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NILS GOVERNING COUNCIL ADJOURNS SINE DIE



The highest governance organ of the National Institute for Legislative Studies and its principal policy making arm, the Governing Council, held its valedictory meeting on Tuesday, 26th May, 2015. The 17-member board among other things set broad policies for the institute; approve annual work programs and budgets, provide support for research, policy analysis and training programs.

The Chairman of the Council who is also the Deputy Senate President, Senator (Dr.) Ike Ekweremadu, CFR in his valedictory speech said that the outgoing Governing Council was committed to building greater research and policy analysis capacity for the Nigerian legislature, providing focused training for legislators and staff and enhancing legislative activities such as law making and oversight, through improved committee systems, effective use of legislative mechanisms and better technical support to committees.

He reiterated that the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) has been a vanguard for strengthening democratic processes, structures and institutions in Nigeria and beyond.

In his remarks, the Alternate Chairman of the Council and the

Acting Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Emeka Ihedioha, CON, extolled the remarkable results produced by the Institute in the face of challenges; the successful hosting of the induction certificate course organized for new legislators for both National Assembly and State Houses of Assembly among other capacity building activities of the Institute.

Other members of the Council recounted the many successes recorded by the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) and praised the doggedness and determination of the Director General, Dr. Ladi Hamalai that resulted into many notable achievements.

In her response and vote of thanks, the Director General, Dr. Ladi Hamalai lauded the Governing Council for its pursuit of excellence for the Institute. She applauded the Senate President, David Mark and other stakeholders for their brilliant input.

Dr.. Hamalai further praised the Chairman of the Governing Council and Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu who in her words "I have learnt a lot from his zeal and attitude to work". She vouched never to relent in aiming for greater goals and promised to carry on the legacy of the Governing Council.

The valedictory meeting also saw a presentation of memorial plates to the members in recognition of their meritorious service to the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS).

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OUTGOING NILS GOVERNING COUNCIL



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Constituted in 2011, the Governing Council has to its credit many achievements, part of which is the hosting of the First Africa Legislative Summit which took place in Abuja in 2013 with the theme, Emerging Legislatures in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities.

Another resounding achievement of the Council is the ongoing construction of the Institute's Permanent site, a large scale project, covering an area of more than 80,000 m², housing a convention center, a legislative museum, a library, a lecture hall as well as an administrative block and a campus that will serve as a functional self-sufficient space, providing support to the legislative arm of Nigeria's Government.

Under the purview of the Governing Council, the Institute conducted a successful Induction Certificate Course for the 8th National Assembly as well as State Assemblies' Legislators in Abuja. The Induction Certificate Course which was organized basically to empower fresh legislators to function effectively in the legislature recorded a large turnout.

The pioneer members of the Governing Council are Senator Ike Ekweremadu, CFR, Deputy President of the Senate and Chairman of the Council, Rt. Hon. Emeka Ihedioha, CON, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives and Alternate Chairman of the Council.

Members include Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, Senator Garba Babayo Gamawa, Senator Victor

Rampyal Lar, Senator Christopher Chukwuma Nwankwo, Senator Emmanuel Izebiefen Paulker, Senator Akin Babalola Kamar Odunsi, Hon. Samaila Abdulrahman Kawu, Hon. John Enoch, Hon. Sam Tsokwa, Hon. Ali Ahmad, Hon. (Prof) Chudi Uwazurike, Hon. Jimoh Afees Adelowo, Dr. Adamu Fika who is the Chairman National Assembly Service Commission, Alhaji Salisu Maikasuwa, Clerk to the National Assembly and the Director General National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), Dr. Ladi Hamalai.

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) under the leadership of Dr. Ladi Hamalai is on the march again in its relentless efforts to promote best practices in legislative activities while supporting the sustenance of dynamic and effective legislature in Nigeria and the sub region.



THE 7TH ASSEMBLY COMES TO A CLOSE



In its last week of sitting, The Senate on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 passed into law two Bills and congratulated President Muhammadu Buhari and 29 State Governors on assumption of office. The legislations passed into law include the Nigerian Army Institute of Technology and Environmental Studies (NAITES) Bill 2015 (S.B. 513), sponsored by Sen. George Thompson Sekibo and the National Social Welfare Commission Bill 2015 (S.B.115), sponsored by Sen. Adamu I. Gumba. The Senate also received a letter from President, Muhammadu Buhari informing it of his intention to appoint 15 Special Advisers in accordance with section 151 subsection 2 and 3 of the 1999 Constitution. The letter was read on the floor of the Chamber by the Senate President, David Mark.

Meanwhile the House of Representatives on Wednesday 3, June 2015 suspended plenary on a very sad note, following the shocking death of Hon. Abubakar Sheikh Umar in the early hours of the day. The Presiding officer, Emeka Ihedioha who announced the death of the Rep, stated that the late Abubakar Umar was a serving member of the 7th National Assembly (2011 – 2015) and member-elect who until his death represented Kastina, Kastina Federal Constituency. Meanwhile, Rt. Hon. Ihedioha pleaded with the Reps to endeavor to be punctual to sitting on Thursday 4, June, stressing that it is imperative for the session to start by 10:00am prompt. Since Thursday's sitting will officially be the last of the 7th Assembly, members were indulged to be present so that they could secure their Certificate of Allegiance as well as a compendium of the House's Business for the past four years.

