as the President of the Senate, or in Committee, the Chairman has announced the numbers and before he or the Chairman shall have declared the result of the division.
- (6) In the event of the numbers being equal, the President of the Senate or the Chairman may give a casting vote, but if he does not do so, the question shall pass in the negative and the President of the Senate or the Chairman shall declare accordingly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 70 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 70 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 71: Mode of voting.

The modes of voting in the Senate shall be:

- (a) By voice vote;
- (b) By signing of register in a division; or
- (c) Through electronic voting device installed in the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 71 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 71 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 72: Division in the Senate and Committee of the Whole Senate.

- (1) Any Senator may challenge the opinion of the President or the Chairman by claiming a division.
- (2) If the opinion of the President of the Senate, or in Committee of the Whole Senate, the Chairman, as to the decision of a question is challenged, the President of the Senate or the Chairman shall direct that the lobbies be cleared and on such direction being given, all doors leading to the Chamber shall be locked and the division bells shall be rung for one minute.
- (3) After the lapse of two minutes from the direction to clear the lobbies the President of the Senate or the Chairman shall put the question a Second Time and, if his opinion is again challenged, a division shall be taken by the Clerk calling each Senator's name and asking each Senator separately how he desires to vote and recording the vote accordingly. The Clerk shall thereafter read the names and announce the number of those who have voted for and against the proposal, and the President or the Chairman shall declare the result of the division.
- (4) Every Senator present, unless he expressly says that he declines to vote, shall record his vote either for the Ayes or the Noes. The Clerk shall add a statement of the names of Senators who decline to vote.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 72 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 72 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 73: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

- (1) A Senator shall declare any direct pecuniary interest he may have in any matter coming before the Senate or a Committee for deliberation.
- (2) The Senate or Committee shall by Resolution decide whether or not such Senator may vote or participate in the deliberations on such matter.
- (3) A Senator who fails to declare his direct pecuniary interest in any such matter before participating in or voting on the matter shall be liable to suspension from the sitting of the Senate and its Committee for a period of not exceeding seven days or such number of days as the Senate may decide.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 73 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 73 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

- Order 74: Divisions in Committee other than Committees of the Whole Senate.**
- (1) In Committees other than Committee of the Whole Senate, a division shall be taken by the Clerk to the Committee asking each Senator of the Committee separately, how he desires to vote and recording the votes accordingly.
 - (2) In taking the division, the names of all Senators of the Committee shall be called in alphabetical Order.
 - (3) When a division is claimed in a Committee other than a Committee of the Whole Senate, every Senator of the Committee present shall, unless he expressly states that he declines to vote, record his vote either for the Ayes or Noes. The Clerk to the Committee shall enter in the minutes of the proceedings the record of each Senator's vote and shall add a statement of the names of Senators who declined to vote. A Senator must vote according to his voice.
 - (4) As soon as the Clerk has collected the votes the Chairman shall state the number of Senators voting for the Ayes and Noes respectively and shall then declare the result of the division. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman may where he has a casting vote, give that vote. If no casting vote is given, the question shall pass in the negative.
 - (5) If a member of the Committee states that he voted in error or that his vote has been counted wrongly he may claim to have his vote altered, provided that such request is made as soon as the Chairman has announced the numbers and before he shall have declared the result of the division.
 - (6) The provisions of Rule 70 (Division in the Senate and Committee of the Whole Senate) shall apply to divisions under this rule as they apply to divisions in the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 74 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 74 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

- Order 75: Categories of Bills.**
- There shall be two classes of Bills namely: Executive Bills and Member's Bills:
- (a) An Executive Bill is a Bill initiated by or from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any Arm, Department or Agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria and introduced into the Senate as a legislative proposal of the Executive.
 - (b) A Member's Bill is a Bill initiated by a Senator or group of Senators and introduced into the Senate as a legislative proposal of the Senator or group of Senators sponsoring a Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 75 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 75 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

PROCEDURE ON BILLS

Order 76: Notice regarding Bills.

- (1) Notice of presentation of a Government Bill shall be given by publication of the provisions proposed to be embodied in such Bill in an issue of the Official Gazette or National Assembly Journal of which a copy shall have been sent to every Senator.
- (2) Any Senator who wishes to move for leave to bring a Bill shall give notice of provisions proposed to be embodied in the Bill to the Clerk, who shall cause them to be published in two successive issues of the Official Gazette or National Assembly Journal and shall send a copy of the first of such issues to every Senator.

Compendium and Consolidation.

- (3) A compendium of the background information and financial implications shall accompany every Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 76 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 76 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 77: Presentation and First Reading.

- (1) (a) All Bills emanating from the President shall be forwarded to the President of the Senate under covering letter personally signed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (b) All Bills emanating from the Judiciary shall be forwarded to the President of the Senate under covering letter personally signed by the Chief Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (2) Bills from the Senate shall be forwarded to the President of the Senate.
- (3) The President of the Senate shall forward such Bill(s) to the Committee on Rules and Business for publication in the Schedule of Bills in the Order Paper and registered in the Register of Bills.
- (4) A printed copy of the Bill shall as soon as possible be sent to every Senator.
- (5) On receipt of the Bill from the President of the Senate, the Rules and Business Committee shall schedule the Bill for the First Reading.
- (6) Upon the short title of the Bill being read aloud by the Clerk, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the First Time.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 77 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 77 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 78: Appointment Days for Stages of Bills.

- (1) Every Bill shall receive three readings previous to its passage, which readings shall be in different days, unless the Senate unanimously directs otherwise and the President of the Senate shall give notice at each reading whether it is First, Second or Third.
- (2) At the conclusion of the First Reading or on any subsequent stage of a Bill, a day to be named by the Committee on Rules and Business shall be appointed for next stage.
- (3) Without prejudice to provision of subsections (1) and (2) thereof, when a Bill is passed by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate, upon the First and Second Readings, it shall be committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Provided that if there be a Bill pending on the floor of the Senate on the same subject matter, such Bill may be referred to a Committee for harmonization and presentation for consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

Provided also that the Bill under consideration does not require any further technical legislative action.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 78 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 78 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 79: Second Reading of Bills.

- (1) On the Order for the Second Reading of a Bill being read, a motion may be made "That the Bill be now read a Second Time" and a debate may arise covering the general merits and principles of the Bill.
- (2) On the Second Reading of a Bill, an amendment may be proposed without notice to the question "That the Bill be now read a Second Time" to leave the word "Now" and add at the end of the question "Upon this day months" or an amendment may be moved to leave out all the words after the word "That" in Order to add words stating the object and motive on which the opposition to the Bill is based, but such words must be strictly relevant to the principles of the Bill and not deal with its details.
- (3) When debate on the motion for the Second Reading has been concluded, and any amendments disposed of, the Chair shall put the question on the Second Reading: "That this Bill be now read a Second Time". On this question being agreed to, the Clerk shall read the long title of the Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 79 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 79 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 80: Committal of Bills.

- (1) When a Bill has been read the Second Time, it shall stand committed to a Standing Committee, unless the Senate on motion made commits it to the Committee of the Whole Senate. Such motion shall not require notice, but must be made immediately after the Bill is read a Second Time and must be proposed by the Leader of the Senate. Bills committed to Standing Committees shall be allocated to a particular Committee by the President of the Senate whose discretion in this matter is final.
- (2) A Bill touching on the jurisdiction of two or more Committees shall be referred to the Committee having dominant Jurisdiction. The other Committees affected shall be constituted into sub-Committees thereof for the purpose of considering and reporting to the main Committee on aspects of the Bill affecting their Committees.
- (3) The Committee to which a Bill has been committed shall report to the Senate after consideration of the Bill with amendments (if any) it proposes to it.
 - (a) Before laying its report to the Senate, the Committee shall as much as necessary allow public access to its deliberations on the Bill.
- (4) Upon the report of the Standing Committees on a Bill not objected to by the Senate, it shall be placed on the Calendar.
- (5) Bills placed on the Calendar shall be considered at a date to be determined by the Committee on Rules and Business.
- (6) A Bill committed to the Committee of the Whole Senate, after the Second Reading may be taken forthwith or on a future day as may be determined by the Committee on Rules and Business.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 80 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 80 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 81: Scope of Amendments in Committee.

Any Committee to which a Bill is committed shall have power to make such amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided that every amendment shall be relevant to the subject matter of the Bill and to the subject matter of the clause to which it relates; but if any such amendments shall not be within the title of the Bill, they shall amend the title accordingly, and shall report the same specially to the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 81 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 81 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 82: Procedure in Standing Committees on Bill.

- (1) Any amendments proposed to the Bill of which notice has not been given shall be handed to the Chairman in writing.
- (2) No amendment shall be moved which is inconsistent with any clause already agreed upon or any decision already come to by the Committee, and the Chairman may at any time during the discussion of a proposed amendment withdraw it from the consideration of the Committee if in his opinion the discussion shall have shown that the amendment violates the provisions of this Rule.
- (3) All amendments having been considered, the Committee Chairman shall report to the Senate on a date scheduled by Rules and Business Committee.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 82 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 82 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 83: Committee of the Whole Senate.

The quorum in Committee of the Whole Senate shall consist of the number of Senators as is required to form a quorum of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 83 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 83 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 84: Procedure on Bill in the Committee of the Whole Senate.

- (1) The Chairman of the Committee shall call the number of each clause in succession or the first and last number of a group of clauses and if no amendment be offered thereto or when all proposed amendments shall have been disposed of, shall proceed to put the question, "That the clause (or the clause as amended) stand part of the Bill".
- (2) No amendment shall be moved which is inconsistent with any clause already agreed upon or any decision already come to by the Committee, and the Chairman may at any time during the discussion of a proposed amendment withdraw it from the consideration of the Committee if in his opinion the discussion shall have shown that the amendment violates the provisions of this rule.
- (3) A clause may be postponed, unless upon an amendment thereto a question shall have been fully put from the Chair.
- (4) Postponed clauses shall be considered after the remaining clauses of the Bill have been considered and before new clauses are brought up.
- (5) When every clause and schedule and proposed new clause or schedule has been dealt with, the preamble if there be one, shall be considered and the question put "That this preamble (as amended) be the

preamble to the Bill", provided that no amendment to the preamble shall be considered which is not made necessary by a previous amendment to the Bill.

- (6) If any amendment be necessary to the title of the Bill it shall be made at the beginning of the proceedings detailed above, but no question shall be put that the title or that the title as amended stand part of the Bill.
- (7) At the conclusion of the proceedings the Chairman shall put the question "That I do report the Bill (or the Bill as amended) to the Senate", which question shall be decided without amendment or debate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 84 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 84 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 85: Re-Committal and Third Reading.

