

Tuesday, 9th October, 1979

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. pursuant to a Proclamation by President Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari Extraordinary Gazette No. 49 of 3rd October, 1979.

A PROCLAMATION

(Under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979)



By His Excellency SHEHU USMAN ALIYU SHAGARI,
President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed
Forces of the Federation.

SHEHU USMAN ALIYU SHAGARI,
President and Commander-in-Chief of the
Armed Forces of the Federation

WHEREAS it is provided in subsection (3) of section 60 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979 that the person elected as President shall have power to issue a Proclamation for the holding of the first session of the National Assembly immediately after his being sworn in :

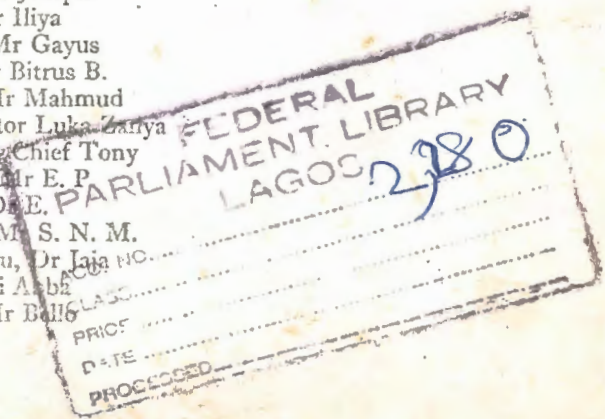
NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHEHU USMAN ALIYU SHAGARI, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection (3) of section 60 aforesaid, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby proclaim that the first session of the National Assembly shall hold at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th October, 1979, in the Parliament Buildings, Lagos.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at Lagos, this 3rd day of October, one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-nine.

2. The Clerk-Designate of the National Assembly informed Senators-elect that Writs had been issued in respect of the elections into the Senate held on the 7th day of July, 1979 in accordance with section 17 (1) of the Electoral Decree No. 61 of 1977 and thereafter proceeded to call the names of Senators-elect State by State. The following Senators-elect were present :—

Anah, Chief N. N.
Ani, Mr I. N.
Nwali, Dr Oflia
Obi, Prince Onyeabo
Okwu, Chief B. C.
Ahmed, Mr Uba
Dimis, Alhaji Ibrahim
Rufai, Alhaji A. D.
Saleh, Alhaji A. Yelwaji
Waziri, Alhaji I. Jalo
Akpata, Chief E. O.
Atake, Justice F. O. M.
Dafinone, Mr D. O.
Ikpo, Mr Nosike
Umolu, Chief J. O.
Abogede, Mr Andrew
Ali, Colonel A. A.
Chia, Mr Suemo
Ebute, Mr A.
Tarka, Chief J. S.
Barna, Mr Umaru Lawan

Kadi, Alhaji Idrisa
Lawan, Alhaji G.
Mangga, Mr Ja'afar
Sanda, Mr Bukar
Akan, Mr Victor
Ansa, Mr Joseph O.
Daniel, Mr George A.
Etiebet, Mr D. D.
Wayas, Dr Joseph
Audu, Mr Iliya
Gilama, Mr Gayus
Kajal, Mr Bitrus B.
Waziri, Mr Mahmud
Zing, Pastor Luka Zanya
Anyanwu, Chief Tony
Echeruo, Mr E. P.
Emezie, Dr E.
Ojukwu, Mr S. N. M.
Wachukwu, Dr Jaja
Ali, Alhaji A. S.
Bakori, Mr Balla



Barau, Alhaji Ibrahim
 Daura, Alhaji Yusuf Aliu
 Madawaki, Mr Jacob
 Danbatta, Alhaji Usman Alto
 Gaya, Alhaji Adamu
 Musa, Alhaji Hadi M.
 Zakari, Alhaji Ahmed
 Zuwo, Alhaji Sabo B.
 Isa, Mr Obaro
 Adebayo, Mr C. O.
 Mohammed, Mr Gani Aliu
 Olu, Mr J. O.
 Saraki, Dr Sola
 Abiru, Alhaji
 Ajayi, Mr Adeyiga
 Ayantuga, Dr Femi
 Durosimi, Mr A.
 Shitta-Bey, Alhaji S. A.
 Dada, Colonel Garba
 Kolo, Alhaji Ibrahim
 Magaji, Alhaji Abubakar
 Mu'azu, Alhaji A.
 Salihu, Alhaji Jibrin
 Adesanya, Mr A. A.
 Ladega, Mr D. A.
 Odebiyi, Chief J. A. O.
 Oyero, Chief Kunle

Sogbcin, Chief S.
 Akintoye, Professor S. A.
 Fasanmi, Mr Ayo
 Ogunleye, Mr E. K.
 Oke, Professor D. O.
 Onukun, Mr M. A. E.
 Adegoke, Mr A.
 Adeoye, Dr C. L.
 Adesina, Mr O.
 Adeleke, Chief Ayoola
 Ilori, Dr C. O.
 Agwai, Mr Muhammadu Musa
 Hoomkwap, Mr George B.
 Yepwi, Mr Thomas
 Matta, Mr Garba
 Pam, Mr John Wash
 Ellah, Mr F. J.
 Nunieh, Barrister C.
 Wali, Dr. Obi
 Wariye, Dr O. Ebere
 Zuofa, Mr A.
 Abdulkarim, Mr M. Muhtari
 Gada, Alhaji Garba
 Kware, Alhaji Garba
 Muza, Alhaji Haruna
 Zuru, Alhaji Hassan

Number of Senators-elect present was 95.

3. Election of the President of the Senate :—

Senator-elect Dr Sola Saraki addressing himself to the Clerk-Designate of the National Assembly nominated Senator-elect Dr Joseph Wayas from the Ogoja Senatorial District of the Cross River State as the President of the Senate which nomination was seconded by Senator-elect Alhaji Garba Matta.

Senator-elect Chief E. O. Okpata addressing himself to the Clerk-Designate of the National Assembly nominated Senator-elect Mr Justice F. O. M. Atake from the Delta Senatorial District of Bendel State, as the President of the Senate which nomination was seconded by Senator-elect Alhaji Idrisa Kadi.

Whereupon the Senate proceeded to vote for a President. The following Senators-elect voted for Senator-elect Dr Joseph Wayas as the President-elect of the Senate :—

Senators who voted for Dr Joseph Wayas as President of the Senate (53)

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| 1. Abdulkarim, Mr M. Muhtari | 28. Kware, Alhaji Garba |
| 2. Abogede, Mr Andrew | 29. Lawan, Alhaji G. |
| 3. Isa, Mr Obaro | 30. Madawaki, Mr Jacob |
| 4. Agwai, Mr Muhammadu Musa | 31. Magaji, Alhaji Abubakar |
| 5. Ahmed, Mr Uba | 32. Matta, Mr Garba |
| 6. Akan, Mr Victor | 33. Mohammed, Mr Gani Aliu |
| 7. Ali, Alhaji Abba | 34. Mu'azu, Alhaji A. |
| 8. Ali, Col. A. A. | 35. Muza, Alhaji Haruna |
| 9. Anah, Chief N. N. | 36. Nunieh, Barrister-C. |
| 10. Ani, Mr I. N. | 37. Nwali, Dr Offia |
| 11. Anyanwu, Chief Tony | 38. Obi, Prince Onyeabo |
| 12. Auidu, Mr Iliya | 39. Ojukwu, Mr S. M. |
| 13. Chia, Mr Suemo | 40. Okwu, Chief B. C. |
| 14. Dada, Col. Garba | 41. Pam, Mr John Wash |
| 15. Dafinone, Mr D. O. | 42. Rufai, Alhaji A. D. |
| 16. Daura, Alhaji Yusuf Aliu | 43. Saleh, Alhaji A. Yelwaji |
| 17. Dimis, Mr Ibrahim | 44. Salihu, Alhaji Jibrin |
| 18. Ebute, Mr A. | 45. Saraki, Dr Sola |
| 19. Echeruo, Mr E. P. | 46. Tarka, Chief J. S. |
| 20. Ellah, Mr F. J. | 47. Wachukwu, Dr Jaja |
| 21. Emezie, Dr E. | 48. Wali, Dr Obi |
| 22. Etiebet, Mr D. D. | 49. Wariye, Dr O. Ebere |
| 23. Gada, Alhaji Garba | 50. Wayas, Dr Joseph |

The following Senators-elect voted for Senator-elect Mr Justice F. O. M. Atake as President-elect of the Senate :—

Senators who voted for Justice F. O. M. Atake as President of the Senate (42)

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| 1. Akpata, Chief E. O. | 22. Olu, Mr J. O. |
| 2. Atake, Justice F. O. M. | 23. Abiru, Alhaji |
| 3. Ikpo, Mr Nosiike | 24. Ajayi, Mr Adeyiga |
| 4. Unolu, Chief J. O. | 25. Ayantuga, Dr Femi |
| 5. Bama, Mr Umaru Lawan | 26. Durosimi, Mr A. |
| 6. Kadi, Alhaji Idrisa | 27. Shitta-Bey, Alhaji S. A. |
| 7. Mangga, Mr Jafar | 28. Adesanya, Mr A. A. |
| 8. Sanda, Mr Pular | 29. Ladega, Mr D. A. |
| 9. Ansa, Mr Joseph O. | 30. Odebiyi, Chief J. A. O. |
| 10. Daniel, Mr George A. | 31. Oyero, Chief Kunle |
| 11. Kajal, Mr Bitrus B. | 32. Sogbein, Chief S. |
| 12. Waziri, Mr Mahmud | 33. Akintoye, Professor S. A. |
| 13. Zing, Pastor Lado Zanya | 34. Fasanmi, Mr Ayo |
| 14. Bakori, Mr Bello | 35. Ogunleye, Mr E. K. |
| 15. Barau, Alhaji Ibrahim | 36. Oke, Professor D. O. |
| 16. Danbatta, Alhaji Usman Alto | 37. Onukun, Mr M. A. E. |
| 17. Gaya, Alhaji Adama | 38. Adegoke, Mr A. |
| 18. Musa, Alhaji Idris M. | 39. Adeoye, Dr C. L. |
| 19. Zakari, Alhaji Ahmad | 40. Adesina, Mr O. |
| 20. Zuwo, Alhaji Sabo B. | 41. Adeleke, Chief Ayoola |
| 21. Adedoye, M. C. O. | 42. Ilori, Dr C. O. |

Tellers : Senator-elect Chief E. O. Akpata

Senator-elect Alhaji Idrisa Kadi

The total number of Senators-elect who voted was 95 of which Senator-elect Dr Joseph Wayas received 53 votes and Senator-elect Mr Justice F. O. M. Atake received 42 votes.

Senator-elect Dr Joseph Wayas having received 53 votes was declared by the Clerk-Designate to have been duly elected President-elect of the Senate.

Whereupon, Dr Wayas was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by the Senators-elect Dr Sola Sowki, Alhaji Garba Matta and Alhaji Jalo Waziri and standing on the Upper Step, the Clerk-Designate administered the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Membership on him. The President took his seat in the Chair and expressed his sincerest acknowledgement to the Senate of the great honour which the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

4. Election of the Deputy President :

Senator-elect Dr Jaji Wachukwu seconded by Senator-elect Uba Ahmed nominated Senator-elect John Wash Pam as the Deputy President of the Senate.

Senator-elect Alhaji Usman Alto Danbatta seconded by Senator-elect Professor David O. Oke nominated Senator-elect Alhaji Sabo Bello Zuwo as the Deputy President of the Senate.

Whereupon, the Senate proceeded to vote for a Deputy President. The following Senators-elect voted for Senator-elect John Wash Pam as the Deputy President :—

Senators who voted for Mr John Wash Pam as Deputy President of Senate (51)

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| 1. Abdulkarim, Mr M. Muhtari | 17. Dimis, Mr Ibrahim |
| 2. Abogede, Mr Andrew | 18. Ebute, Mr A. |
| 3. Mr Obaro Isa | 19. Echeruo, Mr E. P. |
| 4. Agwai, Mr Muhammadu Musa | 20. Ellah, Mr F. J. |
| 5. Ahmed, Mr Uba | 21. Emezie, Dr E. |
| 6. Akan, Mr Victor | 22. Etiebet, Mr D. D. |
| 7. Ali, Alhaji Abba | 23. Gada, Alhaji Garba |
| 8. Ali, Col. A. A. | 24. Hoomkwap, Mr George B. |
| 9. Anah, Chief N. N. | 25. Yepavi, Mr Thomas |
| 10. Ani, Mr I. N. | 26. Kolo, Alhaji Ibrahim |
| 11. Anyanwu, Chief Tony | 27. Kware, Alhaji Garba |
| 12. Audu, Mr Iliya | 28. Lawan, Alhaji G. |
| 13. Chib, Mr Suenio | 29. Maduwaki, Mr Jacob |
| 14. Bada, Col. Garba Musa | 30. Magaji, Alhaji Abubakar |
| 15. Edehion, Mr D. O. | 31. Matta, Mr Garba |
| 16. Daura, Alhaji Yusuf Aliu | |

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| 32. Mohammed, Mr Gani Aliu | 42. Saleh, Alhaji A. Yelwaji |
| 33. Mu'azu, Alhaji A. | 43. Salihu, Alhaji Jibrin |
| 34. Muza, Alhaji Haruna | 44. Saraki, Dr Sola |
| 35. Nurich, Barrister C. | 45. Tarka, Chief J. S. |
| 36. Nwali, Dr Ofla | 46. Wachukwu, Dr Jaja |
| 37. Obi, Prince Onyecho | 47. Wali, Dr Obi |
| 38. Ojukwu, Mr S. M. | 48. Wariye, Dr. O. Ebere |
| 39. Okwu, Chief B. C. | 49. Waziri, Alhaji I. Jalo |
| 40. Pam, Mr John Wash | 50. Zuofa, Mr A. |
| 41. Rufai, Alhaji A. D. | 51. Zuru, Alhaji Hassan |

Tellers : Senator-elect Dr Jaja Wachukwu
 Senator-elect Mr Uba Ahmed

The following Senators-elect voted for Senator-elect Alhaji Sabo Barkin Zuwo as the Deputy President of the Senate :—

Senators who voted for Alhaji Sabo B. Zuwo as Deputy President of Senate (43)

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| 1. Akpata, Chief E. O. | 23. Olu, Mr J. O. |
| 2. Atake, Justice F. O. M. | 24. Abiru, Alhaji |
| 3. Iipo, Mr Neeke | 25. Ajayi, Mr Adeyiga |
| 4. Umola, Chief J. O. | 26. Ayantuga, Dr Femi |
| 5. Bama, Mr Umaru Lawan | 27. Durosini, Mr A. |
| 6. Kadi, Alhaji Idrisa | 28. Shinta-Bey, Alhaji S. A. |
| 7. Maagga, Mr Ja'afar | 29. Adesanya, Mr A. A. |
| 8. Sanda, Mr Bakar | 30. Ladega, Mr D. A. |
| 9. Ansa, Mr Joseph O. | 31. Odebiyi, Chief J. A. O. |
| 10. David, Mr George A. | 32. Oyero, Chief Kunle |
| 11. Gilama, Mr Gayus | 33. Sogbein, Chief S. |
| 12. Keji, Mr Bitrus B. | 34. Akintoye, Professor S. A. |
| 13. Waziri, Mr Mahmud | 35. Fasanmi, Mr Ayo |
| 14. Zing, Pastor Luke Zunya | 36. Ogunleye, Mr E. K. |
| 15. Efori, Alhaji Bello | 37. Oke, Professor D. O. |
| 16. Larau, Alhaji Ibrahim | 38. Onukun, Mr M. A. E. |
| 17. Danbatta, Alhaji Usman Alto | 39. Adegoke, Mr A. |
| 18. Gaya, Alhaji Adamu | 40. Adeoye, Dr C. I. |
| 19. Musa, Alhaji Hadi M. | 41. Adesina, Mr O. |
| 20. Zuhari, Alhaji Ahmed | 42. Adeleke, Chief Ayoola |
| 21. Zuwo, Alhaji Sabo B. | 43. Hori, Dr C. O. |
| 22. Adebayo, Mr C. O. | |

Tellers : Senator-elect Alhaji Usman Alto Danbatta
 Senator-elect Professor David O. Oke

The total number of Senators-elect who voted was 94 of which Senator-elect John Wash Pam received 51 votes and Senator-elect Alhaji Sabo Barkin Zuwo received 43 votes.