The Senate on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 congratulated the ECOWAS on its 40th Year Anniversary and passed into law the Sexual Offences Bill 2015, (S.B.279), sponsored by Sen. Umaru Dahiru, Proceeds of Crime Bill 2015 (S.B. 471), also sponsored by Sen. Umaru Dahiru and 46 House of Representatives Bills for concurrence with those passed by the Green Chamber.

In the case of the ECOWAS Motion, the Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu coming under Senate Order 42 and 52, moved a Motion that sought to allow him present before the Chamber a memoir on ECOWAS 40th Year Anniversary which was granted. He disclosed that ECOWAS marked its 40th Year Anniversary on Friday, May 29, 2015 which coincide with Nigeria's Democracy Day that culminated in the change power from former President Goodluck Jonathan to President Muhammadu Buhari.

Furthermore, the Senate in a Motion sponsored by Sen. Ita Enang and eight others has adopted a Special Procedure on Bills transmitted to the Chamber from the House of Representatives for concurrence in view of the short time remaining for the 7th National Assembly. This is in consideration of the time and resources expended in processing these legislations and the need to pass the Bills as well as forward them for assent.

The House of Representatives has remained focused on legislative business even as it fast approaches the end of the 7th Assembly which according to the legislative calendar is billed to terminate on Thursday 4, June 2015. Despite the looming termination, the members of the House have insisted on doing justice to some significant but inconclusive legislation whilst still in session. The House resolved into Committee of the Whole during plenary on Tuesday 3, June 2015 under the chairmanship of the Deputy Speaker, Emeka Ihedioha, to adopt the conference Committee report on a Bill which sought to establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre as the Central body in Nigeria responsible for receiving, requesting, analyzing as well as disseminating financial intelligence reports and other relevant information to the law enforcement, security and intelligence agencies.

Another issue slated for consideration was the Petroleum Industry Bill report which its consideration is near completion in the House. In addition, the session saw the 2015 FCTA Appropriation Bill, passed for the third time.

“Everything that has a beginning must of necessity come to an end” such were the words of the Senate Leader, Victor Ndoma Egba leading the debate on the Valedictory of the 7th Senate. He recalled that the 7th Senate was inaugurated on the 5th of June, 2011 for a term of four years and today 4TH June, 2015 marks its end.

Sen. Egba noted that between June, 2011 and June, 2015 a total of 591 Bills were introduced in the Senate and 123 have been passed into law while others are at various legislative stages. He added that among the Bills passed by the Hallowed Chamber were legislations that have far reaching impact on the polity. The Senate Leader asserted that within the four year period, 115 Motions were considered with concomitant resolutions approved. He stressed that despite the penchant of the Executive not complying with National Assembly resolutions, they nevertheless serve as a moral compass of putting the Executive in check. He observed that the 7th Senate was remarkable for a number of reasons. It was scandal free and stable, it ensured the stability of the polity which guaranteed peaceful elections witnessed on March 28 and April 11, 2015, as highlighted by the nation's democracy. He cited an instance in which a party in government lost to an opposition party which he described as a milestone in the nation's democracy. Sen. Egba added that lessons must be learnt from the last election such as a second term is no longer taken for granted, incumbency has its limitations,

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impunity is unsustainable anywhere and internal party democracy is the only assurance to electoral victory.

The Senate President, David Mark in his remark expressed dismay over the wanton destruction of lives and properties by the Boko Haram insurgency. He stressed that the issue of kidnapped Chibok Girls is still painful and unresolved since they are yet to be rescued. He noted that in spite of the difficulties encountered, the 7th Senate has succeeded in stabilizing the polity and nation. While on the flip side, the Chamber was not successful in passing the Petroleum Industry Bill and the Amendments to the 1999 Constitution. He acknowledged the immense support of NASS, NASC, NILS and NABRO staff as well as the unflinching support of his bosses, the 108 Senators. He also expressed appreciation to the Security Operatives, the Mass Media and the Guild of Editors. Sen. Mark expressed hope of seeing a full establishment of NASS Radio & Television and the completion of NILS's permanent building in the nearest future.

Major attractions of the Valedictory Session were the presence in the Chamber of former Senate Presidents Joseph Wayas, Iyorchia Ayu, Ken Nnamani, former Deputy Senate President, Ibrahim Mantu, former Senate Leader, Teslim Folarin and host former Senators. Also, a minute silence was observed in honour of five late Senators of the 7th Senate, they include Pius Ewherido, Gyang Dangton, Awaisu Kuta, Uche Chukwumerije and Ahmed Zannah. In addition, a group photograph of the 7th Senate was snapped at the NASS Lobby.

The climax of the special session was the laying of the report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Business

on the status of Bills, Motions, Confirmations and sundry Legislative Measures of the 7th Senate from 6th June, 2011 to 4th June, 2015.