- (1) When a Bill has been reported from a Committee of the Whole Senate it shall be Ordered to be read the Third Time forthwith or upon such day as the Rules and Business Committee may appoint: provided that if a Senator gives notice of his intention to move the re-committal of the Bill in accordance with the next following paragraph of this rule, a Bill may not be read the Third Time until such time as the Motion for re-Committal has been disposed of.
- (2) When a Bill has been ordered for third reading, any Senator who wished to amend or delete any provisions contained in the Bill or to introduce any fresh provision may give notice of his intention on the Order for Third Reading being read to move "That the Bill be recommitted". If such motion be agreed to, the Senate shall resolve itself into Committee immediately or upon such day as the Rules and Business Committee may appoint. When the Bill has been reported, the Senate shall then proceed with the Third Reading of the Bill unless the Rules and Business Committee decides to postpone this stage to a later day. When a Bill has been the subject of a Special report from a Standing Committee, the Chairman in charge of the Bill may, on notice given, move "That the Bill be re-committed to the Standing Committee". On this question being proposed, the Senate may debate the Special report from Standing Committee.
- (3) On the Third Reading of a Bill similar amendments may be proposed to the question "That the Bill be now read the Third Time" as may be proposed on the Second Reading.
- (4) Amendments for the correction, error or oversight may, with the permission of the President of the Senate be made before the question for the Third Reading of the Bill is put from the Chair, but no amendments of a material character shall be proposed and on this point the decision of the President of the Senate shall be final.

- (5) When a Bill originating in the Senate has been read the Third Time, a printed copy of it signed by the Clerk of the Senate and endorsed by the President of the Senate shall be forwarded by the Clerk of the Senate to the Clerk of the House of Representatives together with a message desiring the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
- (6) When a Bill which originated in the House of Representatives has been read the Third Time; the Clerk of the Senate shall either —
- (a) Retain the Bill and send a message to the House of Representatives "that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment"; or
 - (b) Cause any amendment or amendments that may have been made to it by the Senate to be entered in the original copy of the Bill received from the House of Representatives, which copy, signed by the Clerk of the Senate and endorsed by the President of the Senate, shall then be returned to the House of Representatives desiring the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the amendment or amendments made by the Senate.
 - (c) When a Bill passed by the Senate and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence is sent back to the Senate with House of Representatives amendments, the Senate shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Senate, which shall proceed to determine if the House of Representatives amendments are acceptable.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 85 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 85 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 86: Meeting of Conference Committee.

- (a) If the House of Representatives amendments are not acceptable to the Senate, then Conference Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives shall meet.
- (b) Some of the members of the Senate Committee which considered the Bill originally shall among others represent the Senate in the Conference Committee.
- (c) The Conference Committee shall deliberate only on areas of disagreement between the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Conference Committee shall not insert in its report any matter not committed to it by either Senate or House of Representatives nor shall it be in Order to strike out from the Bill, matter agreed to by the Senate or House of Representatives.

Provided that if the Conference Committee observes any infringement of any provision of a Bill with the Constitution or duplication of or in conflict with any existing law not expressly repealed by the Bill in reference, It shall draw the attention of the Senate and the House of Representatives to the said question for their consideration.

- (d) The sitting of the Conference Committee may be open or closed to the public depending on the subject matter under discussion and the majority view of the members.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 86 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 86 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 87: Assent.

- (a) When a Bill has been passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives without amendment or with such amendments as may have been agreed to by both Houses, a clean copy certified by the Clerk to the National Assembly shall as soon as possible be presented to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for his assent.
- (b) Where the President either withholds his assent to a Bill or does not communicate his assent or otherwise within 30 days from the date the Bill was sent to him for assent, the Senate shall again deliberate on the Bill.
- (c) If the Senate upon deliberation accepts the President's observations and the observations are adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, then the Bill shall again be sent to the President for assent.
- (d) If the Senate rejects the President's observations and recommends the application of the Two-Third Rule and the said report is accepted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, then the Bill becomes a law without the President's assent if it is now passed by two-third majority of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 87 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 87 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 88: Withdrawal of Bills.

The Senator in charge of a Bill may make a motion without notice for its withdrawal either before the commencement of public business or on the Order of the day for any stage of the Bill being read.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 88 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 88 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 89: Bills on the same Subject Matter.

More than one Bill of the same subject matter may be introduced, but when the Second Reading of a Bill has been agreed to or negatived the question shall not be proposed for the Second Reading of another Bill of the same subject matter during the same Session. On the Order of the day relating to such a Bill being read the President of the Senate shall direct that the Bill be withdrawn.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 89 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 89 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 90: Bills affecting Private Rights.

If it appears to the President of the Senate from the notice of the terms proposed to be embodied in a Bill not being a Government measure that the proposals are intended to affect or benefit some particular person, association or corporate body then —

(i) Before allowing such a Bill to be read the First Time the President of the Senate shall satisfy himself that in addition to the notice already presented under Rule 74 (Notice regarding Bills), additional notice of the Bill has been given by advertising a statement of its general nature and objects in the Official Gazette and in one newspaper circulating in Nigeria.

(ii) Every applicant for a private Bill shall —

Declaration.

(a) Make a declaration proving publication of the notices referred to in clause (1), and

Printing Cost.

(b) Pay the cost of printing the Bill at all its stages including reprinting if it is amended.

(iii) When any such Bill has been read a Second Time it shall stand referred to the Committee without question put. Any party whose interests are, in the opinion of the President of the Senate, prejudicially affected by the proposed provisions of the Bill may be heard before the Committee either in person or by Counsel.

(iv) Every Select Committee on such a Bill shall require proof of the fact and other allegations set forth in the Bill as showing that it is expedient that the Bill should be passed, and may take such oral or other evidence as it may think requisite and thereafter if the Committee finds that the said facts and allegations are not proved, it shall report accordingly; but if the Committee finds that the allegations have been proved, the Committee shall consider the several clauses of the Bill, and may strike out clauses, add new clauses, and make any other amendments which it shall deem necessary, and in respect of all amendments which it makes, shall describe their purport in a Special report to the Senate. No new clause shall be allowed in such Bill which is outside the terms of the notice in the Official Gazette.

(v) When it is intended to examine any witness, the petitioner or Senator requiring such witness shall deliver to the Clerk, two days at least before the day appointed for their examination, a list containing the name, residence and occupation of every witness.

(vi) The evidence of every witness shall be taken down and when printed sent in proof to the witness. The witness shall be at liberty to suggest corrections due to inaccurate reporting and the evidence shall be printed with such of the corrections as may be approved by the Chairman.

- (vii) The Committee may at its discretion refuse to hear any irrelevant or recalcitrant witness.
- (viii) After the report of the Select Committee has been presented to the Senate, the President of the Senate shall, if such report be adapted propose the question "That the Bill be read the Third Time".

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 90 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 90 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 91: Procedure on Money Bills (Budget).

- (1) (a) During each year, there shall be introduced into the Senate, an Appropriation Bill which shall contain the estimated (Budget) financial requirements for expenditure on revenue accounts on all the services of the government for the succeeding financial year. The details of these financial requirements shall be contained in the estimates which shall be presented at the same time.
- (b) On presentation, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the First Time and a date be fixed for commencement of the Second Reading.
- (2) The Committee on Rules and Business shall determine the number of days to be allotted for the Second Reading of the Bill. At the hour appointed for interruption of business on the last of such allotted days, the President of the Senate shall put the question to bring the proceedings on the Second Reading to conclusion. Provided that the question on Second Reading may be agreed to on a day earlier than the last day so allotted.
- (3) During the Second Reading, the debate shall be confined to the financial and economic state of Nigeria and the government financial policy. Detailed items in the estimate may not be debated on the Second Reading.
- (4) (a) When the Bill has been read the second time, it shall be committed to the Appropriation Committee.

The Appropriation Committee may conduct Public Hearing on the bill. The Standing Committees of the Senate shall for this purpose be deemed to be sub-committees of the Appropriation Committee and shall consider estimates for the ministries, departments and agencies which come under their jurisdiction.

- (b) After consideration, the sub-Committees shall report back to the Appropriation Committee. The Appropriation Committee after deliberating on the report of the Sub-Committees shall then report to the Committee of the Whole Senate to be known as "Committee of Supply".

- (5) The President of the Senate or in his absence the Deputy President of the Senate shall preside over the Committee of Supply.
- (6) There shall be allotted such number of days as the Committee on Rules and Business shall determine for discussion of the Estimates and the Appropriation Bill in the Committee of Supply.
- (7) The clauses of an Appropriation Bill or a Supplementary Appropriation Bill shall stand postponed until after the consideration of any schedule to such Bill.
- (8) On the consideration of the first schedule, the Chairman shall call the title of each Head of Expenditure in turn and shall propose the question "That the sum Naira for Head stand part of the schedule".
- (9) Any Senator may move an amendment to any provision in the Estimate.
- (10) When several amendments are proposed to the same provision in the estimates, they shall be called in the Order in which they appear on the Order Paper and each amendment shall be disposed of before the next is called, provided that when the mover of the amendment is not present to move, the same shall lapse.
- (11) At least two clear days' notice of any amendment shall be required.
- (12) When all amendments to a sub-head or item have been disposed of, no further amendment or debate on the same shall be allowed.
- (13) When all amendments standing on the Order Paper in respect of a particular provision have been disposed of the President of the Senate shall propose the question "That the sum of Naira for Head stand part of the schedule".
- (14) At the hour appointed for the interruption of business on the last day allotted for the consideration of the Appropriation Bill in Committee of Supply, the Chairman shall proceed to put any question on any Head not yet voted on and the question "That the schedule or schedules stand part of the Bill". On the question on the postponed clauses of the Bill, no amendment shall be allowed other than an amendment consequential on any increase or decrease in the total sum appropriated by any schedule, such amendment shall be put from the Chair without motion made, and no debate shall be allowed on any such question or amendment.
- (15) For the purpose of this rule, any day in which the Appropriation Bill is put down as the first Order of the day shall be an allotted day.
- (16) On any day upon which the proceedings on the Appropriation Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order, no dilatory motion shall be moved upon such proceedings and the proceedings shall not be interrupted or postponed under any Rule.

- (17) When the Appropriation Bill has passed the Committee of Supply, the Appropriation Committee shall within three working days prepare and submit a summary of all amendments agreed to by the Senate. The report shall also show clearly the total amount approved for each Ministry, Department or Agency. Upon approval of the Committee's report the Senator in-charge shall move the Third Reading of the Bill forthwith which motion shall not require to be seconded and shall be decided without amendment or debate and if decided after the hour appointed for the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate shall immediately, on that decision being reached, adjourn the Senate without question put.
- (18) After the Third Reading, the laid down procedures for Bills shall be followed.
- (19) In the event of a difference between the Senate and the House of Representatives on money Bills, the relevant section of the Constitution shall apply.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 91 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 91 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND OTHER SESSIONAL PAPERS

Order 92: Time for presenting Statutory Reports.

