SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28th October, 2026

1. The Senate met at 11:05 a.m; recited the National Anthem and thereafter, the Deputy President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 27th October, 2026.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

(PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE IN CHAIR)

3. **Announcements:**

(a) ***Invitation to Birthday Celebration:***
The President of the Senate announced that he had received a letter from Senator Izunaso, Osita Bonaventure *(Imo West)* inviting Distinguished Senators to his 60th birthday celebration scheduled to hold on Friday 30th October, 2026 as follows:

(i) *12.00 noon* — *Holy Mass at our lady Queen of Nigeria Pro-Cathedral, Area 3, Garki Abuja.*

(ii) *6.00pm* — *Dinner/Gala Night, Transcorp Hilton, Abuja.*

(b) ***Courtesy Visit:***
The President of the Senate read a notice from the Clerk of the Senate as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

NOTIFICATION OF A COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE BY A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG

I wish to, respectfully notify the Leadership of the Senate and Distinguished Senators of a planned visit to Nigeria, of a Delegation of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development of the German Bundestag. The visit is a testimony to the close and cordial relationship between Nigeria and Germany.

The Delegation, comprising six (6) Members of the German Parliament, will be paying a Courtesy Visit on the President of the Senate, His Excellency, Distinguished Senator Godswill Obot Akpabio, GCON.

The visit will hold as follows:
Date: ***Thursday, 29th October, 2026;***
Time: ***3:00 p.m.***

Venue: ***Meeting Room 301, Senate New Building, National Assembly Complex, Abuja.***

Distinguished Senators are please urged to join the President of the Senate in receiving the foreign Parliamentarians.

Please accept, the assurances of my highest esteem.

(Signed)
Emmanuel Odo, JP, Ph.D
Clerk of the Senate.

(c) ***Acknowledgment:***
The President of the Senate acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Chessy Kiddies Academy, Zauda, Dei-Dei, Abuja who were at the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Orders 41 and 51, Senator Adegbonmire, Adeniyi Ayodele — *(Ondo Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to the Demise of Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti, the foremost Leader of Pan-Yoruba Socio-Political Organisation, Afenifere and a Revered Political Leader from Akure, Ondo State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes with profound grief and a deep sense of loss of the passing of Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti, the foremost Leader of Pan-Yoruba Socio-Political Organisation, Afenifere, a Revered Political Leader and Elder Statesman who passed away on 20th of October 2026 at the age of 100, leaving behind a great legacy of service to humanity and impactful contributions to the Nation;

recalls that Pa Reuben Fasoranti was born on 11th March, 1926 in Akure, Ondo State;

acknowledges that, his professional background in education profoundly influenced his approach to governance, particularly his emphasis on human welfare and humanitarian service. He established Omolere Nursery and Primary School and Akure High School, among others, contributing to educational development in Ondo State. Pa Fasoranti emerged as the Afenifere Leader, the Pan-Yoruba Socio-political Organisation following the death of Pa Abraham Adesanya. Pa Fasoranti was a committed follower of the late sage, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, the Leader of the Action Group during the First Republic and later became associated with the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN) during the Second Republic. He was also a founding member of the Alliance for Democracy (AD);

aware that he was a respected Elder Statesman, a former Commissioner of Finance under the regime of His Excellency, late Pa Michael Adekunle Ajasin in old Ondo State, a position he held between 1979 and 1983. A distinguished National Leader of Afenifere who contributed tremendously to the development of Yorubaland and Nigeria at large. His life was defined by service, courage, integrity and an unwavering commitment to the Yoruba people and the ideals he stood for. Pa Fasoranti was among the prominent Nigerians who opposed the Military Rule and advocated for the restoration of democratic governance;

further recalls that Pa Fasoranti remained steadfast in the struggle for Democracy, and was a man who spoke truth to power, honest and upright. He saw and promoted the need to collaborate with other Socio-political Organisations, such as Arewa and Ohaneze Ndigbo towards having a better Nigeria. He believed in one united and prosperous Nigeria and promoted this all through his life;

also recognises that his passing marks the end of a remarkable era, but his legacy of principled leadership, wisdom, and dedication to progress of our people will continue to inspire generations to come; and

prays that Almighty God grants Pa Fasoranti eternal rest, comforts his family, and gives the entire Afenifere family, his associates, Ondo State, our great nation Nigeria, and all those who looked up to him the strength to bear this irreparable loss.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) observe a minute silence in honour of the departed soul of Late Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti;

