



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29th March, 2022

1. The Senate met at 10:45 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 23rd March, 2022.
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 four (4) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:
(a) *National Senior Secondary Education Commission Bill:*



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

21st March, 2022

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

TRANSMISSION OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION BILL, 2021 FOR CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Section 58(2) of 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith, The National Senior Secondary Education Commission Bill, 2021 for the kind consideration of the Senate.

The National Senior Secondary Education Commission Bill, 2021 seeks to set and enforce standards and provide Federal Government intervention towards the repositioning of Senior Secondary Education in Nigeria.

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

*Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

(b) *Federal University of Health Sciences Otukpo, Benue State Bill:*



**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

24th March, 2022

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

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**TRANSMISSION OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES,
OTUKPO, BENUE STATE BILL 2021 FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Section 58(2) of 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith, the Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State Bill 2021 for the kind consideration of the Senate.

The Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State Bill 2021 seeks to establish Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State.

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

*Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

(c) *Confirmation of Appointment:*



**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

24th March, 2022

*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 APPOINTMENT OF FOUR (4)
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS FOR NIGERIAN UPSTREAM
PETROLEUM REGULATORY COMMISSION

In accordance with the provision of section 11 (3) of the Petroleum Industry Act 2021, I hereby forward for confirmation by the Senate the appointment of the underlisted four (4) nominees as Executive Commissioners of the board of the Nigerian Upstream Regulatory Commission. Their CVs are attached herewith.

<u>S/No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Position</u>
i.	Dr. Nuhu Habib	North-West (Kano State)	Member/Executive Commissioner, Development and Production
ii.	Dr. Kelechi Onyekachi Ofoegbu	South-East (Imo State)	Member/Executive Commissioner, Economic Regulations and Strategic Planning
iii.	Capt. Tonlagha Roland John	South- South (Delta State)	Member/Executive Commissioner, Health, Safety, Environment and Community
iv.	Jide Adeola	North- Central (Kogi State)	Member/Executive Commissioner Corporate Services and Administration

2. It is my hope that the Senate will consider and confirm the nominees in the usual expeditious manner.

3. Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

(d) Confirmation of Appointment:



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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

24th March, 2021

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DR. HALE
GABRIEL LONGPET AS RESIDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
REPRESENTING PLATEAU STATE AT THE INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC)**

In accordance with the provision of Section 154 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I write to present, for confirmation by the Senate, the appointment of Dr. Hale Gabriel Longpet as Resident Electoral Commissioner representing Plateau State at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). The curriculum vitae of the nominee is attached herewith.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. **Announcements:**

(a) (i) **Special Announcement by the President of the Senate:**

The President of the Senate announced that two (2) serving Senators have been elected to serve as leaders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at the just concluded Convention namely; Senator Abdullahi Adamu (*Nasarawa West*) as the Party's National Chairman and Senator Abubakar S. Kyari (*Borno North*) as the Deputy National Chairman (*North*). The President of Senate wished them success in their new roles in the service of the Nation.

(ii) **World Cup Qualifier Match:**

The President of the Senate called on Senators to support the Super Eagles against the Ghanaian National Team in the FIFA World Cup Qualifier match scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m. today.

(b) **Notice of Interactive Meeting:**

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) as follows:



**SENATOR ENYINNAYA HARCOURT ABARIBE
MINORITY LEADER**

The Senate President,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

29th March, 2022

NOTICE OF INTERACTIVE MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

Please be informed that the esteemed leader of our great party and Governor of Rivers State, H.E. Eze Nyesom Wike CON will meet with the National Assembly Joint PDP Caucus (Senate & House) as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 29th March, 2022

Time: 7:00pm prompt

Venue: Lagos Room, Transcorp Hilton, Abuja

All Caucus members are expected to be available and on time.

(Signed)

Senator Enyi Abaribe

Minority Leader

(c) Appreciation:

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Michael A. Nnachi (*Ebonyi South*) as follows:



SENATOR MICHAEL A. NNACHI

Ebonyi South Senatorial District

23rd March, 2022

*His Excellency,
Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan Ph.D, CON
The President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Sadaunan Bade,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.*

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the entire family of Late Pa Samuel Ukpai Nnachi, I, Senator Michael Ama Nnachi sincerely wish to express my profound gratitude to you and indeed all my Distinguished Colleagues for all your condolence messages, visits, gifts and most especially for taking out time to honour us with your presence during the Funeral Ceremony of my beloved mother, Late Ezinne Eunice Elem Ukpai Nnachi, which took place on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Itim-Edda, Afikpo South LGA, Ebonyi State.