- (1) Ministers shall forward to the Senate all reports required by statute within three months of the close of the reporting period unless reasons for delay are given to the Senate.

Idem.

- (2) The Statutory Annual Report of each Ministry and of all Boards and Commissions and other Agencies reporting to each Ministry for the immediate past reporting period shall be presented to the Senate before the consideration of the Ministry's estimates unless sufficient reasons are given to the Senate for non-compliance.

Method of Presenting.

- (3) Reports, returns and other documents required to be laid before the Senate by any Act of Assembly or under any Standing Orders or Resolution of the Senate, or that any Minister wishes to forward to the Senate, may be deposited with the Clerk of the Senate, whether or not on a legislative day, and such report, return or other documents shall be deemed for all purposes to have been forwarded and laid on the Table. All such reports, returns and documents laid on the Table shall be deemed referred to the appropriate Committee of the Senate. A record of such document shall be entered in the Vote and Proceedings on the day it is laid except that where it is filed on a day that is not a legislative day, it shall be entered in the Votes and Proceedings of the next legislative day.

Distribution of Background Materials.

- (4) The Minster concerned shall forward copies of all reports as well as copies of background materials to all Senators.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 93 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 93 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 93: List of Documents Tabled and Outstanding.

The Clerk of the Senate shall keep a record of all reports required by statute, which have been tabled, and those outstanding.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 93 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 93 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 94: Membership Appointed.

- (1) The membership of all Committees shall not be less than Seven (7) and not more than Twenty (20) Senators.

- (2) No Senator shall serve in more than Nine (9) Committees.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "than", *leave out* the words and figure "Nine (9) and insert the word and figure "Seven (7)" instead thereof (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (3) No member of the Committee of Selection shall be a Committee Chairman.

Review of Committee Appointments.

All Committee Appointments shall be subject to periodic reviews (*Senator Sadiq U. Umar — Kwara North*).

Question that Order 94 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Order 95: Special Committees.

- (A) Within the first fourteen legislative days following the first sitting of the Senate, the membership of the following Special Committees shall be appointed —

- (i) Committee of Selection;
- (ii) Committee on Rules and Business;
- (iii) Senate Services Committee;
- (iv) Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions;
- (v) Public Accounts Committee;

- (vi) Committee on National Security and Intelligence;
- (vii) Committee on Legislative Compliance;
- (viii) Committee on Media and Public Affairs

(B) Jurisdictions of the Special Committees

(1) Committee of Selection —

- (a) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee of Selection appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate to perform the functions allocated to it by these rules, and for such other matters as the Senate may from time to time refer to it.
- (b) The Committee on Selection shall consist of the President of the Senate, the Deputy President of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader, Chief Whip, Deputy Majority Leader, Deputy Chief Whip, Minority Leader, Deputy Minority Leader, Minority Whip and the Deputy Minority Whip.

Functions of the Committee include:

- (c) The President shall be the Chairman of the Committee of Selection and in his absence, the Deputy President;
- (d) Nominating Senators to serve on Committees to consider any Special matters brought before the Senate; and
- (e) Such Senators as may be going on Parliamentary Delegation other than Committees.

(2) Rules and Business Committee.

- 1. There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Rules and Business appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate consisting of Senators nominated by the Political Parties represented in the Senate.
- 2. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
 - (a) Scheduling Business of the Senate and causing them to be printed on the Notice Paper, Order Paper and Calendar of Senate activities;
 - (b) Allocation of time for the business of the Senate;
 - (c) Senate organization relative to its Rules and Procedure;

- (d) Monitoring the passage of Bills that are before the Senate and its Committees;
 - (e) Interaction with State Houses of Assembly relative to Rules and Business of the Senate;
 - (f) Workshops, Retreats and seminars in respect of Parliamentary practice and procedure for Senators;
 - (g) Gazetting of Bills and production of proceedings of order paper;
 - (h) Scrutinizing all Bills, Motions and other measures to ensure their conformity with the Constitution, Standing Orders, other Extant Rules and Laws before presentation to the Senate for consideration; and
 - (i) Serves as Secretariat for Committee of the Whole.
- (3) Committee on Senate Services.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Senate Services appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Welfare of Senators;
 - (b) Budget and appropriation of the Senate;
 - (c) Maintenance of the Senate Chamber and premises including offices and accommodation;
 - (d) Residential accommodation for Presiding Officers and office accommodation for Senators;
 - (e) Provision of equipment and materials for Senate;
 - (f) Provision of utility vehicles; and
 - (g) Monitoring of the Finances of the Senate. The Senate may appoint other Special Committees to perform such duties as the need may arise.
- (4) Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Consideration of the subject matter of all petitions referred to it by the Senate and shall report from time to time to the Senate its opinion of the action to be taken thereon together with such other observations on petition and the signatures attached thereof, as the Committee may deem fit;

- (b) Recommendation to the Senate from time to time such administrative actions as it may deem appropriate to establish and enforce standards of official conduct for the Senators;
- (c) Investigation and proffering of recommendations on cases of misconduct and discipline of Senators as referred to it by the Senate; and
- (d) Overseeing and monitoring the activities of Code of Conduct Bureau and Public Complaints Commission.

(5) Public Accounts Committee.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Public Accounts Committee appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) To examine the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by the Senate to meet the public expenditure; together with the Auditor's report thereon. The Committee shall, for the purposes of discharging that duty, have power to send for any person, papers and records, to report from time to time to the Senate and to sit notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate;
- (b) The Committee shall have power to examine any accounts or report of statutory Corporations and Boards after they have been laid on the table for the Senate and to report thereon from time to time to the Senate and to sit notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate;
- (c) The Committee shall have power to enquire the report of the Auditor-General for the Federation with respect to any prepayment audit query which had been overruled by the Chief Executive of the Ministry, Extra-Ministerial Departments or Agency of the Federal Government and Courts of the Federation and to report same to the Senate; and
- (d) Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI).

(6) Committee on National Security and Intelligence.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on National Security and Intelligence appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA),
- (b) Department of State Security Services (DSS),
- (c) National Intelligence Agency (NIA),

- (d) Any other organization or Agency established by law for ensuring the security of the Federation and Safety of Nigerians
 - (e) Annual Budget estimates of a, b, c and d above.
- (7) Committee on Legislative Compliance.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Legislative Compliance appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Ensuring compliance with any legislation, resolution or decision of the Senate on any subject matter within its legislative competence;
 - (b) Providing feedback to respective committees on compliance status of committee specific actions for corrective/improvement purposes;
 - (c) Providing a process for reporting on legislative compliance through quarterly reports to serve as feedback to senate in plenary on level of compliance and broad criteria to be followed where any breach of legislative requirements may have occurred;
 - (d) Ensuring that any Senate resolution concerning any person, body or entity is complied with;
 - (e) Ensuring that appropriate remedial action is taken to address instances of reportable non-compliance;
 - (f) That the Decisions/Resolutions shall serve to bridge any lacuna, convey specific actions and or redress a particular situation(s) and or matter(s), and shall lapse when the matters conveyed thereto have been fully treated and or addressed; and
 - (g) Provide regular information (quarterly) to all Senators on the status of all bills and resolutions passed by the Senate.
- (8) Committee on Media and Public Affairs.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Media and Public Affairs appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Management of the image and public relations of the Senate;
 - (b) External publicity and other issues in the mass and Social Media concerning Senate; and
 - (c) Other matters concerning the media that may be referred to the Committee by the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 95 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 95 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 96: Other Special Committees.

The Senate may appoint other Special Committees to perform such duties as the need may arise.

Standing Committees.

- (1) **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.**

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

 - (a) Agricultural production and marketing and stabilizing of prices of agricultural products and commodities (not including distribution outside Nigeria);
 - (b) Animal husbandry and diseases control;
 - (c) Crop-insurance and soil conservation;
 - (d) Dairy Products;
 - (e) Extension of farm credit and farm security; and National Food Security generally;
 - (f) Agro-forestry in general;
 - (g) Inspection of livestock and meat products;
 - (h) Plant industry, Soil and Agriculture Engineering;
 - (i) Commodities Exchange;
 - (j) Rural development;
 - (k) Bank of Agriculture (BOA);
 - (l) Fisheries;
 - (m) Poultry;
 - (n) Agricultural inputs including fertilizers, production of farm products, marketing, distribution and stabilization of prices for such inputs; and
 - (o) Annual budget estimates.
- (2) **Committee on Air Force.**

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Air Force appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) Payments, promotion, retirements and other benefits and privileges of Members of the Air Force;
 - (b) Size and composition of the Air Force;
 - (c) Scientific research and development in support of the Air Force;
 - (d) Air Force barracks;
 - (e) Resettlement scheme for serving officers of the Air Force;
 - (f) Clearance of foreign Military aircrafts;
 - (g) Air Force reservations and establishments; and
 - (h) Annual budget estimates.
- (3) Committee on Anti-Corruption.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Anti-Corruption appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC);
 - (b) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC);
 - (c) Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU);
 - (d) Oversight of all anti-Corruption institutions and services established by law;
 - (e) All matters relating to corruption; and
 - (f) Annual budget estimates of (a), (b) and (c) above.
- (4) Committee on Appropriations.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Appropriations appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Appropriation of revenue for the support of the government;
 - (b) Issuance of call letters/circulars on Appropriation (Budgetary);
 - (c) Annual Appropriation Bill;
 - (d) Supplementary Appropriation Bill;
 - (e) All other matters relating to Appropriation (Budget estimates Matters).

- (5) Committee on Army.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Army appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Nigerian Army Headquarters, Divisions, Directorates and Special Units;
 - (b) Payment, promotion, retirement and other benefits and privileges of members of the Army;
 - (c) Size and composition of the Army;
 - (d) Scientific Research in support of the Army;
 - (e) Army Barracks projects;
 - (f) Army training institutions and Cadets;
 - (g) Resettlement scheme and Army Veteran Affairs; and
 - (h) Annual Budget Estimates of the Army.
- (6) Committee on Aviation.
There shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee on Aviation appointed at the Aviation commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Airport development and Management;
 - (b) Civil aviation regulatory and other services;
 - (c) Authorization of scheduled and non-scheduled flight;
 - (d) Meteorological service;
 - (e) Provision of air safety services of Nigeria Aerodromes;
 - (f) Aviation, international security and communications;
 - (g) International transport aviation agencies;
 - (h) International aviation agreements;
 - (i) Aviation training; and
 - (j) Annual budget estimates.
- (7) Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions.
There shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other financial Institutions. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Monitoring the activities of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);

- (b) Banks, and banking deposits, insurance and federal monetary policy;
- (c) Monetary and credit including currency, insurance, notes and redemption of gold, silver including coinage, valuation of Naira;
- (d) Examination of insurance policies;
- (e) Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC);
- (f) Nigeria Security Printing and Minting Company (NSPMC);
- (g) Nigeria Insurance Commission (NAICOM);

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new item (h) as follows and renumber accordingly:

“Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM)” (Senator Michael O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (h) Nigerian Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL); and
 - (i) Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON);
- (8) Committee on Capital Market.
- There shall be committee to be known as Committee on Capital Market and its Institutions appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include oversight authority on —
- (a) Security and Exchange Commission (SEC);
 - (b) Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE);
 - (c) Investments and Securities Tribunal (IST);
 - (d) Stock Market Operators;
 - (e) Chattered Institute of Stock Brokers;
 - (f) Institute of Capital market Registrars;
 - (g) Abuja Securities and Commodities Exchange;
 - (h) All Matters relating to Capital Market;
 - (i) Commodity Exchange; and
 - (j) Annual Budget Estimates.

