



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 13th July, 2023

1. The Senate met at 11:19 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 12th July, 2023.
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 two (2) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation which he read as follows:
(a) Amendment of the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

*Distinguished Senator Godswill O. Akpabio,
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

11th July, 2023

REQUEST FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2022 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

I write to request the approval of the Senate for the Amendment of the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act in accordance with the attached.

2. *The request has become necessary in order to, among other things, source the funds necessary to provide palliatives to mitigate the effect of the recent removal of fuel subsidy on Nigerians.*

3. Thus, the sum of Five Hundred Billion Naira only (NGN500,000,000,000.00) has been extracted from the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act of Eight Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Nine hundred and Thirty-seven thousand, Eight hundred and Fifteen naira (NGN819,536,937,815.00) only for the provision of palliatives to Nigerians to cushion the effects of fuel subsidy removal.

4. Whilst I hope that the Senate will consider this request expeditiously, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Executive Communication:

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 39(2) that the Senate do refer the request for the Amendment of the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act to the Committee of Supply (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee of Supply.

(b) **Financing of the National Social Safety Net:**



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Distinguished Senator Godswill Akpabio
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

11th July, 2023

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FINANCING OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMME (SCALE UP)
BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

It is with pleasure that I refer the above matter to you. Please note that the Federal Executive Council led by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR ("FEC") approved an additional loan facility to the tune of USD800,000,000 (Eight Hundred Million United States Dollars) to be secured from the World Bank for the National Social Safety Net Programme (the "Programme") (Copy of FEC Extract attached).

2. You may also wish to note that the purpose of the facility is to expand coverage of shock responsive safety net support for poor and vulnerable Nigerians and to help them cope with the cost of meeting basic needs.

3. You may further wish to note that under the conditional cash transfer window of the Programme, the Federal Government of Nigeria will transfer the sum of ₦8,000 per month to 12,000,000 (twelve million) poor and low income households for a period of 6 (six) months with a multiplier effect on about 60,000,000 (sixty million) individuals. In order to guarantee the credibility of the process, digital transfers will be made directly to beneficiaries' account and mobile wallets.

4. It is expected that the Programme will stimulate economic activity in the informal sector and improve nutrition, health and education outcomes for beneficiary households.
5. Given the above, I wish to invite the Senate to kindly grant approval for the additional loan facility of USD800,000,000.00 (Eight Hundred Million United States Dollars) to be secured from the World Bank for the National Social Safety Net Programme.
6. While hoping that this submission will receive expeditious consideration by the Senate, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Bola Ahmed Tinubu

4. **Executive Communication:**

Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander -in- Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation:

No.	Names	Position
(i)	Maj. Gen. C.G Musa	Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
(ii)	Maj. Gen. T. A Lagbaja	Chief of Army Staff (COAS)
(iii)	Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ogalla	Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)
(iv)	AVM H.B Abubakar	Chief of Air Staff (CAS)

(Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander -in- Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the confirmation of the nomination for appointment of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Privileges of the Floor:

- (i) *Motion made:* That the Senate do invoke Order 12(1d) to admit the Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Abdullahi Gumel to the floor of the Senate to witness the screening of nominees for Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters, Senator Abdullahi Gumel accordingly admitted to the floor.

- (ii) *Motion made:* That the Senate do suspend Order 12 to admit the nominees for Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs and their entourage for screening *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Nominees for Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs and their entourage accordingly admitted to the floor.

Motion made: That the Senate do allow the nominees for Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs to introduce themselves to the Senate (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

The Nominees for Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs accordingly introduced themselves individually to the Senate.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President for the confirmation of the nomination for appointment of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Closed Executive Session)

Consideration of the request of Mr. President for the confirmation of the nomination for appointment of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	<i>Maj. Gen. C.G Musa (Chief of Defence Staff)</i>	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(ii)	<i>Maj. Gen. T. A Lagbaja (Chief of Army Staff)</i>	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iii)	<i>Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ogalla (Chief of Naval Staff)</i>	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iv)	<i>AVM H.B Abubakar (Chief of Air Staff)</i>	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Order 8) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate, in the Closed Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole, considered the request of Mr. President for the confirmation of the nomination for appointment of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation. The nominees answered questions relating to the general security of the nation. Thereafter the Senate approved their nominations.