The House of Representatives also drew a curtain as it held its last sitting on Thursday 4, June 2015. Before entertaining the motion for the formal winding down of the session, the House passed 15 Bills in concurrence with the senate as well as approved the request of President Mahammadu Buhari for the appointment of 15 Special Advisers as aides.



MOTIONS OF THE WEEK



House

Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Reports and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Other Related Matters:

Hon. Albert T. Sam-Tsokwa:

Adoption of a Special Procedure on Bills Transmitted from the Senate to the House, pursuant to Order I, Rule 1 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:

Hon. Albert T. Sam-Tsokwa

Hon. Ismail Ina Hussain

Hon. Kenneth Chikere

Hon. Aminu Musa Koko

Hon. Yusuf Sale Dinari

Hon. Mohammed T. Monguno

Hon. Patrick Ikhariale

Hon. Emmanuel Udende:

Hon. Sunday Adepoju

Hon. David E. Ombugadu

Hon. Gambo M. Dan-Musa

Hon. Ali Ahmad

Hon. Mahmud A. Wambai

Hon. Moshood Bakare

Hon. Ben Nwallkwo

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta

Hon. Murtala K. A. Busari

Hon. Ajibola Muraina

Hon. Aiyedun Akeem O.

Hon. Nkoyo Toyo

Hon. Jide Akinloye

Hon. Linus Okorie

Appointment, Remuneration, etc. of Special Advisers to the President Pursuant to Section 151, of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended):

Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola:

Senate

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR AND OTHERS
SEN. VICTOR NDOMA-EGBA, SAN, CON (SENATE LEADER)**

**ADOPTION OF A SPECIAL PROCEDURE ON BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE FROM
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR CONCURRENCE.**

Sen. Ita Enang (*Akwa Ibom North East*)

Sen. Abdul Ningi, CON

Sen. Babayo G. Garba

Sen. Hosea A. Agboola

Sen. Babajide C. Omoworare

Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba, SAN, CON

Sen. Smart Adeyemi, CON

Sen. Abubakar A. Bagudu

Sen. Andy Uba, MFR

BILLS TRANSMITTED TO SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment etc) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.269)
2. Office of the Nigerian Financial Ombudsman Bill, 2015 (HB.14)
3. Institute of Chartered Trustees of Nigeria Bill 2015 (HB. 19)
4. National Convict and Criminal Records (Registry) Bill, 2015 (HB.57)
5. Community Service Bill, 2015 (HB.29)
6. People's Bank of Nigeria Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015(HB.710)
7. Nigerian Bank for Commerce and Industry Act (Repeal), Bill 2015(HB.712)
8. National Commission for Rehabilitation Act (Repeal), Bill, 2015 (HB.713)
9. Maintenance Orders Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB.714)
10. Federal Saving Bank Act (Repeal) Bill 2015 (HB.715)
11. Loan (State Development) Act (Repeal) 2015(HB.716)
12. Nigerians in Diaspora (Establishment) Commission, 2015 (HB.69)
13. Electronic Transactions Bill 2015 (HB.3)
14. Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria, 2015 (HB.541)
15. Nigerian Metallurgical Industry Bill, 2014 (HB.689).
16. Federal Audit Commission Bill, 2015 (HB.732)
17. National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.31).
18. Nigerian International Financial Centre (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2015 (HB. 15).
19. Investment and Securities (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 7)
20. Nigerian Communications Satellite, Bill 2015 (HB. 208)
21. Federal Capital Territory Education Resources Centre (Establishment, etc) Bill 2015 (HB. 41)
22. Labour Institutions (Establishment, etc) 2015 (HB. 99)
23. Witness Protection Programme Bill, 2015 (HB. 118)
24. Institute of Mediators and Conciliators Bill, 2015 (HB. 1)
25. Legal Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015(HB. 270)
26. National Health Insurance Commission Bill 2015 (HB. 204)
27. National Economic Intelligence Committee (Establishment) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB.386)
28. Federal College Dental Technology and Therapy Bill, 2015 (HB. 251)
29. Federal Capital Territory College of Nursing and Midwifery Bill, 2015 (HB. 201)
30. Oaths Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 155)
31. Federal Capital Territory Hospital Management Board (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HE. 12)
32. Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2015 (HB. 103)
33. Chartered Institute of Management Accounts of Nigeria, 2015 (HB. 46)
34. Federal Capital Territory Water Board (Establishment, etc) 2015 (HB. 293)
35. Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill, 2015 (HB. 17)
36. Whistle-blower Protection Bill, 2015 (HB. 82)
37. Family Economic Advancement Programme (Establishment, etc) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015(HB. 708)
38. Family Support Trust Fund Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015 (HB. 709)
39. Nigerian Industrial Development Bank (Guarantee) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2015(HB. 711)
40. Treasury Management Bill 2015 (HB. 88)
41. Legislative Powers and Privileges Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2015 (HB 367)
42. Anti-Torture Bill, 2015 (HB. 120)
43. Lobbyist (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2015 (HB. 403)
44. National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment, etc) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.717).
45. Nigerian Prisons Act CAP, P29 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re -Enactment) Bill 2015 (HB. 107)
46. Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (HE. 452)