- (9) Committee on Communications.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Communications appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Post offices and postal services;
 - (b) Telephone and telexes;
 - (c) Cable grams;
 - (d) Frequency allocation;
 - (e) Telecommunications;
 - (f) Satellite communication;
 - (g) Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC); and
 - (g) Annual budget estimates.
- (10) Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Coordinating the activities of regional bodies which includes ECOWAS and AU;
 - (b) Liaison with regional bodies; ECOWAS and AU;
 - (c) Coordinating the activities of the new partnership for African development, NEPAD;
 - (d) Any other matter relating to regional cooperation in Africa; and
 - (e) Annual budget estimates.
- (11) Committee on Culture and Tourism.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Culture and Tourism appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Hotel industry (including classification and standardization);
 - (b) Tourism generally;
 - (c) Promotion of cultural heritage;
 - (d) Matters relating to culture generally, including national monuments, artifacts, museums antiquities, national troupe, theatres, etc.;
 - (e) Promotion of entertainment, music and film industry;

- (f) Nigerian Tourism Board,
 - (g) National Commission for Museums and Monuments;
 - (h) Nigerian Video, Film and Censorship Board; and
 - (i) Annual budget estimates.
- (12) Committee on Customs; Excise and Tariffs
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Customs, Excise and Tariffs appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (c) Nigeria Customs Service;
 - (d) Custom and Excise;
 - (e) Tariffs' review and documentation; and
 - (f) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (13) Committee on Defence —
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Defence appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Ministry of Defence;
 - (b) Office of Chief of Defence Staff;
 - (c) Defence Headquarters;
 - (d) National Defence College;
 - (e) National Defence Academy
 - (f) Command and Staff College;
 - (g) Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria (DICON);
 - (h) Ammunition Depot;
 - (i) Forts;
 - (j) Arsenal Reservation;
 - (k) Military application of Nuclear Energy;
 - (l) Disarmament;
 - (m) War graves, monuments and memorabilia;
 - (n) Joint Military Operations;
 - (o) Peace Keeping Operations; and

- (p) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (14) Committee on Diaspora and NGOs.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Diaspora and NGOs appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Nigeria Diaspora Commission;
 - (b) Monitoring Diaspora Networks, NGOs and organizations with a view to assisting them in realization of their agenda and promote institutional change;
 - (c) Providing advice and services to Diaspora communities on home remittances;
 - (d) Participating in dialogue with governments, regional and local authorities on Diaspora matters in their home and host countries;
 - (e) To promote the exchange of ideas between home country and Nigerians in the Diaspora; and
 - (f) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (15) Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Oil refineries;
 - (b) Pipelines, Depots, Petrol Stations and Petroleum Products Marketing;
 - (c) Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) plc;
 - (d) Ministry of Petroleum Resources;
 - (e) Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Authority;
 - (f) Oil subsidy and under recovery; and
 - (g) Annual budget estimates.
- (16) Committee on Drugs and Narcotics.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Drugs and Narcotics appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Matters relating to law enforcement, administration and policies on drugs and narcotics;
 - (b) Monitoring relevant government Ministries/Extra-ministerial departments, Agencies, offices, organizations, schools, institutions rehabilitation centers, etc. established for the purposes of controlling Drugs and Narcotics;

- (c) Liaising with the United Nations, foreign countries, International bodies and Non-Governmental organizations for the purpose of harmonizing Drugs and Narcotics laws in line with the United Nations Government and International treaties; and
 - (d) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (17) Committee on Ecology and Climate Change.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Ecology and Climate Change appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Ecological Fund Office;
 - (b) Department of Climate Change in the Ministry of Environment;
 - (c) NGO's and Civil Society Organizations carrying out Climate change related services;
 - (d) Providing oversight for structures, institutions, laws and policies that make up Nigeria's response to Climate Change;
 - (e) Ensuring accountability on Climate Change issues;
 - (f) Ensuring legislative scrutiny and oversight over treaties and agreements that may arise from the coordinated efforts under regional, sub-regional and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
 - (g) Climate change mitigation and adaptation;
 - (h) Air pollution;
 - (i) Weather and Climate services;
 - (j) Climate science development;
 - (k) Afforestation, Deforestation and desertification matters; and
 - (l) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (18) Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary).
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Ministry of Education;
 - (b) Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC);
 - (c) WAEC National Office;
 - (a) WAEC International Office;

(b) JAMB;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out item "(b) JAMB" and renumber accordingly (Senator Babba K. Ahmad — Katsina North).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (d) National Examination Council (NECO);
 - (e) National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB);
 - (f) National Mass Literacy Commission,;
 - (g) National Library of Nigeria;
 - (h) National Teachers Institute;
 - (i) National Institute for Education, Planning and Administration;
 - (j) Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria;
 - (k) Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria;
 - (l) National Mathematical Centre;
 - (m) National Commission for Nomadic Education;
 - (n) Nigeria Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC);
 - (o) Federal Government Colleges;
 - (p) National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies (NBAIS); and
 - (q) Annual Budget Estimates
- (19) Committee on Electoral Matters
- There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Electoral Matters appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Independent National Electoral Commission;
 - (b) National Electoral laws;
 - (c) Registration of voters, voters card;
 - (d) Electoral matters generally;
 - (e) Oversight on the funding and registration of political Parties; and
 - (f) Annual Budget estimates.

- (20) Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) All matters relating to trade unions and labour generally;
 - (b) Conditions of employment;
 - (c) All matters relating to Social Security and other cognate issues;
 - (d) Industrial relations;
 - (e) Workman's compensation;
 - (f) Factory Inspection;
 - (g) Trade testing;
 - (h) Labour safety;
 - (i) Health, welfare and education;
 - (j) Co-operative education and training;
 - (k) National productivity improvement;
 - (l) Co-operative societies generally;
 - (m) National provident fund and Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund;
 - (n) Industrial safety regulations; and
 - (o) Annual budget estimates.

- (21) Committee on Environment.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Environment appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Ministry of Environment;
 - (b) National Environmental Standards, Regulatory and Enforcement Agency (NESRA);
 - (c) National Oil Spill and Detection Agency (NOSDRA);
 - (d) Nigerian Metrological Agency (NIMET);
 - (e) Control of industrial waste;
 - (f) Control of dumping of toxic and other hazardous waste;

- (g) Control of water pollution;
 - (h) Control of Flood and Erosion;
 - (i) Desertification;
 - (j) Parks and Gardens;
 - (m) Oil Spillage; and
 - (k) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (22) Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Establishment and Public Services Matters appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Federal public services matters generally including Parastatals;
 - (b) Conditions of Service;
 - (c) Pension and gratuities;
 - (d) Training and manpower development;
 - (e) Establishment of professional bodies and institutions;
 - (f) Pension Commission (PENCOM);
 - (g) Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD);
 - (h) Public Service Institute of Nigeria;
 - (i) Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC);
 - (j) National Assembly Service Commission;
 - (k) Office of Head of Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF)
 - (k) Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR) and
 - (l) Annual budget estimates.
- (23) Committee on Federal Capital Territory.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Federal Capital Territory appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Matters affecting the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (b) Planning and development of the new Federal Capital Territory;

- (c) Allocation of lands in the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (a) Control of development within the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (b) Area Councils and Satellite towns development;
 - (e) Annual budget estimates.

- (24) Committee on Federal Character and Inter Governmental Affairs.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
 - (a) Federal Character Commission;
 - (b) Implementation of federal character principles as enshrined in the constitution;
 - (c) The Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;
 - (d) Inter -governmental Affairs;
 - (e) Liaison between the National Assembly and the Presidency;
 - (f) Inter-party relationships; and
 - (g) Annual budget estimates.

- (25) Committee on Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA).
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
 - (a) Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA);
 - (b) Oversight on maintenance of all federal roads and bridges; and
 - (c) Annual budget estimates

- (26) Committee on Finance.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Finance appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
 - (a) Federal Ministry of Finance;
 - (b) Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS);
 - (c) Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)
 - (d) National Economic Reconstruction Fund (NERFUND);

- (e) Joint Tax Board;
- (f) Taxes and taxation;
- (g) Tariff review;
- (h) Determination of general fiscal and monetary policy of Government;
- (i) Revenue profile of government;
- (j) Oversight on all federal revenue generating institutions;
- (k) Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM); and

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out item "(k) Nigeria Export-Import Bank (NEXIM)" and renumber accordingly (Senator Michael O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (l) Annual budget estimates.
- (27) Committee on Foreign Affairs.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Foreign Affairs appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (b) Relations of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with foreign nations generally;
 - (c) Measures relating to diplomatic services;
 - (d) Intervention abroad and declaration of war;
 - (e) Protection of Nigerian citizens abroad and expatriation;
 - (f) Measures relating to International Economic policy;
 - (g) Trading with friendly nations;
 - (h) Measures to foster commercial intercourse with foreign nations and Economic/geographical groupings to safeguard Nigeria's business abroad;
 - (i) Pilgrimage;
 - (j) Technical assistance to foreign countries;
 - (k) Reparation;
 - (l) Extradition;

- (m) Deportation;
 - (n) Technical Aid Corps; and
 - (o) Annual budget estimates.
- (28) Committee on Gas.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Gas appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Exploration and exploitation of gas;
 - (b) Pricing and marketing of gas;
 - (c) Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG); and
 - (d) Annual budget estimates.
- (29) Committee on Health (Secondary and Tertiary).
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Health (Secondary and Tertiary) appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Ministry of Health;
 - (b) National hospitals;
 - (c) National Health Institutes;
 - (d) Specialist hospitals and Centres of Excellence;
 - (e) Drugs and vaccine manufacturing;
 - (f) National Agency for Foods and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC);
 - (g) Teaching Hospitals;
 - (h) Drug laws;
 - (i) Food and environmental hygiene;
 - (j) World Health Organization and other International Health related Organizations;
 - (k) Nigerian Red Cross and Red Crescent;
 - (l) Epidemics;
 - (m) Medical laboratory and forensic services;
 - (n) Chemical services;
 - (o) Pharmacy;

- (p) Public health including port health and quarantine;
- (q) Care and protection of handicapped and under privileged;
- (r) Health finance;
- (s) Control of Private Medical Practice;
- (t) Training and control of medical personnel;
- (u) Medical Professional and Regulatory Bodies;
- (v) Traditional Medical Practice; and
- (w) Annual budget estimates.