We pray for God's continuous blessings upon you and the entire Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please, accept the assurances of my esteemed regards.

(Signed)

Senator Michael Ama Nnachi, Ph.D

5. Petition:

Rising on Order 40, Senator Binos D. Yaro (*Adamawa South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition by GDSM Musa Danjuma against the Nigerian Army over an alleged illegal dismissal from the service. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Order 40(3)] to report within four (4) weeks.

6. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Orders 41 and 51, Senator Uba Sani (*Kaduna Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the Continued Attacks on Communities and Public Facilities in Kaduna State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith.

The Senate:

notes that terrorists have in recent times stepped up attacks on some communities and public facilities in Kaduna State, highlighted by attacks on communities in Giwa Local Government, namely Angwan Sarki Yahya, Tashar Shari, Bare-Bari, Tsaunin Natal, Dillalai, Durumi and Jatin Kanwa, all in Yakawada Ward. Also affected are Kaya community, Mai kyauro and Fatika, where over 50 persons were killed and over 100 kidnapped. The terrorist also made strategic roads in Giwa Local Government, "no go areas". Not done with their devilish acts, they made an attempt to penetrate the Kaduna International Airport, although the attack was foiled by vigilant security operatives, one person lost his life. When people were trying to come to grips with a week-long wanton destruction of lives and property, the terrorists struck again;

notes sadly that bandits attacked a Kaduna bound train carrying over 970 passengers around Kateri - Rijana axis in Kaduna, just a few kilometers to the Rigasa Train Station in Igabi Local Government Area of the State. The train derailed after the first wave of attack when grenades were launched and other explosive materials detonated. They rained bullets on all the coaches. Some passengers were killed, while many sustained bullet wounds. There are reports that some of the passengers were abducted. The terrified passengers only breathed a sigh of relief when security agencies arrived and secured the train and the area. It's been a reign of undiluted terror;

notes that these latest attacks are aimed at instilling fear in the people and destroying the economies of our local communities. It is disheartening that these enemies of the people are getting emboldened by the day. They are becoming more brazen. These blood cuddling vampires have no regard for human life. They have no place in a civilized society;

notes also that the unrelenting attacks call to question the strategies and tactics being adopted by our security forces. We expected that with the declaration of bandits as terrorists by a court of competent jurisdiction, they will be degraded in no time. This appears not to be happening. The security forces must reassess their strategies and come up with workable and effective solutions to the menace of terrorists in Kaduna State;

aware that the forests where these terrorists are holding sway are not impregnable. A comprehensive operational plan, executed with high sense of professionalism and responsibility, total commitment on the part of our security forces and the support and cooperation of the local communities will rid Kaduna State forests of these murderous elements;

aware also that security is local, and therefore the advocacy for creation of State Police to bring law enforcement closer to the people. Effective gathering of intelligence and sustained security operations at the local level will make life uncomfortable for terrorists. They will have no operational base; and

draw the attention of the Federal Government, particularly security agencies comprising the Nigerian Police, the Nigerian Army and other relevant security agencies to the grave security situation in Kaduna State and other States of the Federation.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of our loved ones and pray for the safe release of the abducted members of the affected communities;

- (ii) urge the Army and the Air Force to carry out sustained bombardment of terrorist enclaves with a view to flushing them out and restoring peace and stability to our communities;
- (iii) urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant government agencies to assist the affected communities with relief materials;
- (iv) urge our people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious movements to security operatives; and
- (vi) condole the families of the victims of the attacks and the government and good people of Kaduna State.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of our loved ones and pray for the safe release of the abducted members of the affected communities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Army and the Air Force to carry out sustained bombardment of terrorist enclaves with a view to flushing them out and restoring peace and stability to our communities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant government agencies to assist the affected communities with relief materials — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge our people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious movements to security operatives — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do condole the families of the victims of the attacks and the government and good people of Kaduna State — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolutions:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:

- (i) “That the Senate do urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Federation to declare full scale war against these terrorists, so as to fully secure our national territory from these terrorists under whatever guise” (*Senator Kabiru I. Gaya — Kano South*).

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

- (ii) “That the Senate do urge the security agencies to always take steps to prevent the occurrence of this kind of incidence in the future” (*Senator Ibrahim J. Barau — Kano North*).

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

- (iii) “That the Senate do urge the Military as a matter of urgency to monitor the construction and inhabitants of new shanty buildings around the Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport Abuja” (*Senator Smart Adeyemi — Kogi East*).