(ii) send a delegation to convey the condolences of the Senate to the people of Ondo State and his family; and

(iii) recommend the immortalisation of Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti by renaming an education institution in recognition of his pivotal role in the advancement of education in Yoruba land.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the departed soul of Late Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to convey the condolences of the Senate to the people of Ondo State and his family — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do recommend the immortalisation of Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti by renaming an education institution in recognition of his pivotal role in the advancement of education in Yoruba land — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(i) observe a minute silence in honour of the departed soul of Late Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti;

(ii) send a delegation to convey the condolences of the Senate to the people of Ondo State and his family; and

(iii) recommend the immortalisation of Pa Reuben Famuyide Fasoranti by renaming an education institution in recognition of his pivotal role in the advancement of education in Yoruba land **(S/Res/41/04/2026).**

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Orders 41 and 51, Senator Isa, Shaibu Lau — *(Taraba North)* drew the attention of the Senate to the urgent emergency intervention over the killings of innocent civilians by bandits in Binnari, Karim Lamido Local Government Area, Taraba State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes with grave concern the reported killings of innocent and defenceless civilians by armed bandits in Binnari, Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State, resulting in loss of about eighty (80) lives, fear, displacement, and the disruption of peaceful community life;

observes that the continued threat posed by armed bandits to rural communities undermines the constitutional responsibility of government to protect lives and property and guarantee the safety of all citizens;

concerned that the recurrence of violent attacks in Binnari and surrounding communities, if not urgently addressed, could lead to further loss of lives, destruction of property, displacement of residents, and increased humanitarian challenges; and

acknowledges that the protection of lives and property is a fundamental responsibility of government and that no community should be left at the mercy of armed criminal groups.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) urge the Security Agencies to deploy and set up more Security Camps to increase surveillance around the border of Taraba, Plateau and Bauchi State;

(ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the North-East Development Commission (NEDC) to immediately as a matter of urgency provide necessary relief materials to the affected Communities; and

(iii) observe one minute silence in respect of those who lost their lives during the attack.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Security Agencies to deploy and set up more Security Camps to increase surveillance around the border of Taraba, Plateau and Bauchi State — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the North-East Development Commission (NEDC) to immediately as a matter of urgency provide necessary relief materials to the affected Communities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in respect of those who lost their lives during the attack — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(i) urge the security Agencies to deploy and set up more Security Camps to increase surveillance around the border of Taraba, Plateau and Bauchi State;

(ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the North-East Development Commission (NEDC) to immediately as a matter of urgency provide necessary relief materials to the affected Communities; and

(iii) observe one minute silence in respect of those who lost their lives during the attack **(S/Res/42/04/2026).**

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the victims.

6. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Transfer of Convicted Offenders (Enactment and Enforcement) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1086) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) West African University of Legislative Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1087) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 1471) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) Chartered Institute of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators Bill, 2026 (HB. 784) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) National Commission for Higher Technical Education (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 673) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Finance:

Report on the Confirmation of Appointments:

Motion made: That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC):

S/No.	Name	Position	Geopolitical Zone
(i)	Dr. Abdullahi Maikano Saidu	Executive Chairman	—
(ii)	Mohammed Asma'u Mai-Eka	Member	North West
(iii)	Mohammed Aliyu Makama	Member	North Central
(iv)	Suleiman Gidado (Ph.D)	Member	North East
(v)	Hon. Louis O. Ndukwe	Member	South South
(vi)	Amaechi Ugwele	Member	South East
(vii)	Olaniyi Idowu Onikola	Member	South West

(Senator Oyewumi, Kamorudeen Olalere — Osun West).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and thereafter, presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON THE CONFIRMATION OF THE NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMISSION (FRC).

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Dr. Abdullahi Maikano Saidu	—	*Agreed to.*
(ii)	Mohammed Asma'u Mai-Eka	—	*Agreed to.*
(iii)	Mohammed Aliyu Makama	—	*Agreed to.*
(iv)	Suleiman Gidado (Ph.D)	—	*Agreed to.*
(v)	Hon. Louis O. Ndukwe	—	*Agreed to.*
(vi)	Amaechi Ugwele	—	*Agreed to.*
(vii)	Olaniyi Idowu Onikola	—	*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 Finance on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC).