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

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Maj. Gen. C.G Musa for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Maj. Gen. C.G Musa for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Maj. Gen. T. A Lagbaja for appointment as Chief of Army Staff?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Maj. Gen. T. A Lagbaja for appointment as Chief of Army Staff accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ogalla for appointment as Chief of Naval Staff?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ogalla for appointment as Chief of Naval Staff accordingly confirmed.

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of AVM H.B Abubakar for appointment as Chief of Air Staff?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of AVM H.B Abubakar for appointment as Chief of Air Staff accordingly confirmed.

5. Motions:

- (a) **Urgent Need to Control the Erosion Ravaging Onitsha-Oba Section of the Onitsha-Owerri Federal Highway in Anambra State:**

Consideration of the motion deferred to another legislative day.

- (b) **Urgent Need for Erosion Control in Edo Central Senatorial District to Save Lives, Properties and Physical Infrastructure from Collapse:**

Consideration of the motion deferred to another legislative day.

- (c) **Urgent Need to Reconstruct/Rehabilitate the Onitsha-33-Otuocha-Adani Road Boundary to Enugu State:**

Consideration of the motion deferred to another legislative day.

6. Presentation of Bill:

2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB.1) — *Read the First Time.*

7. 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 1):

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 78(1), that a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issuance of the sum of ₦819,536,937,815.00 (Eight Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty Six Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, Eighth -Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only from the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act, for the provisions of Palliatives and Other Items to Nigerians to cushion the effect of fuel subsidy removal and Other Matters, 2023 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate.

Closed Session:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session (*Senate Leader*)

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — 3:31 p.m.

Open Session — 4:39 p.m.

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate, in a Closed Session, deliberated on issues bordering on the workings of the 10th Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

Question put and Agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time.

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 80(1), that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of Supply to consider a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issuance of the sum of ₦819,536,937,815.00 (Eight Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty Six Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, Eighth -Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only from the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act, for the provisions of Palliatives and Other Items to Nigerians to cushion the effect of fuel subsidy removal and Other Matters, 2023 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and Agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

Consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issuance of the sum of ₦819,536,937,815.00 (Eight Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty Six Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, Eighth -Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only from the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act, for the provisions of Palliatives and Other Items to Nigerians to cushion the effect of fuel subsidy removal and Other Matters, 2023.

Clause 1: Amendment of 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act is as Follows:
The Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2022 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 1
The Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

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(i) Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	19,200,000,000.00
(ii) Federal Ministry of Works and Housing	185,236,937,815.00
(iii) Federal Capital Territory Administration	10,000,000,000.00
(iv) Federal Ministry of Water Resources	100,000,000.00
(v) Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning	500,000,000,000.00
(vi) National Assembly	70,000,000,000.00
(vii) National Judicial Council	35,000,000,000.00
Total	819,536,937,815.00 (<i>Senate Leader</i>).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3:**Citation:**

This Bill may be cited as 2022 Supplementary Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of Supply considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issuance of the sum of ₦819,536,937,815.00 (Eight Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty Six Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, Eighth Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only from the 2022 Supplementary Appropriations Act, for the provisions of Palliatives and Other Items to Nigerians to cushion the effect of fuel subsidy removal and Other Matters, 2023 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — As Recommended

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

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

8. Approval of Additional Financing of the National Social Safety Net Programme:

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 39(2), that the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President and Commander -in- Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the Approval of Additional Financing facility to the tune of USD800,000,000:00 (Eight Hundred Million) USD to be secured from the World Bank for the National Social Safety Net Programme (SCALE) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and Agreed to.

Debate.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Request of Mr. President, Commander -in- Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for Additional Financing facility to the tune of USD800,000,000:00 (Eight Hundred Million) USD to be secured from the World Bank for the National Social Safety Net Programme (SCALE) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and Agreed to.

The Request of Mr. President and Commander - in - Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for Additional Financing facility to the tune of USD800,000,000:00 (Eight Hundred Million) USD to be secured from the World Bank for the National Social Safety Net Programme (SCALE) accordingly approved.

9. **Adjournment:**

And it being 5:02 p.m. The President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 18th July, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 5:02 p.m.

Godswill Obot Akpabio, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.