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

- (iv) “That the Senate do urge the relevant agencies of the Government to step up their information gathering mechanisms, to forestall these incessant attacks” (*Senator Jibrin Isah — Kogi Central*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of our loved ones and pray for the safe release of the abducted members of the affected communities;
- (ii) urge the Army and the Air Force to carry out sustained bombardment of terrorist enclaves with a view to flushing them out and restoring peace and stability to our communities;
- (iii) urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant government agencies to assist the affected communities with relief materials;
- (iv) urge our people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious movements to security operatives;
- (v) condole the families of the victims of the attacks and the government and good people of Kaduna State;
- (vi) urge the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Federation to declare full scale war against these terrorists, so as to fully secure our national territory from these terrorist under whatever guise
- (vii) urge the security agencies to always take steps to prevent the occurrence of this kind of incidence in the future;
- (viii) urge the Military as a matter of urgency to monitor the construction and inhabitants of new shanty buildings around the Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport Abuja; and
- (ix) urge the relevant agencies of the Government to step up their information gathering mechanisms, to forestall these incessant attacks (*S/Res/081/03/22*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Counselling Practitioners Council of Nigeria Bill, 2022 (HB. 409) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal Medical Centre Ogoja, Cross-River State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 276) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Chartered Polymer Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 903) — *Read the First Time.*

- (iv) Franchising (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 969) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Hazardous and Electronic Waste Control and Management Bill, 2022 (SB. 971) — *Read the First Time.*

8. **Nigeria Start-Up Bill, 2022 (SB.966):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Creation and Development of an enabling environment for technology-enabled startups in Nigeria and for Related Matters, 2022 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on ICT and Cyber Security to report within four (4) weeks.

9. **Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa-Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB.755):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa-Ibom State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2022 be read the Second Time (*Senator Albert B. Akpan — Akwa-Ibom North East*).

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

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

- a. Dr. Muiz Banire, SAN on behalf of Kazuma Shipping Company Limited against the Nigerian Army for alleged trespass, hijacking and stealing of over 19 Acres of land beside the Army Signal Barracks, Mile 2, Apapa, Lagos belonging to Kazuma Shipping Company Limited (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Chief of Army Staff to use his good offices to direct his men to unconditionally and permanently vacate the entire parcel of land measuring about 20.652 hectares or 51.0323 acres and bordering the Nigerian Army Signal Barracks, Apapa, Lagos and officially hand over finally for the 3rd time to the family of late John Saint-Matthew Daniel in line with Supreme Court judgement without further delay — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Army to also unconditionally and permanently vacate the entire land and allow Kazuma Shipping Company Ltd to enjoy henceforth the 19 (nineteen) acres of land being a portion of the entire parcel of land measuring 20.652 hectares Or 51.0323 acres purchased from the family of late Jon

Saint-Matthew Daniel in 2002 (his predecessor-in-title) — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff to use his good offices to direct his men to unconditionally and permanently vacate the entire parcel of land measuring about 20.652 hectares or 51.0323 acres and bordering the Nigerian Army Signal Barracks, Apapa, Lagos and officially hand over finally for the 3rd time to the family of late John Saint-Matthew Daniel in line with Supreme Court judgement without further delay; and
 - (ii) urge the Nigerian Army to also unconditionally and permanently vacate the entire land and allow Kazuma Shipping Company Ltd to enjoy henceforth the 19 (nineteen) acres of land being a portion of the entire parcel of land measuring 20.652 hectares or 51.0323 acres purchased from the family of late John Saint-Matthew Daniel in 2002 (his predecessor-in-title) (*S/Res/082/03/22*).
- b. Chief Enyinna Onuegbu, KSC, on behalf of Seventy Three (73) communities of Obiafu, Soku to Bonny, in Rivers State against the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) for refusing to pay compensation for acquiring their land and loss of use of the affected land to Pipeline Right of Way (ROW) through the communities (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Further Consideration of the Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- c. Mr. Pewe Philip Kindel against the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Plc for wrongful termination of his Appointment (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Debate:

Further Consideration of the Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

- d. Sopana S. Ogidi of Menigoi and Company on behalf of Madam Abinami Sunday and Madam Sister Friday Obi and the entire Odaun Community against Shell Petroleum Development Company Limited (SPDC); Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC); and National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) for alleged destruction of Cash Crops, Economic Trees, destruction of Shrines, etc, due to the construction of Gas Pipeline Right of Way undertaken by Daewoo DN47 and NAOC at Mbiama Base without compensation (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

Consideration of the Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act 2022 (HB. 47) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 896) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB.1820) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Federal College of Education (Technical), Yauri, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 629) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 30th March, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Adjourned accordingly at 1:35 p.m.

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