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 Dr. Abdullahi Maikano Saidu for appointment as Executive Chairman of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Abdullahi Maikano Saidu for appointment as Executive Chairman of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Asma'u Mai-Eka for appointment as Member (North West) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Asma'u Mai-Eka for appointment as Member (North West) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Aliyu Makama for appointment as Member (North Central) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Aliyu Makama for appointment as Member (North Central) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Suleiman Gidado (Ph.D) for appointment as Member (North East) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Suleiman Gidado (Ph.D) for appointment as Member (North East) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Louis O. Ndukwe for appointment as Member (South South) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Louis O. Ndukwe for appointment as Member (South South) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Amaechi Ugwele for appointment as Member (South East) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Amaechi Ugwele *for appointment as Member (South East) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.*

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Olaniyi Idowu Onikola for appointment as Member (South West) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Olaniyi Idowu Onikola for appointment as Member (South West) of the Board of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) accordingly confirmed.

8. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters:
Report on the Confirmation of Appointments:
Motion made: That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters on the confirmation of the nominations of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC):

S/No.	Name	Position
(i)	Dr. Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman, *FICMC*	Chairman
(ii)	Huwaila Muhammad Ibrahim	Member
(iii)	Admund Chinonye Obiagwu, *SAN*	Member
(iv)	Ogunji Chidozie Kingsley	Member
(v)	Oluwakemi Asiwaju-Okenyodo	Member
(vi)	Professor Adedeji Adekunle	Member
(vii)	Ayo Adewuyi	Member
(viii)	Mohammed Adelodun	Member
(ix)	Eze Anaba	Member
(x)	Maupe Ogun-Yusuf	Member
(xi)	Patience Patrick Udoh	Member

(Senator Adegbonmire, Adeniyi Ayodele — Ondo Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and thereafter, presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HUMAN RIGHTS & LEGAL MATTERS ON THE CONFIRMATION OF THE NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (NHRC).

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Dr. Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman *FICMC*	—	*Agreed to.*
(ii)	Huwaila Muhammad Ibrahim	—	*Agreed to.*
(iii)	Admund Chinonye Obiagwu *SAN*	—	*Agreed to.*
(iv)	Ogunji Chidozie Kingsley	—	*Agreed to.*
(v)	Oluwakemi Asiwaju-Okenyodo	—	*Agreed to.*
(vi)	Professor Adedeji Adekunle	—	*Agreed to.*

(vii)	Ayo Adewuyi	—	*Agreed to.*
(viii)	Mohammed Adelodun	—	*Agreed to.*
(ix)	Eze Anaba	—	*Agreed to.*
(x)	Maupe Ogun-Yusuf	—	*Agreed to.*
(xi)	Patience Patrick Udoh	—	*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 Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters on the confirmation of the nominations for appointment as Chairman and Members of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

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 Dr. Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman *FICMC* for appointment as Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman FICMC for appointment as Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Huwaila Muhammad Ibrahim for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Huwaila Muhammad Ibrahim for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Admund Chinonye Obiagwu, *SAN* for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Admund Chinonye Obiagwu, SAN for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ogunji Chidozie Kingsley for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ogunji Chidozie Kingsley for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Oluwakemi Asiwaju-Okenyodo for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Oluwakemi Asiwaju-Okenyodo for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Adedeji Adekunle for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Professor Adedeji Adekunle for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ayo Adewuyi for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ayo Adewuyi for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Adelodun for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Adelodun for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Eze Anaba for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Eze Anaba for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Maupe Ogun-Yusuf for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Maupe Ogun-Yusuf for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Patience Patrick Udoh for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Patience Patrick Udoh for appointment as Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) accordingly confirmed.

9. Closed Session:
Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on issues of national importance (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN CLOSED SESSION)
12.41 p.m - 2:14 p.m

Motion made: That the Senate do revert to Plenary to report progress *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in a Closed Session discussed matters affecting the smooth running of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Closed Session — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 3rd November, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 2:29 p.m.

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