Senator-elect John Wash Pam having received 53 votes was declared by the Clerk-Designate to have been duly elected Deputy President of the Senate.

Whereupon, Deputy-President-elect Mr John Wash Pam was taken out of his place by Senator-elect Dr Jaja Wachukwu and Senator-elect Mr Uba Ahmed to the Table where the Clerk-Designate administered the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Membership on him and thereafter he resumed his seat.

5. The following Senators-elect then took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Membership State by State :—

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| Anah, Chief N. N. | Abogede, Mr Andrew |
| Ani, Mr I. N. | Ali, Colonel A. A. |
| Nwali, Dr Ofla | Chia, Mr Sueino |
| Obi, Prince Onyecho | Ebute, Mr A. |
| Okwu, Chief B. C. | Tarka, Chief J. S. |
| Ahmed, Mr Uba | Bama, Mr Umaru Lawan |
| Dimis, Alhaji Ibrahim | Kadi, Alhaji Idrisa |
| Rufai, Alhaji A. D. | Lawan, Alhaji G. |
| Saleh, Alhaji A. Yelwaji | Maagga, Mr Ja'afar |
| Waziri, Alhaji I. Jalo | Akan, Mr Victor |
| Akpata, Chief E. O. | Ansa, Mr Joseph O. |

Zing, Pastor Luka Zanya
 Anyanwa, Chief Tony
 Echeruo, Mr E. P.
 Emezic, Dr E.
 Ojukwu, Mr S. N. M.
 Waclofwa, Dr Jaja
 Ali, Alhaji Abba
 Bakori, Mr Bello
 Barau, Alhaji Ibrahim
 Daura, Alhaji Yusuf Aliu
 Madaki, Mr Jacob
 Danbatta, Alhaji Usman Alto
 Gaya, Alhaji Adamu
 Musu, Alhaji Hadi M.
 Zakari, Alhaji Ahmed
 Zuwo, Alhaji Saba B.
 Isa, Mr Obaro
 Adebayo, Mr C. O.
 Mohammed, Mr Gani Aliu
 Olu, Mr J. O.
 Serehi, Dr Sola
 Abiru, Alhaji
 Ajayi, Mr Adeyiga
 Ayanuga, Dr Femi
 Durosimi, Mr A.
 Shitta-Bey, Alhaji S. A.
 Dada, Colonel Garba
 Kolo, Alhaji Ibrahim
 Magaji, Alhaji Abubakar

Adesunju, Mr A. A.
 Ladega, Mr D. A.
 Odebiyi, Chief J. A. O.
 Oyero, Chief Kunle
 Segbein, Chief S.
 Alintoye, Professor S. A.
 Fasanni, Mr Ayo
 Ogunkye, Mr E. K.
 Oke, Professor D. O.
 Onukun, Mr M. A. E.
 Adegoke, Mr A.
 Adeoye, Dr C. L.
 Adesina, Mr O.
 Adeleke, Chief Ayoola
 Ijori, Dr C. O.
 Agwai, Mr Muhammadu Musa
 Hoonkwap, Mr George B.
 Yepwi, Mr Thomas
 Matta, Mr Garba
 Ellah, Mr F. J.
 Nunieh, Barrister C.
 Wali, Dr Obi
 Wariye, Dr Ebere-Wariye
 Zuefu, Mr A.
 Abdulkarim, Mr M. Muhtari
 Gada, Alhaji Garba
 Kware, Alhaji Garba
 Muza, Alhaji Haruna
 Zuru, Alhaji Hassan

6. Adjournment : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn—(*Senator Dr Solu Se'aki*) :—Debate arising :

Senator Chief J. A. O. Odebiyi rose in his place and claimed to move that the Question be now put. Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*, Question accordingly put and *agreed to*.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 3 p.m till 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Dr JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 10th October, 1979

1. The Senate met at 11.35 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Oaths,—Senator-elect Alhaji Bukar Sanda subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of membership.

3. Order Paper,—Mr President made an amendment on the Order Paper for Wednesday, 10th October, 1979 by substituting "N.P.N. Leader" for "Majority Leader".

4. Suspension of Standing Orders,—Motion made and Question proposed, That S.O. 19 and 20 be suspended to enable the Senate to proceed with Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2 on the Order Paper for Wednesday, 10th October, 1979. (*Alhaji Jalo Waziri*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That S.O. 19 and 20 be suspended to enable the Senate to proceed with the Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2 on the Order Paper for Wednesday, 10th October, 1979.

5. Message to the House of Representatives :

Motion made and Question proposed that a message be sent to the House of Representatives to inform that body that the Senate has been assembled and duly constituted and that Senator Dr Joseph Wayas from Ogoja Senatorial District of the Cross River State of Nigeria has been elected President of the Senate of the First National Assembly—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Representatives to inform that body that the Senate has been assembled and duly constituted and that Dr Joseph Wayas from Ogoja Senatorial District of the Cross River State of Nigeria has been elected President of the Senate of the First National Assembly.

6. Message to the President,—Motion made and Question proposed, That Clerk of the National Assembly should notify the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that the Senate has elected Dr Joseph Wayas from Ogoja Senatorial District of the Cross River State of Nigeria as the President of the Senate of the First National Assembly—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the National Assembly should notify the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that the Senate has elected Dr Joseph Wayas from Ogoja Senatorial District of the Cross River State of Nigeria as the President of the Senate of the First National Assembly.

7. Committee of Selection,—Motion made and Question proposed, That the President, the Deputy President, the N.P.N. Leader, the Leaders of U.P.N., N.P.P., G.N.P.P. and P.R.P. in the Senate and four other Senators be Members of the Committee of Selection—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Amendment proposed in line 2, to leave out the words "four other Senators" and substitute "Four Senators from the N.P.N., Three Senators from the U.P.N., Two Senators from the N.P.P., One Senator each from the G.N.P.P., and the P.R.P." instead thereof—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Question, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That Mr President, the Deputy President, the Leaders of the N.P.N., U.P.N., N.P.P., G.N.P.P., and P.R.P. in the Senate and four Senators from the N.P.N., three Senators from the U.P.N., two Senators from the N.P.P., and one Senator each from the G.N.P.P. and P.R.P. be Members of the Committee of Selection.

8. Recognition of Party Leaders : Motion made and Question proposed, That the following Senators be recognised as Senate Party Leaders :—

Dr Sola Saraki	..	..	..	..	Majority Leader
Chief J. A. O. Odebiyi	..	..	..	..	U.P.N. Leader
Dr Jaja Wachukwu	..	..	..	..	N.P.P. Leader
Alhaji Idrisa Kadi	..	..	..	..	G.N.P.P. Leader
Alhaji Ibrahim Barau	..	..	..	..	P.R.P. Leader

Motion, by leave of the Senate, withdrawn.

9. Message to the President.—Motion made and Question proposed, That a Message be sent to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to acquaint him that the Senate has been assembled and duly constituted and is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to acquaint him that the Senate has been assembled and duly constituted and is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

Adjournment, Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising :—

And it being after 1.15 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Dr JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 11th October, 1979

1. The Senate met at 10 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Committee of Selection :

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following Senators be Members of the Committee of Selection :—

Mr President, the Deputy President, the Leader of each of the following parties in the Senate—NPN, UPN, NPP, GNPP, and PRP.

The following Senators were also added to the Committee—Senator J. O. Ansa of the GNPP, Senator Hamisu Musa of the PRP, Senators Ameh Ebute, Alhaji Abba Ali, Alhaji Ibrahim Kolo and Mr A. Zuofa of the NPN, and Senator Chief Ayo Fasanmi, Senator Nosike Ikpo, Senator Dr C. L. Adeoye of the U.P.N. and Senator Dr Obi Wali, Senator Chief B. C. Okwu of the NPP.—(Dr Sola Saraki).

Question put and agree to.

Resolved, That the following Senators be Members of the Committee of Selection :—

Mr President, the Deputy President, the Leader of each of the following parties in the Senate—NPN, UPN, NPP, GNPP, and PRP.

It was further resolved that the following Senators be also added to the Committee—

Senator J. O. Ansa of the GNPP, Senator Hamisu Musa of the PRP, Senator Ameh Ebute, Senator Alhaji Abba Ali, Senator Alhaji Ibrahim Kolo and Senator A. Zuofa of the NPN, Senator Chief Ayo Fasanmi, Senator Nosike Ikpo and Senator Dr C. L. Adeoye of the UPN, Senator Dr Obi Wali and Senator Chief B. C. Okwu of the NPP.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following Senators be recognised as Senate Party Leaders :—

Senator Dr Sola Saraki	..	..	..	..	..	NPN
Senator Chief J. A. O. Odebiyi	..	..	..	..	..	UPN
Senator Dr Jaja Wachukwu	..	..	..	..	..	NPP
Senator Alhaji Idrisa Kadi	..	..	..	..	..	GNPP
Senator Alhaji Ibrahim Barau	..	..	..	..	..	PRP—(Dr Sola Saraki)

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That the following Senators be recognised as Senate Party Leaders :—

Senator Dr Sola Saraki	..	..	..	..	..	NPN
Senator Chief J. A. O. Odebiyi	..	..	..	..	..	UPN
Senator Dr Jaja Wachukwu	..	..	..	..	..	NPP
Senator Alhaji Idrisa Kadi	..	..	..	..	..	GNPP
Senator Alhaji Ibrahim Barau	..	..	..	..	..	PRP

4. Message from the Clerk-Designate of the National Assembly and Message from His Excellency, the President.

Dr Sola Saraki laid before the Senate a Message which was read as follows :

The Clerk of the National Assembly,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

11th October, 1979

Honourable Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

Dear Mr President,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from His Excellency the President received in my office at 12 o'clock this day and said to contain a message from His Excellency the President wherein he transmits congratulatory message to you on your election as the President of the Senate and at the same time requests that the Senate should confirm the number and remuneration of his Special Advisers.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

GIDADO IDRIS,
Clerk Designate to the National Assembly

The Clerk of the Senate then read the Message from the President as follows :



Cabinet Office,
Lagos.
Ref. No. 59495/S.1/4
11th October, 1979

Secretary to the Government of the Federation

Gidado Idris, Esq., O.O.N.
Clerk,
National Assembly,
Parliament Buildings,
Lagos.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE/APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADVISERS

I am directed to refer to your letter NA/MES/1/1 of 10th October, 1979, and to inform you that His Excellency the President extends his hearty congratulations to Senator Dr Joseph Wayas on his election as President of the Senate, and to Mr Edwin Ume Ezeoke on his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President has indicated that his congratulatory message be passed to the National Assembly and through it, to the individuals concerned.

2. The President wishes to establish the following Special Advisers offices for himself and the Vice-President on the remuneration indicated against them :

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1. Special Adviser to the President (National Security Affairs)	15,000 p.a.
2. Special Adviser to the President (Economic Affairs)	15,000 p.a.
3. Special Adviser to the President (Information)	15,000 p.a.
4. Special Adviser to the President (Political Affairs)	15,000 p.a.
5. Special Adviser to the President (Petroleum and Energy)	15,000 p.a.
6. Special Assistant to the President (State Liaison)	14,000 p.a.
7. Director of Budget and Special Adviser to the President (Budget Affairs) ..	15,000 p.a.
8. Special Adviser to the Vice-President (Political Affairs)	14,000 p.a.
9. Special Adviser to the Vice-President (Economic Affairs)	14,000 p.a.
10. Special Adviser to the Vice-President (Statutory Boards)	14,000 p.a.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the President's message be considered forthwith by the
nate—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Motion, by leave, *withdrawn* for consideration *tomorrow*.

5. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 10 a.m. *tomorrow*—(*Dr Sola
raki*).

Adjourned accordingly at ten minutes to five o'clock.

Dr JOSEPH WANAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOLUME AND NUMBERINGS

Volume 12th October, 1979

1. The Senate met at 11.00 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Report from Committee of Selection.—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Selection was presented by Mr Deputy President and laid on the Table.

3. Message (No. 2, 1979) from His Excellency the President.—Mr President of the Senate read a Congratulatory Message from His Excellency, the President as follows:—

State House,
Ribadu Road,
Lagos, Nigeria
11th October, 1979

Ref. No. 55/S.1/5

Dr Joseph Weyas,
President of the Senate,
Parliament Buildings,
Lagos

My Dear Joe,

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn from a letter No. NA/MESS/1/2 of 10th October, 1979 that both the Senate and the House of Representatives have been properly constituted to commence business. Please accept my hearty congratulations to you, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the Leaders of all the political parties and the honourable members of the National Assembly for your commendable achievement in that regard.

2. I very much look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday, 16th October, 1979.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) **ALDABI SHEHU SPAGARI,**
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces

By unanimous consent of the Senate, permission was granted to His Excellency, the President, to address the Senate on Tuesday, 16th October, 1979.