(30) Committee on ICT and Cyber Security.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on ICT and Cyber security appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA);
- (b) Nigerian communications Satellite;
- (c) Galaxy Backbone Ltd;
- (d) All matters concerning Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development and utilization in Nigeria;
- (e) All matters relating to Cyber security and Cybercrime control; and
- (f) Annual budget estimates.

(31) Committee on Industries.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Industries appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) Standardization and quality control;
- (b) Industrial development matters generally;
- (c) Incentives for, industrial development;
- (d) National industrial planning;
- (e) Small-scale industries;
- (f) Aid to industries;
- (g) Heavy industries set up by the Federal Government of Nigeria;

- (h) Participation of small business enterprises, procurement and government contracts;
 - (i) Promotion and administration of technology transfer programmes;
 - (j) Industrial financing;
 - (k) Privatization and commercialization;
 - (l) Industrial Training Fund; and
 - (m) Annual budget estimates.
- (32) Committee on Information and National Orientation.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Information appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Public enlightenment and Information dissemination;
 - (b) National Orientation Agency;
 - (c) National Mobilization for peaceful and harmonious co-existence;
 - (d) Film production;
 - (e) Newspapers, television and Radio;
 - (f) Censorship and Regulation of production and importation of obscene literature, films, videos photographs and other formats;
 - (g) Advertising; and
 - (h) Annual budget estimates.
- (33) Committee on Interior.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Interior appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include—
- (a) Immigration and deportation;
 - (b) Citizenship and Naturalization;
 - (c) Political asylum and Refugees;
 - (d) Nigerian Correctional Services and related matters;
 - (e) Public holidays;
 - (f) Aliens;

- (g) Expatriates Quota;
- (h) National day and other celebrations;
- (i) Immigration and visas;
- (j) Emigration;
- (k) Passports and travel certificates;
- (l) Seaman's identity;
- (m) Medals and badges containing the National Flag and National Coat of Arms;
- (n) Business permits;
- (o) Federal Fire Service;
- (p) Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps; and
- (q) Annual budget estimates.

(34) Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Affairs.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Affairs appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include

- (a) Study, analysis and suggestion on improvement of the charters of all Inter-Parliamentary cooperation grouping of which the Senate is a member;
- (b) Recommend for the Senate, the formation of and entry by the Senate into any new Parliamentary grouping;
- (c) Ensure the maintenance of harmonious and productive relations between the National Assembly and all world Parliaments;
- (d) Coordinate National and International Parliamentary exchanges, hospitality and countries on reciprocal basis;
- (e) Make recommendation to the Senate as to the desirability of the Senate sending delegation to specific inter-Parliamentary events and to the Selection Committee on the possible delegates;
- (f) Liaise and coordinate efforts with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other Relevant departments of the Federal Government on matters relating to Parliamentary attachments and training of Senators;
- (g) Initiate the organization of national and International Parliamentary Associations and experiences;

- (h) Represent and lead the National Assembly in specific international Associations or grouping on terms agreed to between the House and the Senate;
 - (i) Ensure the execution of the Senate Resolution on Inter-Parliamentary relation; and
 - (j) Annual budget estimates.
- (35) Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Judicial matters;
 - (b) Constitutional matters;
 - (c) Federal courts and judges;
 - (d) Revision and codification of status of Nigerians;
 - (e) Legal practitioners;
 - (f) Administration of justice;
 - (g) Notaries public;
 - (h) Public trustees;
 - (i) Extradition;
 - (j) Administration of estates;
 - (k) Legal education;
 - (l) Regulation of policies on legal practice by professional legal Bodies
 - (m) National Human Rights Commission;
 - (n) Legal aid;
 - (o) Human rights issues and policies; and
 - (p) Annual budget estimates.
- (36) Committee on Land, Housing and Urban Development.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Development. The following are parts of the jurisdiction of the Committee —
- (a) Building research;

- (b) Federal surveys and mapping;
 - (c) Lands;
 - (d) Land reclamation;
 - (e) Federal housing;
 - (f) National Housing Fund;
 - (g) Urban planning;
 - (h) Family Home Fund;
 - (i) Federal Mortgage Bank; and
 - (j) Annual budget estimates.
- (37) Committee on Land Transport.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Land Transport appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Railways;
 - (b) Nigerian University of Transport;
 - (c) Institute of Transport Technology;
 - (d) Mass transit; and
 - (e) Annual budget estimates.
- (38) Committee on Local Content.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Local Content appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB);
 - (b) Matters relating to local capacity development;
 - (c) Transfer of technology in oil and gas industries;
 - (d) Matters of local content and transfer of technology in other mature industries such as construction, power, railway, ICT, etc;
 - (e) Issues relating to the patronage of local manpower;
 - (f) Receiving annual performance report of the Nigerian Local Content; and
 - (g) Annual budget estimates.

- (39) Committee on Local and Foreign Debts.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Local and Foreign Debt appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Local debts;
 - (b) Foreign debts;
 - (c) Monitoring, payment and rescheduling of debts;
 - (d) Debt Management Office; and
 - (e) Annual budget estimates.
- (40) Committee on Marine Transport.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Marine Transport appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Maritime shipping;
 - (b) Navigation;
 - (c) Ports, docks and harbors;
 - (d) Marine resource development;
 - (e) Inland waterways;
 - (f) International marine agreements;
 - (g) Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency; and
 - (h) Annual budget estimates.
- (41) Committee on National Identity and National Population.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on National Identity Card and Population appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) National ID card project;
 - (b) National Population Census;
 - (c) All matters related to population;
 - (d) National Civic Registration; and
 - (e) Annual budget estimates.
- (42) Committee on National Planning and Economic Affairs
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on National Planning appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Ministry of National Planning and Economic Affairs Budget;

- (b) Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research (NISER)
 - (c) National Bureau for Statistics;
 - (d) Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission;
 - (e) National Manpower Board;
 - (f) Preparation and Publication of National Economic Plans;
 - (g) Economic policy;
 - (h) International Economic Council;
 - (i) National Economic Council;
 - (j) Macro-economic Policy Analysis;
 - (k) Economic intelligence and planning;
 - (l) International economic policies; and
 - (m) Annual budget estimates.
- (43) Committee on Navy.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Navy appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Payments, promotion, retirements and other benefits and privileges of Members of the Navy;
 - (b) Size and composition of the Navy;
 - (c) Scientific research and development in support of the Navy;
 - (d) Naval cadets;
 - (e) Resettlement scheme for serving officers of the Navy;
 - (f) Naval barracks; and
 - (g) Annual budget estimates.
- (44) Committee on Niger Delta.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Niger-Delta appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Niger-Delta Development Commission;
 - (b) Matters affecting the Niger-Delta;
 - (c) Annual budget estimates.

- (45) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream).
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Petroleum Resources appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Exploration of hydrocarbons generally;
 - (b) Petroleum and petrochemicals;
 - (c) Energy conventions;
 - (d) Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR);

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out item “(d) Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR)” and insert “(d) Nigerian Upstream Regulatory Commission (NURC)” instead thereof (Senator Albert B. Akpan — Akwa-Ibom North East).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (e) Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);
- (f) Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Agency (NNRA);
- (g) Petroleum Training Institute (PTI);

Amendment Proposed:

Insert new item “(h) Petroleum Training Development Fund (PTDF)” and renumber accordingly (Senator Albert B. Akpan — Akwa-Ibom North East).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (h) Oil block allocation; and
 - (i) Annual budget estimates.
- (46) Committee on Police Affairs.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Police Affairs appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Ministry of Police Affairs;
 - (b) Police Service Commission (PSC);
 - (c) Force Headquarter;
 - (d) Police Academy
 - (e) Nigerian Police Trust Fund (NPTF);
 - (f) Budget relating to the operation and maintenance of police departments and commands;
 - (g) Issues relating to recruitment, promotion, benefits and privileges of members of the Police Force;

- (h) Maintenance of law and Order and ensuring internal security of the nation;
 - (i) Fire-arms control; and
 - (j) Annual budget estimates.
- (47) Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Social Investments.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Social Investments appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development;
 - (b) Oversight on Social Investments and Support Programmes; and
 - (c) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (48) Committee on Power.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Power appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Federal Ministry of Power;
- (50) Committee on Privatization.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Privatization appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —
- (a) Operation of the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE);
 - (b) Operation of the National Council on Privatization (NCP);
 - (c) Any function assigned by laws on privatization;
 - (d) Oversight on privatization processes and entities; and
 - (e) Annual budget estimates.
- (51) Committee on Public Procurement.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Public Procurement appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:—
- (a) National Council on Public Procurement;
 - (b) Bureau of Public Procurement;
 - (c) Oversight the implementation of the Public Procurement Act in all Federal Government Ministries, departments and Agencies; and
 - (d) Annual Budget Estimates.

