



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 24th November, 2021

1. The Senate met at 10:56 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 23rd November, 2021.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Meeting of the North East Senators Caucus:**
The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Mohammed D. Goje (*Gombe Central*) as follows:



SENATOR MOHAMMED DANJUMA GOJE
Gombe Central Senatorial District

24th November, 2021

*The President of the Senate
National Assembly
Abuja
Your Excellency*

ANNOUNCEMENT:

MEETING OF THE NORTH EAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CAUCUS

There will be a meeting of the North East National Assembly Caucus today Wednesday 24th November, 2021 at Conference Hall 231 Senate New Building National Assembly Complex Abuja at 3.00PM prompt.

All Senators from the North East Zone are expected to attend

Thank you.

(Signed)
Mohammed Danjuma Goje
CHAIRMAN
NORTH EAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CAUCUS

(b) *Demise of Alhaji Umaru Sani:*

The President of the Senate read a letter from the Clerk, Senate Mr. Ibrahim D. El-Ladan as follows:



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Office Of The Clerk, Senate
National Assembly Complex
Three-Arms Zone
P.M.B. 141, Garki - Abuja

ANNOUNCEMENT

THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE THE PASSING ON OF ALHAJI UMARU SANI ON SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2021 AT THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL AFTER A PROTRACTED ILLNESS. HE WAS 71 YEARS OLD. HE WAS BURIED ACCORDING TO ISLAMIC RITES ON SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2021.

BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT IN 2008, HE HELD THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND SUPPLIES, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND LATER CLERK OF THE SENATE.

HE IS SURVIVED BY 2 WIVES AND 9 CHILDREN .

THE SENATE IS HEREBY INVITED TO OBSERVE A MINUTE SILENCE IN HIS HONOR.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.

ANNOUNCER

(Signed)
IBRAHIM D. EL-LADAN ESQ
CLERK, SENATE

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

4. Petitions:

Rising on Order 41, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (Ondo Central) drew the attention of the Senate to five (5) petitions received from the Office of the President of the Senate as follows:

- (i) Mrs. Bolatito Roseline Akande against the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Prof. Abayomi Sunday Fasina over an alleged harassment, intimidation, suspension as Bursar and her subsequent dismissal from the service of the University;
- (ii) Inspector James Korede against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) over an alleged demotion in rank from Inspector to Corporal and subsequent dismissal from service;
- (iii) Mfon Okon Otu of Otudak Nigeria Ltd. against the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, Akwa Ibom over an alleged non payment for contract executed in respect to the construction of two-storey school building blocks and the furnishing of new storey GOPD building;
- (iv) A.S.U. Garba of Wahab Toy & Co. on behalf of Crime Free & Peace Initiative against Okpara Michael Nnachi, Dauda Ibrahim El-ladan and Adebajji Ademola

Anthony over an alleged falsification of records, abuse of powers and forgery; and

- (v) Joe Martin Ipuole on behalf of Corporal Jacob Agori-west against the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) over an alleged non reinstatement of rank and payment of benefits accrued to his client at retirement.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Order 41(3)] to report within four (4) weeks.

5 Presentation of Bills:

- (i) National Hydrographic Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1021) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1243) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Exemptions Bill, 2021 (SB. 17) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Utilities Charges Commission Act Cap U17 LFN, 2004 (Repeal) Bill, 2021 (SB. 857) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Federal Vocational and Skill Acquisition College Ota, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 865) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Executive Communication:

Confirmation of the Nomination of Professor Ayo C. Omotayo Ph.D for Appointment as Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President Commander-in-Chief of the Arm Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of Professor Ayo C. Omotayo Ph.D for appointment as Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos in accordance with the provision of Section 5(2) of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Act, 2004 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and Agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Service to report within Two (2) weeks.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Reports on Four (4) Petitions:

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

- (a) Alhaji Haruna Yahaya and Two (2) Others Against the Director-General/Chief Executive, National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), Prof. Olivet Jakusah for Abandoning his Duty Post and Operating From Abuja and for Orchestrated Attempts to Frustrate and Humiliate Former Principal- Officers of NIEPA and Other Gross Misconducts (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and Agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Director-General/Chief Executive of the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), to forthwith, cancel the idea of relocating the Institute to any other state or Abuja, but to as a matter of urgency, liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education and prepare an establishment bill for the Institute and submit same to the National Assembly for passage.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Director-General/Chief Executive of the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) to re-introduce those Offices he abolished and reinstate the officer(s) who were dismissed or had their appointments terminated due to the fall out of the scrapping of some offices in the Institute; and ensure total adherence to the rule on seniority in appointment into positions in accordance with the Public Service Rules (PSR).