4. Mr President announced the Senate that he has received a congratulatory message from Honourable Renaude Lapointe, the speaker of the Canadian Senate, which was read to the Senate as follows:—

Canadian High Commission

Haut Commissariat du Canada

Lagos, October 9, 1979

Dear Mr Chief,

With your kind permission, I am writing to you for the President of the Senate from the Honourable Renaude Lapointe, speaker of the Canadian Senate, which is held in the highest esteem by following the tradition of the Senate of the United Kingdom. I would be pleased if you would forward the message which I have enclosed to you for the President of the Senate to receive.

"Dear Sir,

Warmest congratulations and best wishes on the opening of the Nigerian Senate.

BERNARD LE DENTU,
Speaker
The Senate, Ottawa"

Yours sincerely,

R. J. LYSZYNSKI,
Acting High Commissioner

Mr A. A. Odeh,
Clerk of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Lagos

5. Motion made and Question proposed, That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Speaker of the Canadian Senate, accompanied by a congratulatory message in view of the fact that the Canadian Senate also commenced its first session under the new government of Prime Minister Joe Clark—on the same date as our own Senate—(*Dr Sola Sanusi*).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved—That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Speaker of the Canadian Senate, accompanied by a congratulatory message in view of the fact that the Canadian Senate also commenced its first session under the new government of Prime Minister Joe Clark—on the same date as our own Senate—(Sen. Res. 3-79).

6. Message (No. 3-79) from His Excellency, the President :—Dr Sola Sanusi, NPN Senate Leader, read the following message from His Excellency, the President :



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS NIGERIA

Ref. No. 3-105/S.1/4

11th October, 1979

Gidado Idris Esq., O.O.N.,
Clerk,
National Assembly,
Parliament Buildings,
Lagos.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADVISERS

I am directed to refer to your letter NA/MS/107 of 10th October, 1979, and to inform you that His Excellency, the President tendered his hearty congratulations to Senator Dr Joseph Wanyonubi on his election as President of the Senate, and to Mr Edwin Uma Ezeoke on his election as speaker of the House of Representatives. The President has indicated that his congratulatory message be passed to the National Assembly and through it, to the individuals concerned.

2. I am to say further that the President wishes to appoint the following Special Advisers to advise him in the discharge of his executive functions. The Special Advisers will be remunerated as indicated against their respective designations below :—

4. 1 Special Adviser (Statutory Boards)	14,000 p.a.
5. 1 Special Adviser (Information)	15,000 p.a.
6. 1 Special Adviser (Economic Affairs)	15,000 p.a.
7. 1 Special Adviser (Economic Affairs)	14,000 p.a.
8. 1 Special Adviser (Political Affairs)	15,000 p.a.
9. 1 Special Adviser (Political Affairs)	14,000 p.a.
10. 1 Special Adviser (National Assembly Liaison)	15,000 p.a.

3. I am to state that each Adviser listed in paragraph 2 above will be entitled to Entertainment Allowance at the rate of N1,200 per annum and in addition will receive the following fringe benefits :—

- (i) Rent free Government quarters ;
- (ii) Free electricity and water supply ;
- (iii) 1 Gardener ;
- (iv) 1 Nightwatchman ;
- (v) 1 Cook/Steward.

4. In accordance with Section 139 of the Constitution, it will be appreciated if you would take the necessary action for obtaining the National Assembly's resolution on the matter.

S. A. Musa,
*Secretary to the Government of the
Federation*

7. Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate approves the number of Special Advisers as recommended by His Excellency, the President in his letter No. 50495/S.1/4 of 11th October, 1979, and directs that the remuneration and allowances of the Special Advisers be referred to a Special Committee.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved,—That the Senate approves the number of Special Advisers as recommended by His Excellency, the President in his letter No. 50495/S.1/4 of 11th October, 1979 and directs that the remuneration and allowances of the Special Advisers be referred to a Special Committee—(Sen. Res. 4-79).

8. Adjournment,—Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising :—

And it being 12.22 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Senate stood adjourned till Monday at 10 a.m.

Dr JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

Mr V. Akan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Chief E. I. O. Akpata	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Alhaji S. A. Shitta-Bey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Mr C. O. Adebayo	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Mr George B. Hoomkwap	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Alhaji Umaru Lawan Bama	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Alhaji Usman Alto Danbatai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member

7. *Ordered*,—That the Senate House Committee should meet with a like Committee appointed by the House of Representatives as soon as possible. The Quorum of the joint Committee is 8. (Sen. J.R. 2-79).

8. *Resolved*,—That the following Standing Committees be established by the Senate :—

Agriculture and Natural Resources
 Appropriation and Finance
 Defence
 Foreign Relations
 Trade and Industries
 Petroleum and Energy
 Labour and Internal Affairs
 Federal Capital Territory
 Transport and Aviation
 Housing, Urban Development and Local Government
 Communications
 Education, Science and Technology
 Public Works
 Judiciary and Public Service
 Health and Social Welfare
 Banking and Currency
 Water and Mineral Resources.

9. *Adjournment*,—*Resolved*,—That the Senate do now adjourn till 9.45 a.m. tomorrow.—(Dr Sola Saraki).

Adjourned accordingly at ten minutes to five o'clock.

Dr JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 16th October, 1979

1. The Senate met at 9.45 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. ~~Joint Sitting of the two Houses of the National Assembly.~~—Mr President acquainted the Senate that His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation would be obliged to be granted the privilege of addressing a joint session of the two Houses of the National Assembly in the National Hall, *this day* at 10.30 a.m.

3. Members of the Senate went to the National Hall led in procession by Mr President and having returned at 11.30 a.m. proceeded to business ordered for the day.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*,—That the Senate do now adjourn.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Adjourned accordingly at thirty-five minutes past twelve o'clock.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17th October, 1979

1. The Senate met at 11 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Public Accounts**—copy *presented*—of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee 1979 Session together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence ; to lie upon the Table—*(Deputy President)*.

3. **Message (No. 4-79) from His Excellency, The President**—Nomination of Ministers : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, the Senate is hereby requested to confirm the nomination by His Excellency, the President, of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federation :

MINISTERS WITH CABINET RANK

1. Bauchi	..	..	..	..	..	M. Mohammed Ibrahim Hassan
2. Borno	..	..	..	..	..	M. Adamu Ciroma
3. Benue	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Isaac Shaahu Mr Paul Unongo
4. Gongola	..	..	..	..	..	Professor Iya Abubakar
5. Kaduna	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Umaru Dikko Professor Ishaya Audu
6. Kano ..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Bello Maitama Yusuf
7. Kwara	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Akanbi Oniyangi
8. Niger ..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ndagi Mamudu
9. Ogun ..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Adenike Egun Oyagbola
10. Ondo ..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Samuel Adebisi Ogedengbe
11. Oyo ..	..	..	..	..	..	Chief Richard O. Akinjide
12. Plateau	..	..	..	..	..	Mr John Jatau Kadiya Mr George Baba Hoomkwap
13. Rivers..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Victor Masi
14. Sokoto	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau.
15. Anambra	..	..	..	..	..	Mr D. C. Ugwu Mr Chimezie Ikeazor
16. Cross River	..	..	..	..	..	Professor Sunday Mathew Essang
17. Bendel	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Israel Amadi Emina
18. Imo ..	..	..	..	..	..	Dr Sylvester Ugoh Dr I. I. Maduiké
19. Lagos	..	..	..	..	..	Dr Wahab Olaseinde Dosunmu

MINISTERS WITH NON CABINET RANK

1. Bauchi	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ahmed Musa
2. Bendel	..	..	..	..	..	Chief P. Bolokor
3. Borno	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Asheikh Jarma
4. Gongola	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ali Baba
5. Kaduna	..	..	..	..	..	M. Iro Abubakar Dan-Musa
6. Kano ..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Bilyamin Usman

MINISTERS WITH NON CABINET RANK—*continued*

7. Lagos	Mr Ademola Thomas
8. Ogun	Chief Olu Awotesu
9. Oyo	Chief Mrs J. Akinrinade
10. Solato	Alhaji Ahmadu Nahuce
11. Cross River	Chief E. Okoi-Obuli
12. Kwara	Mallam Mamman Ali Makele
13. Ondo	Mr Chadius Agboola Bamgboye
14. Rivers	Dr Jakici Igbani.—(Dr Sola Saraki).

Debate adjung ;

And it being 5.15 p.m. the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *tomorrow*.

4. *Adjournment*.—*Resolved*.—That the Senate do now adjourn.—(Dr Sola Saraki).

adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 18th October, 1979

The Senate met at 12.20 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Business of the Senate** :—*Ordered*,—That this day's sitting shall be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 4 (sittings of the Senate).—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

3. **The Federal Republic of Nigeria National Policy on Education**,—*Copy presented*,—of Government views on the Implementation Committee's Blueprint on "The Federal Republic of Nigeria National Policy on Education" ; to lie upon the Table.

4. Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (17th October, 1979),—That in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Senate is hereby requested to confirm the nomination, by His Excellency the President, of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federation :

MINISTERS WITH CABINET RANK

1. Bauchi	..	..	..	..	..	..	M. Mohammed Ibrahim Hassan
2. Borno	..	..	..	..	..	..	M. Adamu Ciroma
3. Benue	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Isaac Shaahu Mr Paul Unongo
4. Gongola	..	..	..	..	..	..	Professor Iya Abubakar
5. Kaduna	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Umaru Dikko Professor Ishaya Audu
6. Kano	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Bello Maitama Yusuf
7. Kwara	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Akanbi Oniyangi
8. Niger	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ndagi Mamudu
9. Ogun	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Adenike Egun Oyagbola
10. Ondo	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Samuel Adebisi Ogedengbe
11. Oyo	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chief Richard O. Akinjide
12. Plateau	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr John Jatau Kadiya Mr George Baba Hoomkwap
13. Rivers	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Victor Masi
14. Sokoto	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau.
15. Anambra	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr D. C. Ugwu Mr Chimezie Ikeazor
16. Cross River	..	..	..	..	..	..	Professor Sunday Mathew Essang
17. Bendel	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Israel Amadi Emina
18. Imo	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dr Sylvester Ugho Dr I. I. Maduiké
19. Lagos	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dr Wahab Olaseinde Dosunmu

MINISTERS WITH NON CABINET RANK

1. Bauchi	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ahmed Musa
2. Bendel	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chief P. Bolokor
3. Borno	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Asheikh Jarma
4. Gongola	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Ali Baba
5. Kaduna	..	..	..	..	..	..	M. Iro Abubakar Dan-Musa
6. Kano	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Bilyamin Usman

MINISTERS WITH NON CABINET RANK—*continued*

7. Lagos	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Ademola Thomas
8. Ogun	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chief Olu Awotesu
9. Oyo	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chief Mrs J. Akinrinade
10. Sokoto	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alhaji Abmudu Nabuce
11. Cross River	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chief E. Okoi-Obuli
12. Kwara	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mallam Mamman Ali Makele
13. Ondo	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr Cladius Agboola Bamgboye
14. Rivers	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dr Jakiri Igbani.

Question again proposed,—Debate resumed :—

5. Motion made and Question proposed ; That the Senate do resolve into Committee of the whole for the purpose of examining the credentials of the proposed Ministers whose nomination has been received.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

6. *Resolved*,—That the Senate do resolve into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of examining the credentials of the proposed Ministers whose nomination has been received by the Senate.

7. The Committee deliberated.

Whereupon Motion made and Question, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*) put and *agreed to*.

Committee report progress ; to sit again *tomorrow*.

8. *Adjournment*,—*Resolved*,—That Senate do now adjourn.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Adjourned accordingly at twenty minutes to eight o'clock.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 19th October, 1979

1. The Senate met at 10.20 a.m. Mr. President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Business of the Senate** :— Ordered—That this day's sitting shall be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate).—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Reports from the House Committee.—A copy each of the two reports from the House Committee was presented by Chief N. N. Anah and laid on the Table.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate doth agree with the House Committee in the said reports.—(*Chief N. N. Anah*).

Question, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That the Senate doth agree with the House Committee in the said reports.

3. **National Science and Technology Bill**,—Bill entitled "The National Science and Technology Act, 1979" presented by Senator Dr Sola Saraki and read the first time ; to be read a second time *now*.

Bill read a second time and *committed* to a Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1-4 *agreed to*.

Schedules 1 and 2 *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported, without amendment ; read the third time and *passed*.

4. **Adjournment** :— *Resolved*, That the Senate at its rising this day do adjourn till 12th November, 1979 at 10 a.m.

5. **Joint Committee** :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in accordance with Section 47 of the Constitution (Staff of the National Assembly), a Joint Committee to be known as National Assembly Service Committee be set up to propose the Bill for an Act to establish the National Assembly Service Commission which will deal with the method of appointment of the Clerk and other staff of the National Assembly as well as remuneration and conditions of service of all such staff. The Committee shall be composed of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Deputy President of the Senate, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the 5 Party Leaders of the Senate and the 5 Party Leaders of the House of Representatives.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*) :—

Debate Arising ;

Professor Akintoye rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 47 of the Constitution (Staff of the National Assembly) a Joint Committee to be known as the National Assembly Service Committee be set up to propose a Bill for an Act to establish the National Assembly Service Commission which will deal with the method of appointment of the Clerk and other staff of the National Assembly as well as remuneration and conditions of service of all such staff. The Committee shall be composed of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Deputy President of the Senate, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the 5 Party Leaders of the Senate and the 5 Party Leaders of the House of Representatives.—(S.J. Res. 2-79)

6. **Emolument of the Senators** :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Joint Select Committee on Remuneration of the President and other functionaries of the Executive and Judiciary be empowered to propose salaries and other fringe benefits of the functionaries of the National Assembly along with those of the other functionaries listed in Section 78 of the Constitution.

Amendment made, in line 3, between the words "the" and "other" insert "Members and"

Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Joint Select Committee on Remuneration of the President and other functionaries of the Executives and Judiciary be empowered to propose salaries and other fringe benefits of the functionaries of the National Assembly along with those of the Members and other functionaries listed in Section 73 of the Constitution. (S.J. Res. 3-79)

7. Study Tour of U.S. Congress and Canadian Parliament:— Motion made, and Question proposed, That the President, the Deputy President and the Leaders of the 5 political parties in the Senate accompanied by the Clerk and a Secretary be permitted to travel to the United State Congress and Canadian Parliament for a period of 2 weeks during the adjournment of the Senate and that 2 N.P.N., 1 U.P.N., 1 N.P.P., 1 G.N.P.P., and 1 P.A.P. Senators be also included in the group.—(*Dr Sala Saraki*).

Question put and *negatived*.