- (52) Committee on Science and Technology.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Science and Technology appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Federal Ministry of Science and Technology;
 - (b) Science research and development;
 - (c) Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) scholarship;
 - (d) Matters relating to relevant science-based research institutions;
 - (e) Research and development of engineering infrastructures and technology;
 - (f) Development of foundries and related infrastructures;
 - (g) Development of model industries for rapid industrialization of the country; and
 - (h) Annual budget estimates.
- (53) Committee on Solid Minerals, Steel Development and Metallurgy.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Solid Minerals, Steel Development and Metallurgy appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development;
 - (b) Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA);
 - (c) Mining Cadastre Office;
 - (d) Council of Nigerian Mining Engineers and Geoscientist;
 - (e) Nigerian Metallurgical Training Institute;
 - (f) Explosives;
 - (g) Geological surveys and minerals investigation;
 - (h) Exploration of mines, minerals Extraction and quarry including mine safety (other than petroleum);
 - (i) Iron and Steel development infrastructure and Investments;
 - (j) Metallurgy and Solid Minerals Processing;
 - (k) Aluminum Smelting Company of Nigeria;
 - (l) Ajaokuta Steel Development Company;

- (m) National Iron Ore Mining Company;
 - (n) National Metallurgical Development Center;
 - (o) Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences;
 - (p) National Steel Raw Material Exploration Agency;
 - (q) Solid Minerals Development Fund;
 - (r) Aluminum development; and
 - (s) Annual budget estimates.
- (54) Committee on Special Duties.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Special Duties appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Office of the President/Presidency;
 - (b) National Assembly;
 - (c) General affairs of the President of the Senate;
 - (d) Budget on Special Projects as determined by the Senate, e.g. construction of National Assembly building;
 - (e) Any Special duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by the President of the Senate;
 - (f) National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA);
 - (g) National Commission for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons;
 - (h) North East Development Commission; and
 - (i) Annual budget estimates.
- (55) Committee on Youths and Sports Development.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Youths and Sports Development appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Federal Ministry of Youths and Sports;
 - (b) National Sports Commission;
 - (c) National Lottery Regulatory Commission.
 - (d) National Youth Service Corps (NYSC);
 - (e) Citizenship and Leadership Training Center;

- (f) National Institute for Sports;
 - (g) Nigerian Football Federation (NFF);
 - (h) Youths Development; and
 - (i) Annual budget estimates.
- (56) Committee on States and Local Governments,
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on States and Local Governments appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) National Boundary Commission;
 - (b) Border Community Development Agency (BCDA);
 - (c) Liaison with State Governments;
 - (d) Liaison with Local Governments;
 - (e) Matters relating to the Administration of States;
 - (f) Matters relating to the administration of Local Governments;
 - (g) Boundary disputes;
 - (h) Interstate relationship; and
 - (i) Annual budget estimates.
- (57) Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Sustainable Development Goals appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs;
 - (b) Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (c) Engagement with stakeholders, civil societies, development partners on SDGs; and
 - (d) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (58) Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND.
There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND appointed at the commencement of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include:
- (a) Ministry of Education;
 - (b) Federal Universities;
 - (c) National Universities Commission (NUC) plus all Federal Universities including Inter-University Centres —

- i. Arabic;
 - ii. French;
 - iii. Mathematics; and
 - iv. Languages.
- (d) Federal Polytechnics;
 - (e) Federal Colleges of Education;
 - (f) Federal Scholarship Board;
 - (g) TETFUND;
 - (h) Nigerian French Village, Badagry;
 - (i) Nigerian Arabic Village, Ngala;
 - (j) National Institute for Nigerian Languages, Aba;
 - (k) National Board for Technical Education (NBTE);
 - (l) National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE);
 - (m) National Education Research and Development Council (NERDC);

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new item "(n) Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB)" and renumber accordingly (*Senator Babba K. Ahmad — Katsina North*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (n) Computer Professional Registration Council; and
 - (o) Annual Budget Estimates.
- (59) Committee on Trade and Investment.
There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Trade and Investments appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate
- (a) Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment;
 - (b) Abuja Securities and Commodity Exchange;
 - (c) Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Tribunal;
 - (d) Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC);
 - (e) Nigeria Export Processing Zone Authority (NEPZA);

- (f) Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC);
 - (g) Office of National Trade Negotiation (ONTN)
 - (h) Financial Reporting Council (FRC);
 - (i) Tafawa Balewa Square and Trade Fair Complex;
 - (j) Oil and Gas Free Zone Authority (OGFZA);
 - (k) Measures to foster commercial activities with foreign nations and to safeguard Nigeria's business interest abroad;
 - (l) International commodity agreement;
 - (m) Consumer affairs and consumer protection;
 - (n) Companies;
 - (o) Copyrights;
 - (p) Development Bank of Nigeria;
 - (q) Infrastructure Bank Plc;
 - (r) International commodity agreements for co-operation;
 - (s) Inter-state commerce;
 - (t) Monopolies, combines and Trusts;
 - (u) Patents, trademarks, and merchandise marks;
 - (v) Price control;
 - (w) Business names;
 - (x) Trade fairs and exhibitions;
 - (y) Weights and measures;
 - (z) Bankruptcy and insolvency;
 - (aa) Bills of sale;
 - (bb) Export processing zones;
 - (cc) International trade fairs;
 - (dd) Non-oil exports; and
 - (ee) Annual budget estimates.
- (60) Committee on Water Resources.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Water Resources appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) Matters relating to Water Resources;
- (b) Development of Dams;
- (c) Irrigation;
- (d) Exploration and development of underground water;
- (e) Tariff determination and water rates;
- (f) Hydrological and hydro-geological investigation;
- (g) Water supply undertakings;
- (h) Canalization and Dredging;
- (i) Earth dams; and
- (j) Annual budget estimates.

(61) Committee on Women Affairs.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Women Affairs appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) Ministry of Women Affairs
- (b) Child development;
- (c) Women affairs;
- (d) Care and protection of handicapped and the under-privileged; and
- (e) Annual budget estimates.

(62) Committee on Works.

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Works appointed at the commencement of the life of the Senate. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall include —

- (a) Ministry of Works
- (b) Office of the Surveyor General;
- (c) Federal highways;
- (d) Tariff regulation and road safety;
- (e) Toll gates and trailers Parks and gardens;
- (f) Protection of sea coasts against erosion; and

- (g) Annual budget estimates (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*).

Question that Order 96 as amended do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Clause 97: Membership of Committees.

- (1) Members of Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Senate in consultation with the Selection Committee in accordance with the numerical strengths of the parties in the Senate.

Substitution.

- (2) Any Senator appointed to a Standing Committee may, at any time afterwards, be discharged by Order of the Senate from attending the Committee and another Senator nominated by the President of the Senate from the party to which the discharged Senator belongs.

Temporary Substitution.

- (3) A temporary substitution in the membership of a Standing Committee may be made provided a notification thereof, signed by the Chief Whip, or a Senator acting as the Whip, of the party of the member, is filed with the President of the Senate and the Clerk of the Senate either before or 30 minutes of a Committee meeting.

Vacancy in Committee Membership.

- (4) If the place of a Committee member becomes vacant, there shall be in his place another member nominated by the party with the approval of the Senate.

Chairman of Committee.

- (1) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of a Standing or a Special Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Selection Committee in consultation with the Selection Committee subject to the approval of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 97 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 97 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 98: Quorum in Committees.

The quorum at Committee sittings shall be one-third of the membership provided the Chairman in his absence the Vice-Chairman acting in that capacity is present.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 98 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Order 98 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 99: Rules of Procedure for Committees in general.

- (1) (a) (i) The Rules of the Senate are the rules of its Committees and sub-Committees so far as applicable, except in connection with a motion of high privilege in Committees and sub-Committees.
- (ii) Each Sub-Committee of a Committee is a part of that Committee, and is subject to the authority and direction of that Committee and so its rules as far as applicable.
- (b) Each Committee is authorized at any time to consider such investigations and studies as it may consider necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities under this rule.
- (c) Each Committee is authorized to have printed and bound testimony and other data presented at hearing held by the Committee. All costs of stenographic services and transcripts in connection with any meeting or hearing of a Committee shall be paid from the contingency fund of the Senate or of the appropriate Committee.

Report of Committees.

- (d) Each Committee shall submit to the Senate Annual Report of the activities under the rule.
- (e) The report of a Standing Committee is the report as determined by the Committee as a whole or a majority thereof.

Idem.

- (f) No minority report may be presented to or received by the Senate.

Dissenting Opinion.

- (g) Every Senator shall be permitted to indicate in a report that he or she dissents from a particular recommendation or comment within the report. The Committee shall permit a member to express the reasons for such dissent.

Disorder reported to Senate.

- (h) Disorder in a Standing Committee can only be censured by the Senate on receiving a report from the Committee.

Limitation as to the time of Report on Bills.

- (i) Any matter referred to any Committee shall be treated within 30 days otherwise the Committee shall stand discharged after 60 days and the matter committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration except upon a motion for extension of time which shall not exceed 15 days.

Staff.

- (j) Standing Committees shall be severally empowered to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff as may be deemed necessary.

Committee Clerk.

- (k) The Clerk of the Standing Committee shall administer and monitor the expenditure of any such Committee and shall advise the Committee if expenditure are likely to exceed the budget approved for the Committee.

ADOPTION OF WRITTEN RULES

Committee Rules.

- (2) (a) Each Standing Committee of the Senate shall adopt written rules governing its procedures. Such rules —
- (i) Shall be adopted in a meeting which is open to the public unless the Committee in open Session and with a quorum present, determines, by roll call vote that all or part of the meeting on that day is to be Closed to the public.
 - (ii) Shall not be inconsistent with the Rules of the Senate or with those provisions of law having the force and effect on Rules of the Senate; and
 - (iii) Shall in any event incorporate all of the succeeding provisions of this clause to the extent applicable. Each Committee's rules specifying its regular meeting days, and any other rules of a Committee, which are in addition to the provisions of this clause, shall be published in the National Assembly Record.

Regular Meeting Days.

- (b) Each Standing Committee of the Senate shall adopt regular meeting days, which shall not be less frequent than monthly for the conduct of its business.

Each such Committee shall meet, for the consideration of any Bill or Resolution pending before the Committee or for the transaction of other Committee business, on all regular meeting days fixed by the Committee, unless otherwise provided by written rule(s) adopted by the Committee.

Additional and Special Meetings.

- (c) (i) The Chairman of each Standing Committee may call and convene, as he or she considers necessary, additional meetings of the Committee for the consideration of any Bill or Resolution pending before the Committee or for the conduct of other conduct of other Committee business. The Committees shall meet for such purpose pursuant to that call.

- (ii) If at least five members of any Standing Committee desires that a Special meeting of the Committee be called by the Chairman, those members may file in the offices of the Committee their written request to the Chairman for that Special meeting. Such requests shall specify the filing of the request, the Clerk of the Committee shall notify the Chairman of the filing of the request.
- (iii) If, within three working days after the filing of the request, the Chairman does not call the requested Special meeting, to be held within seven working days after filing of the request, a majority of the members of the Committee may file in the offices of the Committee their written notices that a Special meeting of the Committee will be held specifying the date and hour of, and the measure of matter to be considered at that Special meeting. The Committee shall meet on that day and hour. Immediately upon the filing of the notice the Clerk of the Committee shall notify all members that such Special meeting will be held and inform them of its date and hour and the measure or matter specified in that notice may be considered at that Special meeting.
- (d) Every meeting of the Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman or in his absence, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
- (e) (i) Each Committee shall keep a complete record of all Committee action which shall include a record of the votes on any question on which a roll call vote is demanded. The result of each such roll call vote shall be made available by the Committee for inspection by the public at reasonable time in the offices of the Committee. Information so available for public inspection shall include a description of the amendment, motion, Order or other proposition and the name of each member voting for and each member voting against such amendment, motion, or proposition and the names of those members present but not voting.
- (ii) All Committee hearings, records data, charts and files shall be kept separate and distinct from the office records of the members serving as Chairman of the Committee; and such records shall be the property of the Senate and all members of the Senate shall have access thereto except that in the case of records in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges regarding the conduct of any member, officer or employee of the

Senate, no Senator (other than a member of such Committee) shall have access thereto without the specific, prior approval of the Committee.