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the management and staff of the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) to work as a team in realization of its mandate to develop a critical mass of Education Sector Planners, Managers and Administrators.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the proposed resolutions (i), (ii) and (iii) and insert the following instead thereof;

- “(i) That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Education and the Office of the Head of Service of the Federation to examine all the challenges being faced by the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) with a view to providing effective leadership and guidance to the Institution in order to reposition it for effective performance and operational coherence; and
- (ii) That the Senate do mandate its Committees on Tertiary Institution and TETFUND; and Establishment and Public Service to work with the Federal Ministry of Education and Office of the Head of Service of the Federation to fast track the passage of an enabling Act to guide the operation of the Institution and implementation of Resolution (i) above” (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdulahi — Kebbi North*)

Question that the Amendment be made, put and Agreed to.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Education and the Office of the Head of Service of the Federation to examine all the challenges being faced by the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) with a view to providing effective leadership and guidance to the Institution in order to reposition it for effective performance and operational coherence; and
- (ii) That the Senate do mandate its Committees on Tertiary Institution and TETFUND; and Establishment and Public Service to work with the Federal Ministry of Education and Office of the Head of Service of the Federation to fast track the passage of an enabling Act to guide the operation of the Institution and implementation of Resolution (i) above (*S/Res/038/03/21*).
- (b) Dunobene R. Perekeme, Esq. on behalf of Ogboinbiri Community, Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, against the Nigerian Agip Oil Company

(NAOC) for Alleged Failure to Pay Compensation and Provide Palliatives to the Communities Affected by the Crude Oil Spillage (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and Agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Limited to accelerate action and do a comprehensive remediation of the environment within the next 90 days, having earlier cleaned-up same, and allow peace to reign in the Community henceforth — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do commend the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Limited for providing some monetary compensation to the Ogboinbiri Communities as consolation for the hardship the spill had caused to the Communities — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Limited to accelerate action and do a comprehensive remediation of the environment within the next 90 days, having earlier cleaned-up same, and allow peace to reign in the Community henceforth; and
 - (ii) That the Senate do commend the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) Limited for providing some monetary compensation to the Ogboinbiri Communities as consolation for the hardship the spill had caused to the Communities (*S/Res/039/03/21*).
- (c) Mr. Franklin Onyebuchi Ekpe Against the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) for Alleged Withdrawal of His Appointment Letter and Refusal by the Institute to Document Him for Assumption of Duty as a Staff of the Institute Since 2018 (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and Agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) to forthwith, release the original copy of the appointment letter it withdrew from Mr. Franklin Onyebuchi Ekpe; commence without delay the documentation of the petitioner and absorb him into the service of the Institute with effect from 4th February, 2019; and pay all salaries and entitlements that accrued to Mr. Franklin Onyebuchi Ekpe with effect from 4th February, 2019 when he should have assumed duty — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

- (i) That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) to forthwith, release the original copy of the appointment letter it withdrew from Mr. Franklin Onyebuchi Ekpe; commence without

delay the documentation of the petitioner and absorb him into the service of the Institute with effect from 4th February, 2019; and pay all salaries and entitlements that accrued to Mr. Franklin Onyebuchi Ekpe with effect from 4th February, 2019 when he should have assumed duty (*S/Res/040/03/21*).

- (d) Olubukola Enaohwo against Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) for an Alleged Unjustified Termination of Her Appointment (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and Agreed to.

Report presented and Laid.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do commend the Managing Director/Chief Executive of Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria and his team for tempering justice with mercy and for reabsorbing Olubukola Enaohwo into its team of diligent workers without further encumbrances — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

The Senate do commend the Managing Director/Chief Executive of Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria and his team for tempering justice with mercy and for reabsorbing Olubukola Enaohwo into its team of diligent workers without further encumbrances (*S/Res/041/03/21*).

8. Counterfeit Goods (Establishment) Bill, 2021(SB. 768):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to introduce measures aimed against the trade in counterfeit goods so as to further protect owners of trademarks and copyright against unlawful application, and for other matters connected therewith, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ibikunle O. Amusun — Ogun Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Trade and Investment to report within Four (4) weeks.

9. Institute of Border Studies Kosubosu Baruten, Kwara (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 828):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Border Studies Kosubosu Baruten, Kwara to provide for teaching, research, instruction and training of students in border management and for Other Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Sadiq S. Umar — Kwara North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within Four (4) weeks.

10. University of History, Archeology and Education (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 328):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Public Private Partnership (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB.823):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission Act 2005 and Enact the Public Private Partnership Regulatory Commission to strengthen and enhance the supervisory role of the Commission and effectively position it in regulating the participation of the public and private sectors in financing of construction, development, designing, operation or maintenance of infrastructure and for Related Matters, 2021 be read the Second Time (*Senator Muhammad A. Adamu — Kebbi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

12. National Coast Guard (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 844):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 30th November, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 12:52 p.m.

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON
President,

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.