8. Confirmation of Nominations.—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (17th October, 1977), That in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Senate is hereby requested to confirm the nomination by His Excellency the President, of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federation :

MINISTERS WITH CABINET RANK

1. Bauchi	M. Mohammed Ibrahim Hassan
2. Borno	M. Adamu Ciroma
3. Benue	Mr Isaac Shaahu Mr Paul Unongo
4. Gongola	Professor Iya Abubakar
5. Kaduna	Alhaji Umaru Dikko Professor Ishaya Audu
6. Kano	Alhaji Bello Maitama Yusuf
7. Kwara	Alhaji Akaribi Oniyangi
8. Niger	Alhaji Ndagi Memudu
9. Ogun	Mrs Adenike Ebun Oyagbola
10. Ondo	Mr Samuel Adobisi Ogedengbe
11. Oyo	Chief Richard O. Akinjide
12. Plateau	Mr John Jetau Kadiya Mr George Baba Hoomkwap
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16. Cross River	Professor Sunday Mathew Essang
17. Bendel	Mr Israel Amadi Emuna
18. Imo	Dr Sylvester Ugoh Dr I. I. Maduika
19. Lagos	Dr Wahab Olasinde Dosunmu

MINISTERS WITH NON-CABINET RANK

1. Bauchi	Alhaji Ahmed Musa
2. Bendel	Chief P. Bolokor
3. Borno	Alhaji Ashokh Jarma
4. Gongola	Alhaji Ali Baba
5. Kaduna	M. Iro Abubakar Dan-Musa
6. Kano	Alhaji Bilyamin Usman
7. Lagos	Mr Ademola Thomas
8. Ogun	Chief Olu Awotesu
9. Oyo	Chief Mrs J. Akiarinade
10. Sokoto	Alhaji Abundio Nahucc
11. Cross River	Chief E. Chidi Guse

Question again proposed,—Debate resumed :—

Resolved, That the Senate do resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of examining the credentials of the proposed Ministers whose nomination has been received. (S. Res. 14-79)

(In the Committee.)

The Committee deliberated.

Whereupon Motion made and Question, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Dr. Sola Sorohi*) put and *agreed to*.

Committee report progress ; to sit again *after recess*.

9. *Adjournment*,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn.—(*Dr. Sola Sorohi*) :—Debate arising :—

And it being 11 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 11 p.m. pursuant to the Resolution of the Senate *this day*.

DR. JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 12th November, 1979

The Senate met at 10.50 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Messages : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from the President of the Great National Assembly of Romania, Bucharest, which he read to the Senate as follows :

"On behalf of the Bureau of Brand National Assembly and my own behalf I convey to you sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your election as the President of the Senate. It is my hope that contacts and exchanges of visit would soon be established between our two Parliaments".

Prof. DR NICHOLAE GLOSAN

Resolved,—That a letter of appreciation be sent to the President and the Senate of the Great National Assembly of Romania for the kind and friendly message sent to this honourable Senate.

3. Sittings of the Senate : Motion made and Question proposed, That this day the sitting shall be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order (4) (Sittings of the Senate).—(*Senator Uba Ahmed*).
Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That *this day* the sitting shall be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order (4) (Sittings of the Senate).

4. Joint House Committee Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate House Committee should meet with a like Committee of the House of Representatives to deliberate on matters affecting the welfare of the Members of both Houses of the National Assembly and to make recommendations.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Professor David Oke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

The Senate having adopted the report of the Senate House Committee laid on the Table on 19th October, 1979 *resolved*, as follows :—

That the Senate resolves and calls on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to provide immediately accommodation as stated in the Minutes of the Senate House Committee which was adopted in the resolution of the Senate on the 19th day of October, 1979.

5. President's Speech to the Joint Session of the National Assembly: Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate do resolve into Committee of the whole Senate for the purpose of debating the President's Address to the joint session of the National Assembly delivered on the 16th October, 1979.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Motion, by leave, *withdrawn*

6. Adjournment,—Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourned till 10 a.m. tommorrow.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).

Amendment made by *deleting* 10 a.m. and *substituting* 3 p.m. instead thereof.—(*Dr Jaja Wachuku*).

Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 1.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Friday, 19th October, 1979, on page 27, line 5, after the word "deliberated" *add* "and reached the following decision" :

The Senate after considering the list of persons nominated as Ministers by His Excellency the President decided that returns should be made as follows :—

<i>Name</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Mr Mohammed Ibrahim Hassan ..	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
2. M. Adanu Ciroma	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
3. Mr Isaac Shaahu	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
4. Prof. Iya Abubakar	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
5. Alhaji Bello Maitama Yusuf ..	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
6. Alhaji Akaabi Oniyaaqi	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
7. Alhaji Ndegi Mamudu	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
8. Mr John Jatau Kadiya	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
9. Mr Victor Masi	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
10. Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
11. Mr D. C. Ugwu	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
12. Dr Sylvester Ugo	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
13. Dr Wahab Olareinde Dosunmu ..	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
14. Alhaji Almond Musa	Non-Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
15. Chief P. Babbor	Non-Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
16. Alhaji Ashellh Jarma	Non-Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
17. Alhaji Ali Baba	Non-Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
18. Alhaji Bilyamin Usman	Non-Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
19. Chief Olu Awotusu	Non-Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
20. Alhaji Ahmadu Nahuce	Non-Cabinet Rank	Confirmed
21. Alhaji Umaru Dikko	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
22. Prof. Ishaya Audu	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
23. Mrs Adenike Ebon Oyagbola ..	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
24. Mr Samuel Adebisi Ogedengbe ..	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
25. Prof. Sunday Mathew Essang ..	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
26. Mr Israel Amadi Emina	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
27. Dr I. I. Madu	Minister with Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
28. M. Iro Abubakar Dan-Musa ..	Non-Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
29. Mr Ademola Thomas	Non-Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
30. Chief Mrs J. Akinrinade	Non-Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
31. Chief E. Osoi-Obuli	Non-Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
32. Mallam Mamman Ali Makele ..	Non-Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
33. Mr Claudious Agboola Bangboye ..	Non-Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
34. Dr Jakiri Igbani	Non-Cabinet Rank	Not confirmed
35. Mr Paul Unongo	Cabinet Rank	Rejected
36. Chief Richard Akinjide	Cabinet Rank	Rejected
37. Mr Chizezie Ikcazor	Cabinet Rank	Rejected
38. Mr George Baba Hoomkwap ..	Cabinet Rank	Declined the nomination

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.30 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Reports :** The report from the Business and Rules Committee which dealt with the sessions of the Senate and other matters was laid on the Table by Senator Alhaji Jalo Waziri.
3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the said report.—(*Alhaji Jalo Waziri*).
Debate arising ;
It was *resolved*, That the report be referred to the Business and Rules Committee for further consideration. In reconsidering the report, the Committee should take account of the views expressed by Senators on the report.
4. **Report from the Committee of Selection :** The N.P.N. Leader, Dr Sola Saraki, presented a report from the Committee of Selection which was laid on the Table. Report to be considered *Tomorrow*.
5. **President's Speech to the Joint Session of the National Assembly:** The Motion was *withdrawn* by leave of the Senate.
6. **Adjournment,—Resolved**, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Dr Sola Saraki*).
7. And it being after 6 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.20 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. Auditor-General's Report—copy *presented*—of the Annual Report of the Auditor-General of the Federation on the Accounts of the Government of the Federation of Nigeria for the year ended 31st March, 1978 ; to lie upon the Table and to be *printed*.—(Sen J. S. Tarka).
3. Report from the Senate Committee of Selection : The following report from the Senate Committee of Selection was considered and adopted with *amendments* :

COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRIES

1. Senator D. O. Dafinone
2. Senator Abba Ali
3. Senator I. Obaro
4. Senator Muhtari Abdu-Karim
5. Senator Usman Alto Danbatta
6. Senator J. O. Ansa
7. Senator Onyabo Obi
8. Senator S. M. Ojukwu
9. Senator Adc Ladega
10. Senator E. K. Ogunleye
11. Senator Lere Adesina.

COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM AND ENERGY

1. Senator Obi Wali
2. Senator Tony Anyanwu
3. Senator Umara Lawan Bama
4. Senator A. A. Ali
5. Senator Abdullahi Muazu Marafa
6. Senator D. D. Etiebet
7. Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo
8. Senator Lere Adesina
9. Senator M. A. O. Abiru
10. Senator S. A. Akintoye
11. Senator O. Eberewariye.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. Senator I. Audu
2. Senator Thomas Yepwi
3. Senator Cyrus Nunieh
4. Senator Hamisu Musa
5. Senator Jaja Wachukwu
6. Senator G. Hoomkwap
7. Senator B. B. Kajal
8. Senator Ameh Ebute
9. Senator S. A. Akintoye
10. Senator Sikiru Shitta-Bey
11. Senator Femi Ayantuga.

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. Senator Onyabo Obi
2. Senator F. J. Ellah
3. Senator J. O. Ansa
4. Senator Kunle Oyero
5. Senator Ayoola Adelcke
6. Senator Olabode Olu
7. Senator G. M. Dada
8. Senator A. Abogede
9. Senator Garba Gada
10. Senator I. Dimis
11. Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL CAPITAL

1. Senator S. M. Ojukwu
2. Senator Garba Matta
3. Senator S. O. Sogbein
4. Senator A. D. Rufai
5. Senator A. Abogede
6. Senator Ali Abubakar Magaji
7. Senator Thomas Yepwi
8. Senator A. Ahmed Zakari
9. Senator Jaafaru Mangga
10. Senator C. L. Adeoye
11. Senator Gayus Gilama.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. Senator E. E. Emezic
2. Senator I. N. Ani
3. Senator O. Eberewariye
4. Senator S. Chia
5. Senator A. M. Gani
6. Senator Alli Garba Kware
7. Senator Adamu Gaya
8. Senator Umara Lawan Bama
9. Senator M. A. E. Onunkun
10. Senator Adeyiga Ajayi
11. Senator Luka Zanya Zing

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND AVIATION

1. Senator Mahmud Waziri
2. Senator M. Uba Ahmed
3. Senator Yusufu A. Daura
4. Senator Garba Kware
5. Senator Ademola Adegoke
6. Senator E. K. Ogunleye
7. Senator Femi Ayantuga
8. Senator Jaja Wachukwu
9. Senator Garba Matta
10. Senator Hassan Iya Zuru
11. Senator Hannisu Musa.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. Senator Oke Nwali
2. Senator H. J. Ellah
3. Senator Ademola Adegoke
4. Senator M. P. Onunkun
5. Senator M. A. O. Abiru
6. Senator Jafaru Mangga
7. Senator Yokeji Saleh
8. Senator S. Oba
9. Senator V. Man
10. Senator Jibrin Salihu
11. Senator Hannisu Musa.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Senator David O. Oke
2. Senator C. Tunji Adebayo
3. Senator S. O. Segbein
4. Senator Ibrahim Dimis
5. Senator Victor Akan
6. Senator A. M. Gani
7. Senator Mehtari Abdulkarim
8. Senator Usman Alto Danbatta
9. Senator Idhica Kadi
10. Senator I. N. Ani
11. Senator E. P. Echeruo.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

1. Senator Garba Matta
2. Senator B. C. Okwu
3. Senator Abba Ali
4. Senator Abdullahi Muazu Marafa
5. Senator Hassan Zuru
6. Senator A. Zuofa

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Senator Ayo Fasanni
2. Senator C. L. Adeyeye
3. Senator Ayoola Adedele
4. Senator E. E. Emezic
5. Senator Gfina Nwali
6. Senator G. A. Daniel
7. Senator Ibrahim Dimis
8. Senator J. K. Malahi
9. Senator I. Kolo
10. Senator Haruna Maza
11. Senator Ahmed Zakari.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Senator Y. Saleh
2. Senator Angh Ebuwe
3. Senator I. Kolo
4. Senator Haruna Maza
5. Senator A. I. Barau
6. Senator N. N. Anah
7. Senator F. J. Ellah
8. Senator G. A. Daniel
9. Senator F. O. M. Atake
10. Senator Kunle Oyero
11. Senator Sikiru Shitta-Bey.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY

1. Senator Onyicabo Odi
2. Senator E. E. Emezic
3. Senator J. O. Umola
4. Senator A. A. Dursoinmi
5. Senator Nosike Ilpo
6. Senator Jalo Waziri
7. Senator A. A. Ali
8. Senator Abubakar Magaji
9. Senator Cyrus Nunich
10. Senator A. I. Barau
11. Senator Mahmud Waziri.

COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

1. Senator Jafaru Mangga
2. Senator E. I. O. Alzata
3. Senator J. A. O. Odibiyi
4. Senator David O. Oke
5. Senator G. Hoomkwap
6. Senator Tony Anvanwu

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FINANCE

1. Senator Mahmud Waziri
2. Senator Odi Wali
3. Senator E. C. Okwu
4. Senator J. A. O. Odubiyi
5. Senator A. A. Durashimi
6. Senator Nestle Ikpo
7. Senator J. S. Tarka
8. Senator Yusufu Ali Daura
9. Senator A. Oloro
10. Senator A. Zuofa
11. Senator Usman Abio Dabatta.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Senator H. I. O. Akpata
2. Senator C. O. Hori
3. Senator Adeyiga Ajayi
4. Senator G. A. David
5. Senator E. P. Echeruo

6. Senator N. N. Anich
7. Senator Musa Muhammadu Agwei
8. Senator Jibrin Salihu
9. Senator Yehorji Saleh
10. Senator Garba Gada
11. Senator Adama Gaya.

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND MINERAL RESOURCES

1. Senator E. P. Echeruo
2. Senator Odi Wali
3. Senator Jibrin Salihu
4. Senator I. A. Odi
5. Senator M. I. Agwai
6. Senator M. G. Javan
7. Senator A. I. Harau
8. Senator Babat Sanda
9. Senator C. O. Hori
10. Senator Okeke Olu
11. Senator Luke Zanya Zing.

4. Report from the Rules and Business Committee: The Chairman of the Rules and Business Committee introduced amendments to paragraph 2 of the report of the Committee which was laid on the Table on 13th November, 1979.

Debate ending;

By leave of the Senate the report was *withdrawing*.

5. *Adjournment*.—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 10 am. Tomorrow.—(Dr. Solaki).

6. *Adjourned accordingly at 6.30 p.m.*

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 11.35 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Sittings of the Senate**,—*Ordered*, That this day, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) the Senate shall sit till 3 p.m. and then adjourn.—(*Alhaji Jalo Waziri*).
3. **Message from the President of the Bundesrat (Federal Council) of the Federal Republic of Germany :**

Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from the President of the Bundesrat (Federal Council) of the Federal Republic of Germany which was read to the Senate as follows :

“Excellency,

Please accept my good wishes on the occasion of your election as President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. You have taken over an office of great importance for the future development of the Second Republic of Nigeria. I should like to wish you and the members of the Senate good luck in accomplishing your task for the benefit of Nigeria and in the interest of a continuous good and fruitful development of the German—Nigerian relations.

