



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 2nd August, 2023

1. The Senate met at 11:12 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Closed Session:**  
Closed Session — 11:12 a.m.  
Open Session — 12:16 p.m.

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

*The Senate also resolved to delegate a three (3) man Committee led by Chip Whip, to engage protesters at National Assembly gate to maintain peace. Likewise, resolved to hold a meeting with the leadership of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) on how to resolve the issues arising from the removal of subsidies on premium motor spirit (PMS).*

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023.

*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

4. **Message from Mr. President:**  
The President of the Senate announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation through his Chief of Staff, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023

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

Dear Senate President,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL NOMINEES**

In compliance with the provisions of Section 147(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), and further to my earlier correspondence dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, I am pleased to forward, to you, the underlisted nineteen (19) Ministerial Nominees for confirmation by the Senate:

S/No.	Name
1.	Ahmed Tijani Gwarzo
2.	Bosun Tijani
3.	Dr. Maryam Shetty
4.	Dr. Isiak Salako
5.	Dr. Tunji Alausa
6.	Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu
7.	H.E. Adegboyega Oyetola
8.	H.E. Atiku Bagudu
9.	H.E. Bello Matawalle
10.	H.E. Ibrahim Geidam
11.	H.E. Simon Bako Lalong
12.	Lola Ade-John
13.	Prince Shuaibu Abubakar Audu
14.	Prof. Tahir Mamman
15.	Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi
16.	Sen. Alkali Ahmed Said
17.	Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri
18.	Uba Maigari Ahmadu
19.	Zephaniah Jisalo

Whilst, I hope that the aforementioned nominees will receive the expeditious consideration and confirmation of the Senate, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

**5. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 34).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (ii) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 41).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (iii) Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 43).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (iv) National Eye Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 83).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (v) Federal University of Information and Communication Technology Ikare-Akoko (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 85).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (vi) Chartered Governance Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 89).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (vii) North West Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 90).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (viii) Gaming Bill, 2023 (SB. 91).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (ix) Metallurgy Industry Bill, 2023 (SB. 92).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (x) National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 93).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (xi) Electronics Transaction Bill, 2023 (SB. 94).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (xii) Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 95).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (xiii) Rural Communities Development Bill, 2023 (SB. 96).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (xiv) Women Rights and Inheritance Bill, 2023 (SB. 97).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (xv) Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill, 2023 (SB.101).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

- (xvi) Nigeria Army Institute of Technology and Environmental Studies, Makurdi (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 102).

*Presentation of the Bill deferred to another legislative day.*

#### 6. Motions:

- (a) ***Urgent Need for the Federal Government of Nigeria to direct the Contractor to fully commence and complete the construction works of the Second Runway at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja within 24 months:***

*Consideration of the Motion deferred to another legislative day.*

- (b) ***Need to Investigate the Incessant and Nefarious Acts of Crude Oil Thefts in the Niger Delta and the Actors.***

*Consideration of the Motion deferred to another legislative day.*

7. **Ministerial Screening:**

***Confirmation of Appointments as Ministers of the Government of the Federation:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do resume consideration of the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointments as Ministers of the Government of the Federation: (3<sup>rd</sup> Allotted Day).

S/No.	Names	State
(i)	Mr. Dele Alake	Ekiti
(ii)	Mr. Muhammad Idris	Niger
(iii)	Professor Ali Pate	Bauchi
(iv)	Dr. Doris Nkeiruka Uzoka-Anite	Imo
(v)	Mr. Lateef Fagbemi SAN	Kwara

*(Senate Leader).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Privileges of the Floor:**

- (i) ***Admission of the Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Abdullahi Gumel; Non-Serving Senators; former Hon. Members and Government Officials:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do invoke Rule 12 to admit the Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Abdullahi Gumel; Non-Serving Senators; Hon. Members; former Hon. Members and Government Officials to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), Senator Abdullahi Gumel; Non-Serving Senators; Hon. Members; former Hon. Members and Government Officials accordingly admitted to the Floor of the Senate.*

- (ii) ***Admission of Ministerial nominees:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do suspend Rule 12 to admit the Ministerial nominees and their entourage to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader).*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Ministerial nominees and their entourage accordingly admitted to the Floor of the Senate.*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the confirmation of the nominees for appointments as Ministers of the Government of the Federation.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**  
**(Screening of Ministerial Nominees)**

**Nominees screened:**

- (i) Mr. Dele Alake (*Ekiti*)

**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 {Rule 8 (3)} (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

- (ii) Mr. Muhammad Idris (*Niger*)

- (iii) Mr. Lateef Fagbemi SAN (*Kwara*)

**Privileges of the Floor:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do invoke Order 12(1)(i) to admit the former Speaker, House of Representatives and Chief of Staff to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila CFR, to the floor of the Senate to deliver a message from the President (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Former Speaker, House of Representatives and Chief of Staff to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR accordingly admitted to the floor to deliver the message.*

- (iv) Professor Ali Pate (*Bauchi*)

- (v) Dr. Doris Nkeiruka Uzoka-Anite (*Imo*)

Chairman to report progress.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate, in the Committee of the Whole, resumed consideration of the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of nominees for appointments as Ministers of the Government of the Federation. The following Nominees were screened and they answered questions on topical issues but their approvals were deferred to another legislative day:

- (i) Mr. Dele Alake (*Ekiti*)  
 (ii) Mr. Muhammad Idris (*Niger*)  
 (iii) Mr. Lateef Fagbemi SAN (*Kwara*)  
 (iv) Professor Ali Pate (*Bauchi*)  
 (v) Dr. Doris Nkeiruka Uzoka-Anite (*Imo*)

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

**8. Friday Plenary:**

*Motion made:* Pursuant to Order 8(2) that the Senate do sit on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to resume consideration of the Request of Mr. President, Commander -in- Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the confirmation of nominees for appointments as Ministers of the Government of the Federation (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

9. **Adjournment:**

And it being 5:41 *p.m.* the President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

*Adjourned accordingly at 5:41 p.m.*

**Godswill Obot Akpabio, CON**

*President,*

*Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*