



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th May, 2016

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1. The Senate met at 10:54 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read Prayers.
 2. **Closed Session:**
Closed Session — 10:57 a.m.

Open Session — 11:58 a.m.

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on the increase in the price of petroleum by the Federal Government and the threats by the Organised Labour to embark on a Nationwide strike over the matter and resolved as follows:

- (i) the Senate sympathise with the ordinary people of Nigeria on the hardship they are going through. The Senate will engage the Federal Government to find sustainable ways of improving the welfare of its citizens;
- (ii) the Senate call on Federal Government to continue to engage the organised labour and other stakeholders to resolve the issues in order not to ground the system and impose more hardship on our people; and
- (iii) Federal Government should immediately start implementing palliative measures contained in the 2016 Appropriation Act as passed by the National Assembly.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 5th May, 2016.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcements:**

- (a) **Thanksgiving Service:**

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) as follows:



Senator Dino Melaye

KOGI WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Chairman Senate Committee on Federal Capital Territory

12th May, 2016

*His Excellency,
Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON
The President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Abuja.*

DISTINGUISHED SENATORS:
SPECIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND MY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

I am highly delighted to formally request with pleasure, the honour of the presence of Distinguished Senators at my Special Thanksgiving Service, scheduled as follows:

*Date: Sunday, 22nd May, 2016
Venue: The Apostolic Church, Oke Ayo, Iluaafon Assembly, Ayetoro Gbede, Kogi State.
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt*

Distinguished Senators may wish to note that this is a season of reflection for my family and the entire Kogi West Senatorial District. It's a season to count our blessings and return all praises to God for His Goodness.

I would like to use this opportunity to invite Distinguished Senators to please join me for Reception and Empowerment Programme immediately after church service, at Alhaji Atiku Abubakar Square in Ayetoro Gbede, Kogi State.

My Distinguished Colleagues, your presence will make complete this very special and memorable event.

Please, accept as always, the assurances of my esteemed regards and loyalty.

(Signed)
Senator Dino Melaye

(b) Acknowledgement:

The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Members of Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists, Petroleum Training Institute, Student Chapter, Effurun, Delta State;
- (ii) Members of Students' Representatives Council, Federal Polytechnic, Bida, Niger State;
- (iii) Staff and Students of Oak Heights School, Lugbe, Abuja; and
- (iv) Members of the Youth Assembly of Nigeria, National Assembly, Abuja.

5. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Federal Audit Service Commission Bill, 2016 (HB.107) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Capital Expenditure Budget Roll-Over Bill, 2016 (HB.164) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Abduction, Wrongful Restraint and Confinement Bill, 2016 (SB.118) — *Read the First Time.*

- (iv) Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Act No.6 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.131) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Pension Reform Act P4 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.281) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) National Hospital for Women and Children Act LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB.282) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Frivolous Petitions Bill, 2016 (SB. 143):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Frivolous Petitions Bill, 2016 (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

By leave of the Senate Bill withdrawn (Rule 89).

7. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Motion on the Differences in the Content of Section 18 of the Armed Forces Act CAP. A20 LFN 2004 and 2010 respectively:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Ad hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants:

Report on the indiscriminate use and abuse of Waivers:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Motions:

- (a) ***Demise of his Royal Majesty Omo N'oba N'edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Eradiuwa, CFR, the Oba of Benin:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (b) ***Fire Incident involving victims of insurgency from Nigeria in Gagamari Refugee Camp, Diffa State, Niger Republic:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (c) ***The demise of six (6) prominent medical doctors and their driver from Ekiti State in a ghastly motor accident along Abuja - Kaduna Expressway:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (d) ***Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability:***

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc.) Act 2002 Bill, 2016 (HB.29):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 236):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Federal University, Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 273):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 18th May, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:07 p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.