Yours sincerely,

Dietrich Stobbe,

President of the Bundesrat (Federal Council) of the Federal Republic of Germany.”

4. *Resolved*,—That a letter of appreciation be sent to the President of the Bundesrat (Federal Council) of the Federal Republic of Germany for his kind and friendly message sent to this honourable Senate.

5. **Report from the Joint Committee on Remuneration :** The following report from the Joint Committee on Remuneration was presented by Senator Jalo Waziri :

REPORT FROM THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REMUNERATIONS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Joint Special Committee on remunerations, which you appointed before you rose on recess, met in the Senate Committee Room on Saturday, 10th November, 1979 with Senator Alhaji Ibrahim Jalo Waziri in the Chair.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to recommend remunerations for state functionaries throughout the country. The suggested remunerations by the Federal Government was considered. After much deliberations the Committee which assumed these as political posts made the following recommendations :

FEDERAL											Per Annum
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President	48,000
Vice President	30,000
President of the Senate	25,000
Speaker	20,000
Ministers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,000
Secretary to the Government	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,000
Special Advisers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,000
Head of Service	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,000
Deputy President of Senate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,000
Deputy Speaker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,000
Ministers Without Cabinet Rank	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,000
Senators	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,000
Members of the House of Representatives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,500
Chief Personnel Staff to the President	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	G.L. 17

12,966-14,268

Head Personnel Staff to the Vice President	G.L. 16
	11,568-12,720
Leader of the Senate	18,000
Leader of the House of Representatives	16,000
Senate Committee Chairman	17,000
Party Leaders of the Senate	17,000
Committee Chairman, House of Representatives	15,500
Party Leaders, House of Representatives	15,500

The Committee further recommended that the National Assembly should call for more details from the Government on the nature of the job to be performed by the Special Assistant to the President and Special Assistant to the Vice President before recommending any remuneration for the two posts.

It was further recommended that the effective dates of payment to Members of the National Assembly should be a day after the date of their elections. On the question of consideration for the Salaries of other functionaries referred to the Committee which have not been considered, the Committee recommended that consideration be deferred until recommendation is received from the Executive.

Following the inquiries received on remunerations from the State governments, and in order to have uniformity, the Committee recommended the following remunerations for the State functionaries :

STATES

	Per Annum
	N
Governors	24,000
Deputy Governors	17,000
Speaker, House of Assembly	16,000
Commissioners	15,000
Deputy Speaker	13,000
Special Advisers	13,000
Members of the House of Assembly	12,000
Leader of the House/Majority Leader	13,500
Party Leaders	13,000
Committee Chairmen	13,000
Secretary to the Government	15,000
Head of Service	14,500

Adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

IBRAHIM JALO WAZIRI,
Chairman

Amendment made, That the Committee should also look into the whole question of allowances for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives. Whereupon the Senate proceeded to consider the report paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1-3 *agreed to.*

Paragraph 4, Question proposed, That paragraph 4 stand part of the report. The Senate divided : Ayes 63, Noes 13, Abstentions 7.

Paragraph 4 *agreed to*

Paragraph 5 *agreed to*

Paragraph 6 *negatived*

DIVISION LISTS

AYES—63

Senator Abdulkarim, Muhtari

Senator Abiru, Mubashir Akanbi Olatunji

Senator Abogede, Andrew

Senator Obaro, Isa

Senator Akan, Victor

Senator Akpata, E. I. O.

Senator Ali, Abba

Senator Ali, A. A.

Senator Audu, Iliya, Galiya
 Senator Bakori, Bello
 Senator Dada, Garba Musa
 Senator Danbatta, Alhaji Usman Alto
 Senator Daniel, George A.
 Senator Daura, Yusuf Aliyu
 Senator Dimis, Ibrahim
 Senator Durosimi, A. A.
 Senator Ebute, A.
 Senator Echeruo, E. P.
 Senator Emezie, E. E.
 Senator Etiebet, D. D.
 Senator Gada, Garba
 Senator Gaya, Adamu
 Senator Gilama, Gayus
 Senator Ikpo, Nosike
 Senator Ilori, C. O.
 Senator Kadi, Idrisa
 Senator Kajal, Bitrus B.
 Senator Kolo, Ibrahim
 Senator Kware, Garba
 Senator Lawan, M. G.
 Senator Madaki, Jacob Kure
 Senator Magaji, Abubakar
 Senator Matta, Garba
 Senator Gani, Aliyu Mohammed
 Senator Mu'azu, A.
 Senator Musa, Hamisu
 Senator Nunieh, C. N.
 Senator Nwali, Offia
 Senator Ogunleye, E. K.
 Senator Ojukwu, S. M.
 Senator Okwu, B. C.
 Senator Onunkun, M. A. E.
 Senator Pam, John Wash
 Senator Rufai, A. D.
 Senator Salihu, Jibrin
 Senator Sanda Bukar
 Senator Saraki, Abubakar Sola
 Senator Tarka, J. S.

Senator Umolu, J. O.
 Senator Wachukwu, Jaja A.
 Senator Wali, Obi
 Senator Waziri, I. Jalo
 Senator Yepwi, Thomas
 Senator Zakari, Ahmed
 Senator Zuofa, A.
 Senator Zuru, Hassan
 Senator Zuwo, Sabo B.

Tellers : Senator A. Zuofa
 Senator J. K. Madaki.

NOES

Senator Adegoke, A.
 Senator Adeoye, C. L.
 Senator Adesanya, A. A.
 Senator Ajayi, Adeyiga Omopenu
 Senator Akintoye, S. A.
 Senator Ayantuga, Femi
 Senator Bama, Umaru Lawan
 Senator Fasanmi, Ayo
 Senator Hoomkwap, George B.
 Senator Odebiyi, J. A. O.
 Senator Oke, D. O.
 Senator Sogbein, S. O.
 Senator Waziri, Mahmud
Tellers : Senator David O. Oke

Senator Ayo Fasanmi

ABSTENTIONS

Senator Atake, F. O. M.
 Senator Adeleke, A.
 Senator Sucmo-Chia
 Senator Ellah, F. J.
 Senator Mangga, Ja'afar
 Senator Obi, Onyeabo
 Senator Luka Zanya Zing

The Committee's report, as amended, *agreed to*.

6. The London Conference on Zimbabwe :

Motion made and Question proposed, That in view of the current negotiations going on in London for the independence of Zimbabwe and the commitment of Nigeria to majority rule in that country this House :

- (i) expresses great concern over the delay by the British Government in reaching agreement with the Patriotic Front on the transitional arrangements towards formal independence for Zimbabwe ;
- (ii) urges the Federal Government of Nigeria to render every possible assistance to all the parties participating in the London talks to ensure speedy progress towards majority rule in that country ; and
- (iii) declares its total support for the Patriotic Front in its just struggle for the independence of their country.—(*Sen. Victor Akan*).

Amendment proposed, at the end, *add* paragraph (iv) as follows :

"That this humble Senate calls on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to send a high powered delegation to London to convey the strong feelings and stand of this great country to the current negotiators in London on this all important issue".—(*Sen. Aneh Ebute*).

And it being 4 p.m. the debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

7. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*,—That the Senate do now adjourn till 9. a.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

8. *Adjourned accordingly at 4.20 p.m.*

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 16th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 9.10 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Amendment on the Votes and Proceedings** : *Ordered*, That the Report of the Joint Committee on Remuneration as published in the *Votes and Proceedings* of 15th November, 1979, be expunged and substituted with the report adopted by the Senate on the subject.

3. **Message from the House of Representatives on the Report of the Joint Committee on Remuneration** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a report from the House of Representatives which reads as follows :

REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS

I am directed to request that the following decision taken during the meeting of the House of Representatives this morning on the Report of the Joint Committee on Remunerations be brought, through the President of the Senate, to the attention of Honourable Senators :—

2. On the Motion for the adoption of the Report on Remunerations, which is as follows :—

“That this House considers the Report of the Joint Committee on Remunerations and adopts the recommendations contained therein”, an amendment was proposed as follows :

“That in view of the fact that both the Senate and the House of Representatives constitute the National Assembly ; in view of the fact that both Houses perform similar functions ; in view of the fact that no one House can constitutionally and otherwise claim superiority over the other—

(a) the salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be the same as that proposed for the President of the Senate ;

(b) the salary of the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be the same as that proposed for the Deputy President of the Senate ;

(c) the salary of the Leader of the House of Representatives shall be the same as that proposed for the Leader of the Senate ;

(d) the salary of the Chairman of a Committee in the House of Representatives shall be the same as that proposed for the Chairman of a Committee in the Senate ;

(e) the salary of a Party Leader in the House of Representatives shall be the same as that proposed for a Party Leader in the Senate ;

(f) the salary of a Representative shall be the same as that proposed for a Senator”.

This amendment to the Motion as stated above was adopted and the main Motion as amended was resolved, *nemine contradicente*.

3. It will be appreciated if this decision would be conveyed to the Senate accordingly.

B. I. OLINMAH,
Clerk of the House of Representatives

It was agreed that the report should be referred to the Joint Committee on Remunerations for further consideration.

4. **Obituary Speech** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that the Chairman of the Business and Rules Committee was bereaved and on behalf of the Senate he expressed sympathy with the Hon. Senator and his relatives on the loss they had sustained.

5. **London Conference on Zimbabwe** : Order read for resuming Adjourned debate to

Question (15th November, 1979)—That in view of the current negotiations going on in London for the independence of Zimbabwe and the commitment of Nigeria to majority rule in that country this House :

(i) expresses great concern over the delay by the British Government in reaching agreement with the Patriotic Front on the transitional arrangements towards formal independence for Zimbabwe ;

(ii) urges the Federal Government of Nigeria to render every possible assistance to all the parties participating in the London talks to ensure speedy progress towards majority rule in that country, and

(iii) declares its total support for the Patriotic Front in its just struggle for the independence of their country.—(Sen. Victor Akan)

Amendment proposed, at the end, *add* paragraph (iv) as follows :

“That this humble Senate calls on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to send a high powered delegation to London to convey the strong feelings and stand of the great country to the current negotiators in London on this all important issue”.—(Sen. Ameh Ebute).

Question again proposed ; Debate resumed.

Debate stood adjourned till Monday, 19th November, 1979.

6. The 75th Birthday of Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe, P.C., Owelle of Onitsha : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate in open session today, Friday, the 16th day of November, 1979, realising today as the 75th Birthday of the first President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and first President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief the Right Honourable Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe, P.C., Owelle of Onitsha, congratulates Chief the Right Honourable Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe on the occasion, and sends the best wishes of the Senate for his continued good health and long life.—(Sen. Jaja Wachuku) :

Debate arising :—

Senator J. S. Tarka rose in his place and claimed to move That, the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question put and agreed to.

7. Resolved,—That the Senate in open session today, Friday, 16th day of November, 1979, realising today as the 75th Birthday of the first President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and first President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief the Right Honourable Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe, P.C.; Owelle of Onitsha, congratulates Chief the Right Honourable Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe on the occasion and sends the best wishes of the Senate for his continued good health and long life.

8. Adjournment,—Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn till Monday at 10 a.m.—(Sen. J. S. Tarka).

9. Adjourned accordingly at 12.10 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
PRESIDENT

CORRIGENDA

(1) In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 15th November, 1979, delete paragraph 5 and substitute the following :

REPORT FROM THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REMUNERATIONS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Joint Special Committee on remunerations, which you appointed before you rose on recess met in the Senate Committee Room on Saturday, 10th November and Wednesday, 14th November, 1979 with Senator Alhaji Ibrahim Jalo Waziri in the Chair.

2. The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to recommend remunerations for state functionaries throughout the country. The suggested remunerations from the Federal Government was therefore considered. After much deliberations the Committee which assumed these as political posts made the following recommendations :

FEDERAL

Per Annum
₦

President	50,000
Vice-President	30,000
President of the Senate	22,000
Speaker	20,000
Ministers	16,000
Secretary to the Government	16,000

Senators	17,000
Members of the House of Representatives	16,000
Chief Personal Staff to the President	G.L. 17 : 12,975-14,700
Head Personal Staff to the Vice President	G.L. 18 : 11,568-12,770
Leader of the Senate	18,500
Leader of the House of Representatives	17,500
Senate Committee Chairman	17,000
Party Leaders of the Senate	18,000
Committee Chairmen, House of Representatives	16,500
Party Leaders, House of Representatives	17,000

5. The Committee could not recommend any remuneration for Special Assistant to the President and the Special Assistant to the Vice-President as such designations are not provided for in the Constitution. It was recommended therefore that the Federal Government should first of all seek Senate approval to create these posts before using their remunerations.

5. With regard to Members of the National Assembly, it was suggested that the effective date for payment of salaries should be the day after the day of each election.

5. On the question of consideration for the salaries of a new functionary, the Committee recommended that consideration be deferred until recommendation is received from the Executive.

6. To bring the irregular remuneration from the State governments, and in order to bring uniformity, the Committee recommended the following remunerations for the State functionaries :

	STATES
	Per Annum N
Governors	21-25,000
Deputy Governor	17-19,000
Speaker, House of Assembly	15-16,000
Commissioner	12-15,000
Deputy Speaker	13,000
Special Advisers	10-13,000
Members of the House of Assembly	12,000
Leader of the House/Majority Leader	13,500
Party Leaders	13,000
Committee Chairman	12,000
Secretary to the Government	14-15,000
Head of Service	14-15,000

7. On the recommendations on remunerations for the States it was suggested that the States should not be compelled to implement them but to serve as guidelines.

IBRAHIM JABO WAZIRI,
Chairman

(2) *Decision Lists*

Noes : delete Senator Adegoke B. and substitute Senator Adesina, 'Lere.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 19th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 10.20 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **The London Conference on Zimbabwe** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate to Question (15th November, 1979)—That in view of the current negotiations going on in London for the independence of Zimbabwe and the commitment of Nigeria to majority rule in that country this Senate :

(i) expresses great concern over the delay by the British Government in reaching agreement with the Patriotic Front on the transitional arrangements towards formal independence for Zimbabwe ;

(ii) urges the Federal Government of Nigeria to render every possible assistance to all the parties participating in the London Talks to ensure speedy progress towards majority rule in that country, and

(iii) declares its total support for the Patriotic Front in its just struggle for the independence of their country.—(Sen. Victor Akan).