Open Meeting and Hearings.

(f) (i) Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the mark up legislation of each Standing Committee or Sub-Committee thereof shall be open to the public except when the Committee or Sub-Committee, in open Session and with a majority

present, determines, by roll call vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting of that day shall be Closed to the public. Provided, however, that no person other than members of the Committee and such National Assembly staff and such departmental representative as they may authorize shall be present at any business or markup Session which has been Closed to the public. This paragraph does not apply to open Committee hearing which are provided for by subparagraph (f) (ii) of the paragraph, or to any meeting that relates solely to internal budget or personnel matters.

(ii) Each hearing conducted by each Committee or Sub-Committee thereof shall be open to the public except when the Committee or Sub-Committee, in open Session and with a majority present, determines, by roll call shall vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day shall be Closed to the public because disclosure of testimony, evidence or other matters to be considered would endanger national security or would violate any law or rule of the Senate.

(iii) Notwithstanding the requirement of the preceding sentence majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required, under the rules of the Committee for the purpose of taking testimony:

(a) May vote to close the hearing for the sole purpose of discussing whether testimony or evidence to be received would endanger national security or violate paragraph (f) (i) above or;

(b) May vote to close the hearing as provided in paragraph (f) (i) above. No member may be excluded from non-participatory attendance at any hearing of any Committee or Sub-Committee. With the exception of the Committee on Ethics and Public Petitions, unless the Senate shall by majority vote authorize a particular Committee or

Sub-Committee, for purposes of a particular subject of investigation to close its hearing to members by the same procedures designated in this sub-paragraph for closing hearings to the public provided, however, that the Committee or Sub-Committee may by the same procedure vote to close one subsequent day of hearing.

- (iv) Each Committee of the Senate (except the Committee on Rules and Business), shall make public announcement of the date, place and subject matter of any Committee hearing at least one week before the announcement of the hearing. If the Committee determines that there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner, it shall make the announcement at an earliest possible date. Any announcement made under this sub-paragraph shall be promptly published in the National Assembly Journal.
- (v) Each Committee shall in so far as it is practicable, require each witness who is to appear before it to file with the Committee (in advance of his or her appearance(s), a written statement of the proposed testimony and to limit the oral presentation at such appearance to a brief summary of his or her argument.
- (vi) No point of Order shall lie with respect to any measure reported by any Committee on the ground that hearings on such measure were not conducted in accordance with the provisions of this subparagraph; except that a point of Order on that ground may be made by any member of the Committee which reported the measure, if in the Committee, such point of Order was —
 - (a) Timely made; and
 - (b) Improperly overruled or not properly considered.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 99 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 99 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 100: Powers to Conduct Investigation.

In exercise of the Powers conferred on the National Assembly by Section 88 and 89 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Senate shall have power to direct or cause to be directed an investigation into any matter.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 100 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 100 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

QUORUM FOR TAKING TESTIMONY AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTION

Order 101. Quorum.

- (1) (a) Each Committee may fix the number of its members to constitute quorum for taking testimony and receiving evidence which shall not be less than two.
- (b) Each Committee (except the Committee on Appropriations) may fix the number of its members to constitute quorum for taking any action other than the reporting of a measure or recommendation which shall not be less than one-third of the members.

Calling and interrogation of Witness.

- (2) (a) Whenever any hearing is conducted by any Committee and upon any measure or matter, the minority party members on the Committee shall be entitled upon request to the Chairman by majority of them before the completion of the hearing, to call witness selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearing hereon.
- (b) Each Committee shall apply the five-minute rule in the interrogation of the Committee who so desires has had an opportunity to question each witness.

Investigative Hearing Proceedings.

- (3) (a) The Chairman at an investigative hearing shall announce in the opening statement the subject of the investigation.
- (b) Witnesses at investigative hearing may be accompanied by their own counsel for the purpose of guiding them concerning their constitutional rights.
- (c) The Chairman may punish breaches of Order and decorum, and of professional ethics on the part of counsel, by censure and exclusion from the hearing and the Committee may cite the offender to the Senate for contempt.
- (d) When it is asserted that the evidence or testimony at an investigatory hearing may tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any persons —
 - (i) Such testimony or evidence shall be presented in Executive Session, if by a majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required under the rules of the Committee to be present for the purpose of taking testimony, the

Committee determines that such evidence or testimony may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person; and

- (ii) The Committee shall proceed to receive such testimony in open Session only if a majority of the members of the Committee, a majority being present, determine that such evidence or testimony will not tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person. In either case the Committee shall afford such person an opportunity voluntarily to appear as a witness; and receive and dispose of requests from such person to subpoena additional witness.
- (e) Except as provided in sub-paragraph (4) the Chairman shall receive and the Committee shall dispose of requests to subpoena additional witness.
- (f) No evidence or testimony taken in Executive Session may be released or used in public Session without the consent of the Committee.
- (g) In the discretion of the Committee, witnesses may submit brief and pertinent sworn statement in writing for inclusion in the record. The Committee is the sole judge of the pertinency of testimony and evidence adduced at its hearing.
- (h) A witness may obtain a transcript copy of his testimony given at a public Session or, if given at an executive Session, when authorized by the Committee.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 101 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 101 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 102: *Limitation on the Jurisdiction of Committees.*

The Senate shall not delegate to any Committee the power to decide whether a Bill shall be passed into a law or to determine any matter which it is empowered to determine by Resolution under these rules. A Committee may, however, be authorized to make recommendations to the Senate on any such matter.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 102 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 102 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS

Order 103: Absence of Senators.

Any Senator who is unable to attend meeting of the Senate shall acquaint the President of the Senate as early as possible of his inability to attend.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 103 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 103 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 104: Official Reports.

- (1) An official report of all speeches made in the Senate, Committee of the Whole and the Committees of the Senate which shall be as nearly as possible verbatim, shall be prepared under the supervision of Editor.
- (2) The report shall be published in such form as the Senate may direct, and a copy thereof shall be sent to each Senator as soon as practicable after the conclusion of each sitting.
- (3) A Senator may, on any day following that on which the official report containing a speech by him was issued, notify the Editor of any purely verbal corrections in that speech for inclusion in the bound volume of such report.
- (4) If a Senator disputes the correctness of the record of any speech or seeks to make any material change in the record, the President of the Senate shall rule thereon and shall direct publication of the speech in accordance with his ruling which shall be communicated to the Senator concerned and shall be final.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 104 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 104 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 105: Employment for Members in Professional Capacity.

No Senator shall appear before the Senate or any Committee thereof as Counsel or Solicitor for any party, or in any capacity which he is to receive a fee or reward.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 105 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 105 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 106: Strangers.

Strangers shall be admitted to debates in the Chamber under such rules as the Senate may make from time to time for that purpose, provided that if any Senator takes notice that strangers be present, the President of the Senate, or in Committee, the Chairman, shall put forth with the question:

"That strangers do withdraw" without permitting any debate or amendment. Notwithstanding anything in these rules, the President of the Senate, or the Chairman, may whenever he thinks fit, Order the withdrawal of strangers from, any part of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 106 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 106 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 107: Press.

The Senate may grant a general permission to the representative of any journal to attend the sitting of the Senate provided that if the journal publishes a report of the proceedings which the Senate considers unfair, such permission may be revoked.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 107 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 107 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 108: Model of Amending the Rules.

- (1) Any Senator desiring to amend any part of the Rules or adding any new clause shall give notice of such amendments in writing to the President of the Senate giving details of the proposed amendments.
- (2) The President of the Senate shall within seven working days of the receipt of the notice, cause the amendments to be printed and circulated to members. Thereafter, it shall be printed in the Order Paper of the Senate.
- (3) The Mover or Movers of the amendments shall be allowed to explain in detail the proposed amendments; thereafter the Senate shall decide by simple majority votes whether the amendments should be considered or rejected.
- (4) If the decision is to consider the amendments, then another date shall be set aside by the Rules and Business Committee whereby opportunity would be given to Senators to further propose amendments but must strictly be confined to the original amendments.
- (5) Two-thirds majority shall decide the amendments and such amendments shall form part of the Rule of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 108 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 108 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 109: Business continued from Session to Session.

- (1) The Legislative business of the Senate which remains undetermined at the close of a Session of the Senate shall be resumed and proceeded with in same manner as if no adjournment of the Senate had taken place; and all papers referred to Committees and not reported upon at the close of Session of the Senate shall be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate and retained until the next Session of the Senate when they shall be returned to the several Committees to which they had previously been referred.
- (2) The Legislative business of the Senate on a bill which, though completed and laid on the table of the Senate by a Committee of the Senate and remained undetermined at the end of the Assembly shall be resumed and proceeded with in the next Assembly in the Committee of the Whole, if the Senate resolves in the affirmative that such Bill upon being regazetted be reconsidered in the Committee of the whole without being commenced "de-novo".

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 109 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 109 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 110: Meeting with the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

When the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall meet the Senate, the Senate shall be convened by the President of the Senate to the appointed place, the Presiding Officer of the Senate and the Senators shall attend at the place appointed, with the necessary officers of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 110 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 110 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 111: Presence during Closed Session.

When acting upon confidential or Executive business, unless the same shall be considered in open Session, the Senate Chamber shall be cleared of the persons except the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk, the Clerk-at-the-Table, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and such other officers as the Presiding Officer shall think necessary, and all such officers shall have been sworn to secrecy.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 111 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 111 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 112: Secrecy.

All confidential communications made by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Senate shall be kept secret by the Senators and the officers of the Senate; and all remarks, Votes and Proceedings thereon shall also be kept secret, until the Senate shall, by their own Resolution, take off the injunction of secrecy.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 112 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 112 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 113: Removal of Injunction of Secrecy.

Whenever the injunction of secrecy shall be removed from any part of the proceedings of the Senate in Closed legislative Session, the Order of the Senate removing the same shall be entered in the Votes and Proceedings of the day as well as in the Journal, and shall be published in the Official Gazette under the direction of the Clerk of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 113 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 113 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 114: Disclosure of Secret or Confidential Business.

Any Senator or officer of the Senate who shall disclose the secret or proceedings of the Senate shall be liable, if a Senator, confidential business to suffer suspension from the Senate for the life of the Senate and if an officer, to dismissal from the service of the Senate, and to punishment for contempt.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 114 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 114 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 115: Documents and Papers delivered to the Senate.

Whenever by the request of the Senate or any Committee thereof, any documents or papers shall be communicated to the Senate by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or the Head of any Department relating to any matter pending in the Senate, the proceedings in regard to which are secret or confidential under the rules, the said documents and papers shall be considered as confidential, and shall not be disclosed without leave of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 115 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 115 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 116: Proceedings on Nominations.