Amendment proposed, at the end, *add* paragraph (iv) as follows :

“That this humble Senate calls on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to send a high-powered delegation to London to convey the strong feelings and stand of this great country to the current negotiators in London on this all important issues.—(Sen. Ameh Ebute).

Question again proposed ; Debate *resumed*.

Motion *considered* item by item.

Item (i) *rejected* because it has been overtaken by events.

Item (ii) *agreed* to as follows :

(ii) That the Senate urges the Federal Government of Nigeria to render every possible assistance to all the parties participating in the London Talks to ensure speedy progress towards majority rule in that country, and

Item (iii) *agreed* to as follows :

(iii) declares its total support for the Patriotic Front in its just struggle for the independence of their country.

Amendment (iv) by Senator Ebute *rejected* because it has been overtaken by events.

Main Question put and *agreed* to.

Resolved nemine contradicente : That the Senate urges the Federal Government of Nigeria to render every possible assistance to all the parties participating in the London Talks to ensure speedy progress towards majority rule in that country, and declares its total support for the Patriotic Front in its just struggle for the independence of their country.

3. **Release of Lt-Col. Alfred Gom** : Motion made, and Question proposed, considering that the fact that Nigeria is a member of the United Nations Organisation and also a member of the UNIFIL—(United Nations International Force in Lebanon) and in view of the great contributions which the Nigerian Army has been making towards the attainment of permanent peace in the world, the Middle East and Lebanon in particular :

1. The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria views with grave concern the unlawful detention of Lt-Col. A. Gom, N.A. by the Israeli Government.

2. Calls on the Federal Government of Nigeria to continue to bring diplomatic pressure to bear on the U.N. Secretary-General to use all avenues available to his office to ensure the immediate release of Lt-Col. Gom.

3. Resolves that the Federal Government of Nigeria conveys the displeasure of the good people and Government of Nigeria to the people and Government of Israel, as regards the unlawful detention and inhuman treatment which Lt-Col. A. Gom is being subjected to.

4. Calls on the Federal Government of Nigeria to secure the immediate release of Lt-Col. Alfred Gom from the hands of his captors without any preconditions.

5. Calls on the Federal Government of Nigeria to place before the Senate within a week of the passage of these resolutions, a comprehensive situation report on the fate of Lt-Col. Alfred Gom of the Nigerian Army.—(Sen. A. A. Ali).

Debate arising ;

Senator Ebute rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now *put*, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed, to *delete* item (4) ; *renumber* item (5) to read item (4), and *add* a new item (5) as follows :

"On receipt and study of the report to debate the same and take appropriate decisions and steps consequent on the same report."—(Sen. Jaja Wachuku).

And it being 5.45 p.m. the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

4. Official Report of the Proceedings of the Senate of the 18th and 19th October, 1979 : *Ordered*, That the Official Report of the Proceedings of the Senate of the 18th and 19th October, 1979 respectively, should be distributed to Senators in the Senate Chamber *Tomorrow*.

Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 10 a.m. *Tomorrow*.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Adjourned accordingly at 6.05 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 20th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 10.35 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Release of Lt-Col. Alfred Gom** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate to Question (19th November, 1979)—That considering the fact that Nigeria is a member of the United Nations Organisation and also a member of the UNIFIL—(United Nations International Force in Lebanon) and in view of the great contributions which the Nigerian Army has been making towards the attainment of permanent peace in the world, the Middle East and Lebanon in particular :

1. The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria views with grave concern the unlawful detention of Lt-Col. A. Gom, N.A. by the Israeli Government.

2. Calls on the Federal Government of Nigeria to continue to bring diplomatic pressure to bear on the U.N. Secretary-General to use all avenues available to his office to ensure the immediate release of Lt-Col. Gom.

3. Resolves that the Federal Government of Nigeria conveys the displeasure of the good people and Government of Nigeria to the people and Government of Israel, as regards the unlawful detention and inhuman treatment which Lt-Col. A. Gom is being subjected to.

4. Calls on the Federal Government of Nigeria to secure the immediate release of Lt-Col. Alfred Gom from the hands of his captors without any preconditions.

5. Calls on the Federal Government of Nigeria to place before the Senate within a week of the passage of these resolutions, a comprehensive situation report on the fate of Lt-Col. Alfred Gom of the Nigerian Army.—(Sen. A. A. Ali).

Amendment proposed, to *delete* item (4) ; *renumber* item (5) to read item (4) and *add* a new item (5) as follows :

“On receipt and study of the report to debate the same and take appropriate decisions and steps consequent on the same report.”—(Sen. Jaja Wachuku).

Question again proposed ; Debate *resumed*.

Senator Ebyte rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate *resumed*.

Main Motion *considered* item by item.

Item 1, *agreed to*

Item 4, *agreed to*

It was further *agreed* that the Motion be *referred* to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations for full investigation.

The Committee was empowered to take evidence from the Minister in charge of External Affairs, General Innih, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs and any other person that the Committee may wish to call as a witness.

3. *Resolved, nemine contradicente,*

(i) That the Senate views with grave concern the unlawful detention of Lt-Col. A. Gom of the Nigerian Army by the Israeli Government ;

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4. *Stórn Presidency*: The Motion was *withdrawn* by leave of the Senate.
5. *Recognition of Socialist Party Leaders*: The Motion was *deferred* for consideration *Tomorrow*.

Ordered—That Motions Nos. 4 & 5 on the Order Paper of this day, 20th November, 1979 be *deferred* for consideration *Tomorrow* to enable Senators to study the Motions.

6. *Adjournment*,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 10 a.m. *Tomorrow*. (*Sen. Sola Sarahi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.02 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WATAS,
President

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21st November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 10.20 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Police Service Commission (Membership) Bill** : Bill entitled "The Police Service Commission (Membership) Act, 1979" presented by Senator Sola Saraki and referred to Standing Committee on Judiciary and Public Service.

3. **Recognition of Senate Party Leaders** : Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate Resolution (No. 7-79) of 11th October, 1979, be amended to read as follows :

Senator Dr Sola Saraki	Leader of the Senate
Senator Chief J. A. O. Odebiyi	U.P.N. Leader
Senator Dr Jaja Wachuku	N.P.P. Leader
Senator Alhaji Idrisa Kadi	G.N.P.P. Leader
Senator Alhaji Ibrahim Barau	P.R.P. Leader

— (Sen. A. D. Rufai).

Question, That Senator Sola Saraki be recognised as the Leader of the Senate, put and agreed to.

Resolved, *nemine contradicente*, That Senator Sola Saraki be recognised as the Leader of the Senate and that the following Senators still remain the Leaders of their respective parties in the Senate :—

Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi	U.P.N. Leader
Senator Jaja Wachuku	N.P.P. Leader
Senator Idrisa Kadi	G.N.P.P. Leader
Senator Ibrahim Barau	P.R.P. Leader

(Sen. Res. 20-79)

4. **Standing Orders of the Senate** : Motion made and Question proposed, That time limit of one year be set for the Business and Rules Committee of this Honourable Senate to prepare and present for approval Standing Orders for this Senate ; and in doing so to consider the Standing Orders of the Senate of the United States of America and of the Senate of any other country which practises the Executive System of Government and where necessary to meet and have discussion with the Standing Orders Committees of the Senate of such countries.—(Sen. S. M. Ojukwu).

Motion amended by Sen. Abiru to read as follows : That the time limit of four weeks be set for the Business and Rules Committee of this distinguished Senate to prepare and present for approval Standing Orders for this Senate.—(Sen. A. O. Abiru).

Question, That the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, to add at the end of Sen. Abiru's amendment, the following amendment—

"and in order to enable the Committee to complete its work, time be set for the sitting of the Senate as follows :

Committees to sit from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Senate to sit from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Friday, the Senate shall sit from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.—(Sen. Jalo Waziri).

Senator Ibrahim Kolo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question, as amended, put and agreed to.

5. Resolved *nemine contradicente*, That the time limit of four weeks be set for the Business and Rules Committee of this distinguished Senate to prepare and present for approval Standing Orders of this Senate and in order to enable the Committee to complete its work, time be set for the sitting of the Senate as follows : Committees from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senate from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and that on Fridays the Senate shall sit from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This arrangement shall operate until the Senate approves a new Standing Order.

6. Joint Admission and Matriculation Board : The Motion was *deferred* for consideration on Monday, 26th November, 1979.

7. Development of Telecommunications : Motion made and Question proposed, That the development of telecommunications facilities in rural areas of about 5-10,000 population be given priority in the next development plan.—(Sen. J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Amendment made to the Main Motion as follows :

“That the development of infrastructural facilities in the rural areas of this country be given priority in the next development plan.”—(Sen. Cyrus Nunich).

Another amendment made to the Main Motion by *adding* after “facilities” the following “and social services.”—(Sen. S. Akintoye).

Senator Adegoke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President *withheld* his consent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed.

By unanimous consent of the Senate, the Debate stood *adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

8. Ordered,—That Notices of Motions Nos. 6, 7 and 8 on the Order Paper of Wednesday, 21st November be placed on the Order Paper *Tomorrow*.

9. Joint Special Committee on Remunerations :

Motion made and Question proposed,

- (i) That the Senate hereby directs that the Joint Special Committee on Remuneration be convened to iron out the differences which arose between the Senate and the House of Representatives when deliberating on the Committee's Report dated 12th and 14th November, 1979.
- (ii) That the President of the Senate and his Deputy, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Leader and the four party leaders in the Senate and their counterpart in the House of Representatives be co-opted to the meeting of the Committee.
- (iii) That recommendations made by the Joint Special Committee on Remuneration be regarded as final and these be referred to the Senate and the House of Representatives for information purposes only.—(Sen. Mahmud Waziri).

Debate arising ;

By unanimous consent of the Senate the Debate stood *adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

10. Mr President read to the Senate a letter from the former Head of State, General Olusegun Obasanjo which was addressed to him and his reply thereto as follows :

P.O. Box 2286.

Abeokuta

15th November, 1979.

00/11/8

Dear President of the Senate,

I am constrained to write you this letter after reading the report of Senate proceedings of Tuesday, 13th November, 1979 in which one Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo of PRP from Kano Central urged the Senate to invite me to explain the nine ton Nigerian currency notes allegedly captured by General Idi Amin in Uganda last year.

It benefits neither the nation nor its highest legislative body when its members level unsubstantiated charges of so serious a nature on the Senate floor. Such charges must not go unchallenged. I would therefore urge you to establish a special committee of the Senate to investigate them thoroughly on the basis of carefully accumulated evidence and the testimony of appropriate witnesses in Nigeria and elsewhere.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to President Shehu Shagari for his information.

Yours Sincerely,

General Olusegun Obasanjo,
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My dear General,

I must thank you for your letter No. 00/11/8 dated 15th November, 1979 in which you reacted, quite rightly in my view, to the allegation by Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo from Kano Central Senatorial District which appeared in the Senate Proceedings of Tuesday, 13th November, 1979. In accordance with your request, I have communicated the contents of your letter to the Members of the Senate.

2. I am sure you will have noted that the allegation by the Senator was made in a speech on a motion for adjournment and in accordance with the relevant Standing Orders of the Senate, no debate whatsoever arose as a result of the Senator's allegation and, consequently, the Senate did not resolve to take any action on the matter. I want to assure you, General, that the Senate will never wish to discuss any unsubstantiated charges—serious or not—against anybody as it did not in the case which has been the main subject of your letter.

3. Finally, I want to assure you that the Senate has the highest respect, regard and admiration for you as our former Head of State and an important Nigerian citizen and will do nothing intentionally to ridicule or embarrass you personally or the Government of which you were the Head. Once again, thank you very much for your letter.

4. I have sent a copy of this letter to His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to :—

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Attached for information with reference to General Obasanjo's letter which was also copied to your Excellency.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
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ix. And it being after 6 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.30 p.m. till 3 p.m. Tomorrow pursuant to resolution of the Senate this day.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
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OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22nd November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.42 p.m. Mr Deputy President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Absence of Mr President** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that Mr President of the Senate was attending a meeting of the Council of States and his absence from the Senate *this day* was, therefore, unavoidable.
3. **Communication from His Excellency, the President** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that a communication had been sent to the Senate by His Excellency, the President and called on the Clerk to read the communication to the Senate. The communication was read as follows :

Ref. No. SH. 2303

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The Constitution of the Federal Republic generally vests in the National Assembly the power to authorise expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation and under Section 78 the Assembly may prescribe the salaries and allowances to be attached to certain offices. In exercising these powers sight should, however, not be lost of the provisions of Section 75 which places on the President the responsibility for preparing and presenting before the Assembly the estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Federation. In this light, it is my earnest opinion that for the legislative and executive arms of the Government to exercise the functions prescribed for them in a complementary manner both arms have to act in consultation and avoid the temptation to take action in isolation of each other as seemed to have happened in the recent steps taken by the Assembly.

Following on this, I should invite your attention to my earlier indications that I do not intend to put forward proposals for supplementary appropriation during the current financial year. I had arrived at this decision after taking account of the provisions and proposals already made for, among other things, the remuneration for all elective offices, and the need for fiscal discipline in the management of the economy. Implementing the proposals of the National Assembly would, however, call for an additional appropriation of considerable funds and give rise to a supplementary budget exercise. The exercise by the Assembly should not have been undertaken outside the framework of an estimates exercise and the impression should not be created that any arm of the Government could, on its own volition, seek to evade the rigours of fiscal discipline. Such an impression would hardly help the Government to evolve or maintain any credible fiscal policy.

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Mr President of the Senate/Mr Speaker of the House of Representatives, I have addressed this communication to you to apprise you and through you the Honourable Senators/Honourable Members of the House of Representatives of the consequences if we handle the subject of the salaries and the allowances in a way that could deprive any arm of the Government of public trust and confidence. It is my intention to formally present my proposals on the subject to the National Assembly and it is my earnest hope that the proposals when presented would be considered in the national interest and against the background of the information I have conveyed in this letter.

Yours very sincerely,

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

SALARY RELATIVITIES

Title	Pre-1966		Proposed 1979 by Government Federal	Proposed by National Assembly State	Proposed by National Assembly Federal
	Federal	Regional	Federal	State	Federal
	£	£	N	N	N
President	*7,150	—	25,000	—	50,000
Vice-President	—	—	21,000	—	30,000
Prime Minister	5,000	—	—	—	—
Governor	—	4,500	—	20,000	—
Premier	—	4,000	—	—	—
Chief Justice	4,150	3,540	16,200	14,400	(16,200)
Supreme Court Judges	3,600	—	14,400	—	(14,400)
Secretary to the Prime Minister/SGF/ HCSF	3,540	—	15,120	14,000	16,000
Inspector-General	3,380	—	15,120	—	(15,120)
High Court Judges	3,300	3,300	14,000	14,000	(14,000)
Minister	3,000	3,000	15,000	14,000	16,000
Minister of State	3,000	3,000	15,000	14,000	16,000
President of the Senate	3,000	—	16,000	—	22,000
Speaker of the House	3,000	3,000	15,000	14,000	20,000
Permanent Secretary	2,940	2,820	(13,968)	12,420	13,968
Parliamentary Secretary	2,000	2,000	—	—	—
Deputy President of the Senate	1,800	—	14,000	—	18,000
Deputy Speaker	1,800	1,680	13,000	12,000	17,000
Senator	1,000	—	12,000	—	17,000
Member	1,000	840	10,000	8,000	16,000

* Subject to 10 per cent reduction.

4. Whereupon the Senate *resolved*, That a communication be sent to His Excellency, the President acknowledging the letter which he addressed to this honourable Senate on the remuneration for public officers.

5. **Joint Special Committee on Remunerations** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate to Question (21st November, 1979).

- (i) That the Senate hereby directs that the Joint Special Committee on Remuneration be convened to iron out the differences which arose between the Senate and the House of Representatives when deliberating on the Committee's Report dated 12th and 14th November, 1979.
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- (iii) That recommendations made by the Joint Special Committee on Remuneration be regarded as final and these be referred to the Senate and the House of Representatives for information purposes only.

Question again proposed ; Debate resumed.

Question, That the President and the Deputy President of the Senate, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Leader and the four party leaders in the Senate and their counterpart in the House of Representatives be co-opted to the Committee, put and agreed to.

Another Question, That the Committee should submit its report to the Senate on *Wednesday, 28th of November, 1979* put and agreed to.

6. (i) *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby directs that the Joint Special Committee on Remunerations be convened to iron out the differences which arose between the Senate and the House of Representatives when deliberating on the Committee's Report dated 12th and 14th November, 1979.
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7. **Development of Telecommunications** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate to Question (21st November, 1979).—That the development of infrastructural facilities and social services in the rural areas of about 5-10,000 population be given priority in the next development plan—(*Sen. J. A. O. Odebiyi*).

Question again proposed ; Debate resumed.

The Motion was amended to read as follows :

That the development of infrastructural facilities and social services such as telecommunications, water and roads in rural areas be given priority in the next development plan—(*Sen. J. A. O. Odebiyi*).

Question, as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved nemine contradicente, That the development of infrastructural facilities and social services such as telecommunications, water and roads in rural areas be given priority in the next development plan.

8. **Shares in the Daily Times and New Nigerian** : Motion made and Question proposed, That the Federal Government's shares in the *Daily Times* and the *New Nigerian* be turned over for sale to Nigerians and that their Boards of Directors reflect the new ownership—(*Sen. J. A. O. Odebiyi*).

And it being 6 p.m. the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

9. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 9 a.m. Tomorrow.—(*Sen. Isa Obaro*).

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 23rd November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 9.18 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Shares in the Daily Times and the New Nigerian** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate to Question (22nd November, 1979) --That the Federal Government's shares in the *Daily Times* and the *New Nigerian* be turned over for sale to Nigerians and that their Boards of Directors reflect the new ownership.--(Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question again proposed ; Debate resumed.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

3. **London Conference on Zimbabwe** : Motion made and Question proposed, That consequent upon the agreements reached at Lancaster Talks on Zimbabwe, the Senate urges the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to appoint observers who will have unrestricted access to all parts of the country during the transitional period.--(Senator G. B. Iloinkwap).

Amendment proposed to add at the end of the Motion the following :

"and that this should be done through the aegis of the Commonwealth of Nations."--(Senator A. A. Ali).

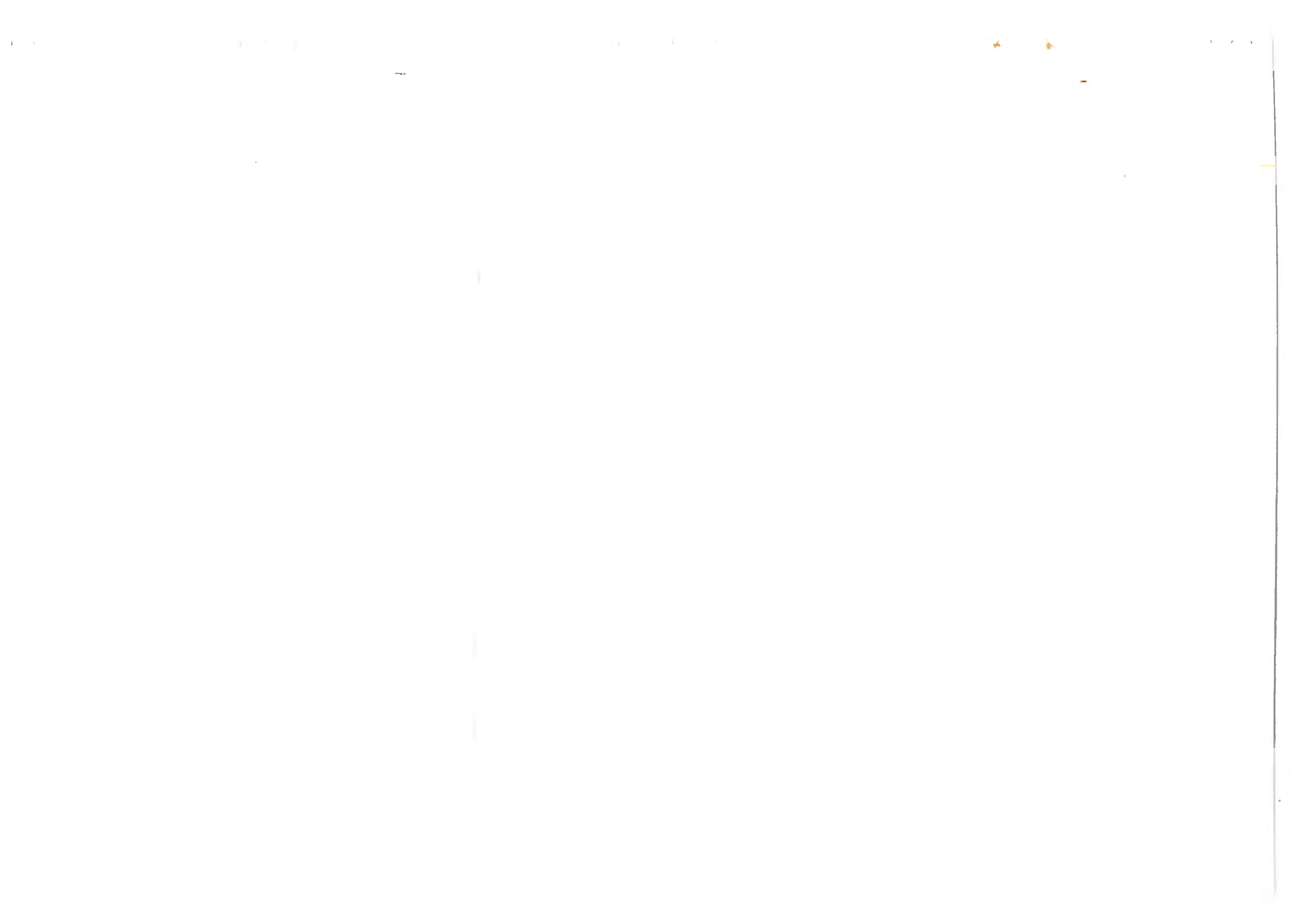
Question, as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved, That consequent upon the agreements reached at the Lancaster Talks on Zimbabwe, the Senate urges the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to appoint observers who will have unrestricted access to all parts of the country during the transitional period and that this should be done through the aegis of the Commonwealth of Nations.

4. **Adjournment**,--*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on Monday, 26th November, 1979.--(Senator Christopher Adeoye).

Adjourned accordingly at twelve o'clock.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 26th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.23 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Joint Sitting of both Houses of the National Assembly :** *Ordered*,—That both Houses of the National Assembly should meet at 10 a.m. in the National Hall *Tomorrow*.—(*Sen. Jalo Waziri*).
3. **Report from the Joint Committee on Remuneration to the National Assembly :** A copy of the report from the Joint Committee on Remuneration was laid on the Table by Senator Jalo Waziri. The report reads as follows :—

MEMBERS OF JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REMUNERATION

<i>Names</i>	<i>Chamber</i>
1. Alhaji Umaru Abdullahi	House of Representatives
2. O. Ola	House of Representatives
3. Alhaji A. I. Kolo	Senate
4. Alhaji Datti M. A. Mafumfashi	House of Representatives
5. Mr E. P. Echeruo	Senate
6. Alhaji Usman Alto Dambatta	Senate
7. Ja'afar J. Mangga	Senate
8. A. A. Durosinmi	Senate
9. Chief J. A. Ola. Odebiyi	Senate (Co-opted Member)
10. Olatinwo Otegbeye	House of Representatives
11. E. Y. Atanu	House of Representatives
12. S. M. C. Ihekweazu	House of Representatives
13. Prince J. S. Sangha	House of Representatives
14. A. A. Waba	House of Representatives
15. A. B. Idakula	House of Representatives
16. Alhaji Sani Abubakar	House of Representatives
17. J. C. Ojukwu	House of Representatives
18. C. A. Modebe	House of Representatives
19. Olushola Afolabi	House of Representatives
20. T. O. Badejo	House of Representatives
21. Dr J. A. Wachuku	Senate
22. Yusuf Ibn. Muhammed	House of Representatives
23. A. I. Barau	Senate
24. Lere Adesina	Senate
25. Lt-Col. P. C. Amadi	House of Representatives

REPORT FROM THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REMUNERATION TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Joint Special Committee on Remunerations met in the Committee room of the Senate Chamber with Alhaji Ibrahim Jalo Waziri in the Chair. The President of the Senate Dr J. Wayas and the Speaker of the House of Representatives Mr Edwin Ume Ezeoke later joined the Committee. The five party leaders of both Houses were also co-opted.

The Chairman briefly explained that consequent upon the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the figures contained in the Committee's first report, both Houses of the National

Assembly ordered that the Joint Special Committee on Remuneration should meet again to iron out differences and to reach an agreement on what should be the remuneration of the members of both Houses. After much deliberations on the terms of reference of the Committee, it was unanimously agreed that the salaries of members of the National Assembly should be the same but that allowances to be paid to Senators should be higher than that of the members of the House of Representatives. The Committee further decided to suspend fixing salary of members of the National Assembly until an enquiry was made to certain public and private functionaries in order to determine suitable salaries of the posts of the functionaries concerned, but recommended that salary advance of N1,000 a month be granted to each member of the National Assembly pending the outcome of Committee's findings on the remunerations paid in other sectors.

It was decided, therefore, to defer consideration of remunerations for the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and their Deputies along with others mentioned in the first report until the next meeting.

In order to enlighten the public on the remuneration proposed by the Committee in its first report which had not then been approved by the National Assembly and which had become the subject of controversy, and in view of the press statement issued recently by the National Economic Council a sub-Committee consisting the following members was set up to draw up a statement to be issued by the National Assembly. It was recommended that a joint sitting of both Houses be convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 27th November.

Membership of the Committee are as follows :

Chief Odebiyi
Mr E. P. Echeruo
Dr Atanu
Alhaji Barau
Allhaji Jafaru Mangga

The Committee further recommended that it was mandatory for the Executive to place before the National Assembly, the state of the nation's economy on the basis of which the whole question of Remuneration of public functionary would be determined.

ALHAJI IBRAHIM JALO WAZIRI,
(Chairman)

4. Messages : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from A. P. Snitkov, Chairman of the Soviet of the Union of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet and V. P. Ruben, Chairman of the Soviet of Nationalities of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet which he read to the Senate as follows :

"I have the honour to congratulate you with your election to the post of the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Allow me to convey to you and to all Members of the Senate best wishes of success in your highly responsible work.

The U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet expresses the readiness to continue inter-parliamentary contacts between our two countries for the further development of friendly Soviet-Nigerian relations, for the benefit of the peoples of the U.S.S.R. and Nigeria and in the interests of universal peace."

Whereupon the Senate *resolved*,—That a letter of appreciation be sent to A. P. Snitkov, Chairman of the Union of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet and V. P. Ruben, Chairman of the Soviet of Nationalities of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet for their kind and friendly message sent to this honourable Senate.

5. National Science and Technology Bill : The National Science and Technology Bill returned from the House of Representatives, with Amendments, in which the House seeks the concurrence of the Senate, was laid on the Table by Senator Sola Saraki, and *Ordered* to be considered in Committee of the whole Senate *Tomorrow*.

6. The Joint Admission and Matriculation Board : The Motion was *withdrawn* by leave of the Senate.

7. Transportation on Trunk Roads in Nigeria : Motion made, and Question proposed.

That the SENATE do direct a Select Committee of this House as a matter of urgency to consider and make recommendations to the SENATE for a workable solution to the problem of transportation on trunk

roads in Nigeria particularly those leading into and out of Lagos to wit : Ikorodu Road and Badagry Express Road in the guidelines following :

(a) widening of the bottleneck junction at KERU whercia four lanes of motor traffic from Lagos converge into one and eventually widening of Ikorodu Road from that junction up to Ikorodu Township thus easing the flow of chaotic traffic in that area.

(b) the levelling of the 'Okeriya' Hill at Ikorodu (about 2 kilometres to Ikorodu Township from Lagos) whereon heavy vehicles always get stalled by reason of gear exhaustion in climbing the height and thus causing perennial traffic jam and chaotic go-slow to all traffic out of and into Lagos from all parts of Nigeria.

(c) devising means of easing the daily traffic chaos at 'Amukoko' junction of Lagos- Badagry Express Roads.

(d) controlling the movement of cattle, cows and loaded trailers, tippers and heavy petrol tankers along such trunk roads leading into and out of Lagos.—(Sen. At. A. O. Abiru).

Amendment proposed, in line 1, delete "a Select Committee" and substitute "The Public Works Committee"—(Sen. Onyeabo Obi).

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, be left out, put and agreed to.

Another Question, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted ; put and agreed to.

Senator Jalo Waziri moved, That the Debate be now adjourned till Tomorrow.

Question put and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

8. Executive Communication : By leave of the Senate, the Secretary to the Government was allowed into the Senate at 4.20 p.m. to deliver a sealed envelope from His Excellency, the President to the President of the Senate.