When nominations shall be made by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Senate, the nominations shall —

- (a) If the responsibilities of the nominees are specified, be referred to the appropriate Committee,
- (b) If the responsibilities are not stated, be referred to the Committee of the Whole Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 116 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 116 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 117: The Senate or Committee shall sit in open Session unless the Senate or Committee by a majority vote decides otherwise.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 117 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 117 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 118: The President shall forward a certificate stating that he intends to appoint a person to any of the offices requiring the confirmation of the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 118 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 118 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 119: (a) The Senate shall not consider the nomination of any person who has held any public office as contained in Part II of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution prior to his nomination unless there is written evidence that he has declared his assets and liabilities as required by Section 11(1) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Such declaration shall be required for scrutiny by the Senators.

- (b) All nominees should also submit themselves to the Department of State Services clearance process to ascertain their suitability to the offices to which they have been nominated.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 119 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 119 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 120: Upon receipt of a certificate as referred to in paragraph 121, the Clerk shall distribute to each Senator a list of the nominees in respect of whom a certificate has been received. The President shall make available sufficient copies of the relevant documents.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 120 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 120 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 121: Following a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of confirming nominees at which a nominee was not confirmed, or before 14 working days from the tabling of the certificate, pursuant to paragraph 121 during which no Committee meeting for the purpose of confirming nominees has taken place, whichever shall come first, a report shall be made by the Committee and adopted by the Senate that the Senate will not confirm the nominee.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 121 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 121 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 122: The Committee shall report to the Senate its decision on the confirmation of the nominee. Upon receiving the report, the Senate shall determine a date for the confirmation of the nominees reported upon by the Committees. Such date shall be within 7 working days following the receipt of the report of the Committees.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 122 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 122 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 123: (a) Upon notice from the Clerk of the Senate that the appointment of a nominee has been reported from the Committee for confirmation, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who made the nominations shall provide to the Senate a copy of the nominee's application, a copy of his or her resume, a description of the responsibilities of the position, a detailed description of the nominee's search process and a statement of the criteria by which the nominee was chosen.

(b) The Committee shall confirm the authenticity of all certificates and documents submitted in support of the nominee from the issuing authorities.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 123 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 123 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 124: At any meeting of the Senate for the purpose of confirming nominees, the Chair shall divide the time available for confirmation so that an equal amount of time will be spent on the reports of the appropriate Committees.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 124 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 124 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 125: In considering the confirmation of a nominee, the Committee shall not call as witness any person other than the nominee. However, resort may be had to memoranda submitted to the Committee, if any. Such memorandum shall contain the name(s) of the writer, verifiable address, a clear and dated signature, and shall be accompanied by an affidavit deposed to the veracity of its contents.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 125 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 125 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 126: The Senate shall determine whether or not it concurs in the appointment of the nominee at the conclusion of the meeting held to confirm the appointment of the nominee unless any member requests that the Committee defer its determination for up to 7 calendar days to a future meeting of the Committee. In its report, the Committee shall state whether or not it concurs in the appointment of the nominee, and may state its reason therefore.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 126 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 126 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 127: Where consideration of the appointment of a nominee is deferred in accordance with paragraph 123, the time allowed for the making of the report as established in paragraph 126 shall not be extended.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 127 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 127 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 128: The final question on every nomination shall be "Will the Senate confirm the nomination/appointment of as?" This question shall not be put on the same day on which it may be reported by a Committee unless by unanimous consent.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 128 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 128 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 129: Nominations neither confirmed nor rejected during the Session or within 21 working days in the case of Ministerial nominees shall be returned by the Clerk to the National Assembly to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and shall not again be made to the Senate by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 129 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 129 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

PROCEEDINGS ON TREATIES

Order 130: Treaty laid before Senate.

- (a) When a treaty shall be laid before the Senate for ratification, it shall be read a First Time; and no motion in response to it shall be in Order, except to —
- (i) Refer it to a Committee;
 - (ii) Print it in confidence for the use of the Senate; or
 - (iii) Remove the injunction of secrecy.
- (b) When a treaty is reported from a Committee or without amendment —
- (i) It shall, unless the Senate unanimously otherwise direct, lie over one day for consideration; after which it may be read a Second Time on demand and considered as in Committee of the Whole, when it shall be proceeded with by articles, and the amendments reported by the Committee shall be first acted upon, after which other amendments may be proposed;
 - (ii) When through with, the proceedings has as in Committee of the Whole shall be reported to the Senate, when the question shall be, if the treaty be amended, "Will the Senate concur in the amendments made in Committee of the Whole?";
 - (iii) The amendments may be taken separately, or in gross if no Senator shall object; after which new amendments may be proposed;
 - (iv) At any stage of such proceedings the Senate may remove the injunction of secrecy from the treaty.

- (c) (i) The decisions thus made shall be reduced to form a Resolution of ratification, with or without amendments, as the case may be, which shall be proposed on a subsequent day, unless, by unanimous consent, the Senate determine otherwise, at which stage no amendment to the treaty shall be received unless by unanimous consent.
- (ii) The Resolution of ratification when pending shall be open to amendment in the form of reservations, declaration, statements, or understandings.
- (d) On the final question to advise and consent to the ratification in the form agreed to, the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senators present shall be necessary to determine it in the affirmative; but all other motions and questions upon a treaty shall be decided by a majority vote, except a motion to postpone indefinitely, which shall be decided by a vote of two-thirds.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 130 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 130 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 131: Treaties Resumed from Session to Session.

Treaties transmitted by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Senate for ratification shall be resumed at the second or subsequent Session of the same Senate at the stage in which they were left at the final adjournment of the Session at which they were transmitted; but all proceedings on treaties shall terminate with the life of the Senate, and they shall be resumed at the commencement of the next Senate as if no proceeding has previously been had thereon.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 131 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 131 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

PROCEEDINGS ON PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Order 132: Proclamation of a State of Emergency.

When the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by instrument published in the Gazette of the Government of the Federation issues a Proclamation of a State of Emergency in the Federation or any part thereof, he shall immediately after the publication —

- (a) Transmit copies of such Gazette containing the Proclamation including the details of the emergency to the President of the Senate, and
- (b) Provide a compendium of background information on the circumstances of the Receipt of emergency.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 132 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 132 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 133: Receipt of Proclamation Documents.

On receipt of the documents afore-stated, the President of the Senate shall —

- (a) If the Senate is in Session forthwith convene the Senate;
- (b) If the Senate is not in Session, cause the Clerk of the Senate to issue a notice convening the Senate within three working days.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 133 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 133 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 134: Briefing of the Senate.

The President shall in a Closed Session brief the Senate on the circumstances of the Proclamation of a State of Emergency and thereafter make available to the Senators the documents as provided by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 134 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 134 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 135: Resolution.

Except the Senate by a unanimous decision directs, the Senate shall then forthwith resolve into a Committee of Whole for the consideration of the Proclamation and on reporting progress, the Senate shall decide in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria approving the Proclamation.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 135 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 135 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

RECORDS OF SENATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PRESIDENT
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC

Order 136. Records of Senate Proceedings for the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

- (1) The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria may, by Special Order of the Senate, be furnished with an authenticated transcript of the Senate proceedings on his Bills, nominations and Treaties. However, no paper or documents except original Bills, nominations and treaties transmitted to the Senate by the President of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria and finally acted upon by the Senate shall be delivered from the Office of the Clerk without an Order of the Senate for that purpose.

- (2) The Clerk shall circulate to each Senator copies of all the Bills, Resolutions or motions that have been forwarded to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Copies of the letters conveying such Bills, Resolutions and motions shall also be circulated to each Senator.
- (3) The Clerk to the Senate shall at the end of each calendar month present to the Senate a list of the Bills, Resolutions, etc. that —
 - (a) Have passed through the Senate and been assented to by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
 - (b) Are still awaiting assent by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and
 - (c) Are still with the House of Representatives having been passed by the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 136 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 136 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 137: Procedure for the Joint Sessions of National Assembly
Senators move into House of Representatives' Chamber.

President of Nigeria arrives the Federal House of Representatives Chamber.

President shakes hands with Chairman of National Assembly (i.e. President of the Senate) and the

Speaker Federal House of Representatives.

President takes his seat.

Chairman's opening remarks.

Mr. President called upon to address the National Assembly.

President shakes hands again and moves out of Chambers.

Chairman declares Joint Session Closed.

After closure, Senators return to their Chamber.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 137 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 137 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and agreed to.

Order 138: Definitions.

In these rules the context otherwise requires

"The Constitution" definitions means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

"The President of the Senate" includes, except where it is otherwise provided in any standing rule, a person presiding in accordance with Section 51 (b) (3) of the Constitution.

"Printing" includes stenciling, typing or any similar mechanical method of reproduction.

"Session" means one legislative year.

"Sitting" means a period during which the Senate is sitting continuously without adjournment and includes any period during which the Senate is in Committee.

"Legislative Day" means any day on which the Senate meets.

"A stranger" is anyone sitting in the Senate Chambers while not being a Senator or an official of the Senate in the discharge of his official duties:

"A Bill" is a draft legislation intended to be passed by the legislature into an Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Order 138 do stand part of the Standing Orders (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar – Kwara North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Order 138 do stand part of the Standing Orders put and 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 Rules and Business on the Amendment of the Senate Standing Orders, 2015 (as Amended) and approved as follows:

Order 1	—	As Recommended
Order 2	—	As Amended
Orders 3-11	—	As Recommended
Order 12	—	As Amended
Order 13	—	As Recommended
Orders 14-15	—	As Amended
Orders 16-34	—	As Recommended
Order 35	—	As Amended
Orders 36-93	—	As Recommended
Order 94	—	As Amended
Order 95	—	As Recommended
Order 96	—	As Amended
Orders 97-138	—	As Recommended

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

Senate Standing Orders, 2015 (as Amended) accordingly Amended.

10. **National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 853):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
11. **Women and Gender Equality (Establishment) Bill, (SB. 208):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
12. **Federal University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Aboh, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 783):**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
13. **Committee on Local and Foreign Debts:**
Report on the 2018 - 2020 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan No.3:
Presentation and consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
14. **Committee on Aviation:**
Report on the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act CAP N96 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 193):
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
15. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
Report on the Federal College of Education Act 1998 (Repeal & Re-Enactment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 531):
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
16. **Motions:**
 - (a) **Urgent need to effect the payment due to beneficiaries of the Federal Government's Special Public Works Scheme through their respective chosen banks.**
Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.
 - (b) **Urgent need to curb bullying and inhumane treatment on Students across various schools in the country:**
Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.
17. **Chartered Institute of Forensic and Fraud Examiners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1220) — Concurrence:**
Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.
18. **Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act Cap R3 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 47) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 12) — Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. National Centre for Ear, Nose and Throat Disease (NACENT) (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.13) — Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-Enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 423) — Concurrence:

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 15th December, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 1:15 p.m.

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