9. Joint Special Committee on Remuneration : Addition of Members.

Ordered,—That the following Senators be added to the Joint Special Committee on Remuneration :

Senator D. O. Dafinone

Senator J. S. Tarka

Senator A. A. Ali

Senator S. A. Shitta-Bey

Senator Mahmud Waziri

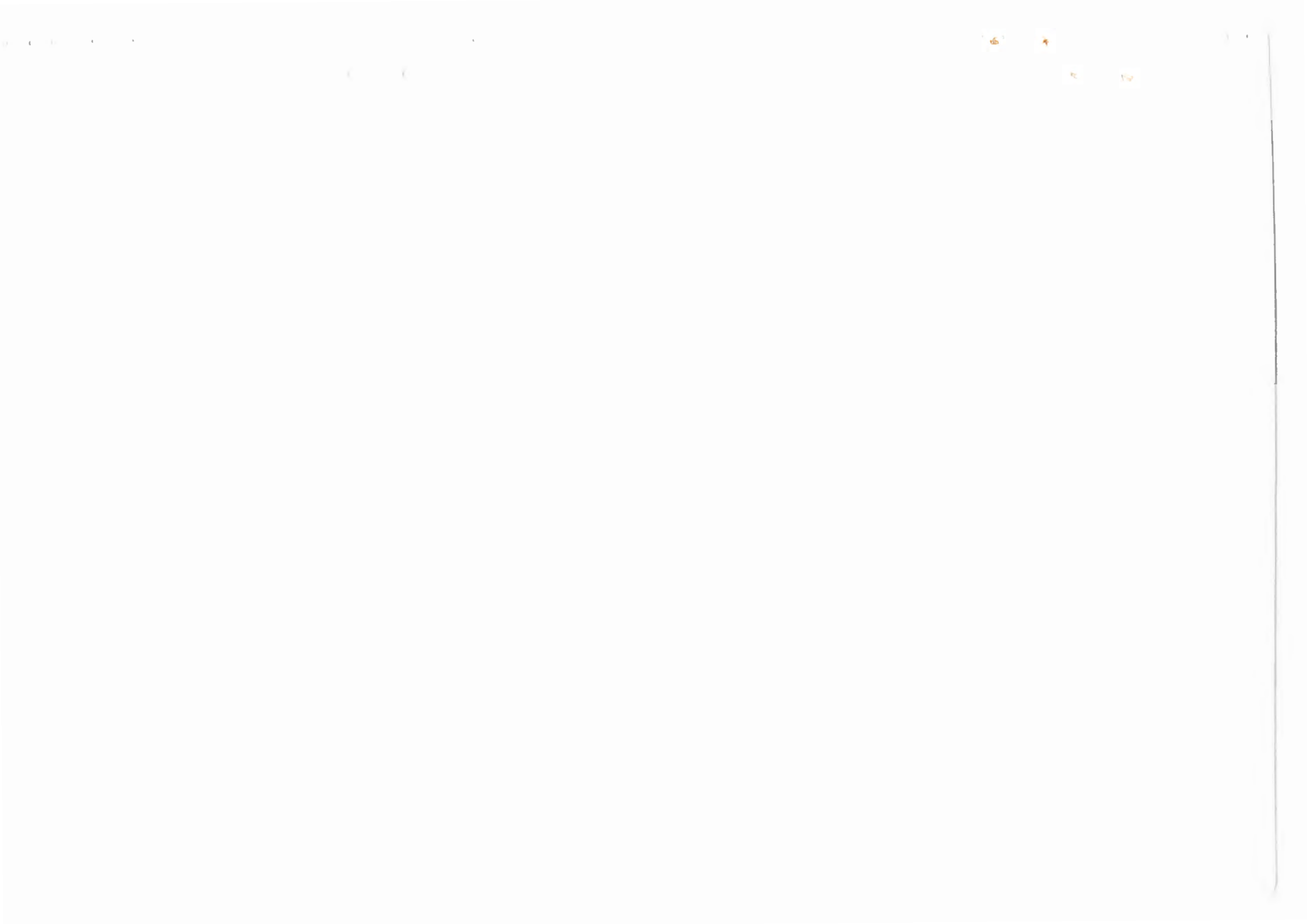
Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo

Senator N. N. Anah.

10. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 10 a.m. Tomorrow. (Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Adjourned accordingly at 6.05 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 11.35 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Joint Sitting of Both Houses of the National Assembly** : Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 28-79 of 26th November, 1979, Senators went to the National Hall led in procession by Mr President of the Senate and having returned at 1.20 p.m. proceeded to business ordered for the day.
3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1.27 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Business and Rules Committee will meet *Tomorrow* at 10 a.m.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.28 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Transportation on Trunk Roads in Nigeria** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate to Question (26th November, 1979). That the SENATE do direct the Public Works Committee of this House as a matter of urgency to consider and make recommendations to the SENATE for a workable solution to the problem of transportation on trunk roads in Nigeria particularly those leading into and out of Lagos to wit : Ikorodu Road and Badagry Express Road in the guidelines following :

(a) widening of the bottleneck junction at KETU where in four lanes of motor traffic from Lagos converge into one and eventually widening of Ikorodu Road from that junction up to Ikorodu Township thus easing the flow of chaotic traffic in that area ;

(b) the levelling of the 'Okeriya' Hill at Ikorodu (about 2 kilometres to Ikorodu Township from Lagos) whereon heavy vehicles always get stalled by reason of gear exhaustion in climbing the height and thus causing perennial traffic jam and chaotic go-slow to all traffic out of and into Lagos from all parts of Nigeria ;

(c) devising means of easing the daily traffic chaos at 'Amukoko' junction of Lagos-Badagry Express Roads ;

(d) controlling the movement of cattle, cows and loaded trailers, tippers and heavy petrol tankers along such trunk roads leading into and out of Lagos.—(Sen. M. A. O. Abiru).

Question again proposed. Debate resumed.

An amended motion was proposed as follows :

That the Senate do direct the Public Works Committee of this House as a matter of urgency to consider and make recommendations to the Senate for a workable solution to the problem of transportation on Trunk Roads throughout Nigeria particularly those leading into and out of capital and/or Commercial cities of all States of the Federation including Lagos the current Federal Capital of Nigeria with a view to rehabilitating such Roads ;

(i) by widening, removing traffic bottlenecks and reducing hilly gradients on such Roads to ensure easy flow of traffic ;

(ii) controlling the movement of cattle, cows, haulage trailers, tippers, heavy petrol tankers along such trunk roads leading into and out of such capital cities.—(Sen. M. A. O. Abiru).

Amended Motion, by leave, withdrawn. Debate resumed.

Senator David Oke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put and negatived.

3. **Joint House Committee Report**—Senator N. N. Anah laid the report of the Joint Meeting of the House Committee held on 15th November, 1979 which he read to the Senate as follows :

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 1979

Present :

Senator N. N. Anah	.. .. .	Chairman
Senator C. O. Adebayo	.. .. .	Member
Senator A. Abogede	.. .. .	Member
Senator G. B. Hoomkwap	.. .. .	Member
Honourable J. O. Odebunmi	.. .. .	Member
Honourable David B. Saraso	.. .. .	Member
Honourable Aihaji Iliyasu Hong	.. .. .	Member
Senator Usman Alto Dambatta	.. .. .	Secretary.

Opening :

The meeting was opened with a short prayer said by the Chairman.

(i) The chairman refreshed the minds of the members on the decision which the Joint Committee took on the 12th November, 1979, namely, that the members of the House of Representatives should pass a resolution on the allocation of flats to them in Victoria Island. Thereafter the Chairman asked the members of the House of Representatives in the Committee whether they had passed the resolution in the House. They replied that on the 15th November, 1979 the House of Representatives passed a resolution calling on His Excellency the President to allocate to the members of House of Representatives 500 flats out of the 1,004 flats complex in the Victoria Island.

(ii) The Joint Committee therefore resolved :

"That His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria be called upon to implement as a matter of supreme urgency the resolutions of the Senate and the House of Representatives on house allocations respectively on the 19th October, 1979 and 15th November, 1979".

The Committee further resolved :

"That an appointment be made with His Excellency the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for a dialogue with the Chairman of the Joint Committee, the Chairman of the House Committee of the House of Representatives and any others to be co-opted by the Joint Chairman in order to facilitate the resolution of the issue on accommodation for the members of the National Assembly".

(iii) The Members expressed anxiety about the delay in meeting the unanimous demands of the members of the National Assembly for suitable accommodation.

(iv) Before the Committee adjourned the members mandated the Joint Chairman and Senator Usman Alto Dambatta to discuss with the officials for sufficient allocation of transport to take members from the flats at Badagry Road to the National Assembly and back.

SENATOR N. N. ANAH,
Chairman

SENATOR USMAN ALTO DAMBATTA,
Secretary

Dated Lagos, 15th November, 1979.

The report was *deferred* for discussion on a future date.

4. Executive Communications.—Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received communications from His Excellency, the President, which were read to the Senate as follows :



STATE HOUSE
RIEADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

26th November, 1979

To the

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate the persons whose names are listed below for appointment as Ministers of Cabinet Rank and Ministers of Non-Cabinet Rank as indicated :—

MINISTERS OF CABINET RANK

1. Mrs Adenike Egun Oyagbola	..	..	..	..	NPN
2. Professor Ishaya Audu	..	..	..	..	NPP
3. Mr Samuel Adebisi Ogedengbe	..	..	..	..	NPN
4. Mr I. C. Maduiké	..	..	..	..	NPP
5. Professor Sunday Mathew Essang	..	..	..	..	NPN
6. Engr. Paulinus Chinulu Amadike	..	..	..	..	NPP
7. Alhaji Umaru Abdurrahman Dikko	..	..	..	..	NPN
8. Mr Samuel Mafuyai	..	..	..	..	NPP
9. Professor Emmanuel Chuka Osammor	..	..	..	..	NPN

MINISTERS OF NON-CABINET RANK

10.	Dr Abubakar Usman	..	..	..	..	..	NPN
11.	Chief (Mrs) Janet Akinrinade	..	..	..	..	..	NPP
12.	Dr Ishmael Jikiri Igbani	..	..	..	..	..	NPN
13.	Mr Ademola Thomas	..	..	..	..	..	NPP
14.	Mr Cladius Agboola Bamgboye	..	..	..	..	..	NPN
15.	Chief Eteng Okoi-Obuli	..	..	..	..	..	NPP
16.	Alhaji Garba Wushishi	..	..	..	..	..	NPN
17.	Dr Paul Michaulum..	..	..	..	..	..	NPP
18.	Alhaji Iro Abubakar Dan-Musa	..	..	..	..	..	NPN
19.	Mr E. Aguma	..	..	..	..	..	NPP

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

26th November, 1979

To the

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate the persons whose names are listed below for appointment as Ministers of Cabinet Rank :

MINISTERS OF CABINET RANK

Mr Paul Unongo	..	..	..	..	..	..	NPP
Chief Richard Akinjide	..	..	..	..	..	..	NPN

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

5. **Adjournment**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn.—
(Senator J. S. Tarka).

Debate arising ;

And it being 6.01 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.01 p.m. till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 29th November, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.23 p.m. Mr Persident took his seat and read prayers.

2. Message from the House of Representatives :—Senator Jalo Waziri read a message from the House of Representatives to the Senate as follows :

Telephone : 632503 EXT
Telegrams : FEDHOUSE



Ref. S/NA/DC. 13/8
National Assembly,
Parliament Buildings,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
P.M.B. 12572,
Lagos, Nigeria.
27th November, 1979

The Clerk of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 24 OF THURSDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1979.

I am directed to request you to bring the above House Resolution No. 24 (H. Res. 24), passed on Thursday, 22nd November, 1979, (*vide* House of Representatives Votes and Proceedings No. 18 of 22-11-79), to the attention of the President of the Senate and to request the Senate to agree to pass a similar Resolution so that the Resolution would be a "Joint Resolution" of the National Assembly, to be forwarded to the Executive for appropriate action before the expiry date of December 4, 1979, given by the Central Bank (Miscellaneous Provisions) Notice 1979 (LN 24 of 1979) (first published on page B 67 of the Supplement to *Official Gazette* No. 31, Vol. 66, of 5th July, 1979 and later amended in Currency (Miscellaneous Provision) (Amendment) Notice 1979 (LN 37 of 1979), published on page B 97 of the Supplement to *Official Gazette* No. 46, Vol. 66 of 27th September, 1979).

2. The Resolution Reads as follows :

"That in view of the inadequate publicity given for the deadline imposed for exchanging the old for the new currencies, in view of the fact that the commercial banks still continue to issue out old currencies to their customers, this Honourable House requests the Central Bank to extend the deadline allowed for the exchange of old currencies to new ones from December 4, 1979 to March 31, 1980, during which period a country-wide and intense publicity campaign in the various Nigerian languages and in local dialects should be mounted to reach even the remotest hamlets and villages (inhabited mostly by illiterate farmers and market women) and the commercial banks likewise stopped forthwith from issuing out old notes to their customers."

3. Early action will be appreciated.

(B. I. OLINMAH),
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the House Resolution No. 24 be considered *forthwith*.—(Senator Jalo Waziri).

Whereupon Senator 'Lere Adesina moved, That Standing Order 20 (3) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider the said resolution.

Question, That S.O. 20 (3) be suspended, put and *agreed to*.

Amendment proposed in line 4 of the Resolution to *delete* "1980" and *substitute* "1981".—(Senator Bitrus Kujal).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed in line 4 of the Resolution to *delete* "31st March, 1980".—(Sen. N. N. Anah).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 5 of the Resolution, to *delete* "publicity" and *substitute* "public".—(Sen. Usman Alto Dambatta).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Main Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—"That in view of the inadequate publicity given for the deadline imposed for exchanging the old for the new currencies, in view of the fact that the commercial banks still continue to issue out old currencies to their customers, this Honourable House requests the Central Bank to extend the deadline allowed for the exchange of old currencies to new ones from December 4, 1979 to March 31, 1980, during which period a country-wide and intense publicity campaign in the various Nigerian languages and in local dialects should be mounted to reach even the remotest hamlets and villages (inhabited mostly by illiterate farmers and market women) and the commercial banks likewise stopped forthwith from issuing out old notes to their customers".—(Sen. S. J. Res.).

3. Provision of Basic Essential Facilities for Senators :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do approve the taking of certain urgent administrative measures which will provide Senators with basic essential facilities, over and above the questions of housing and welfare, required to enable Senators fulfil their proper role under the new political system introduced by the new Constitution of the second Federal Republic of Nigeria.—(Sen. F. J. Ellah).

Debate arising ;

Amendment proposed, That the Motion be referred to the Senate House Committee for consideration.—(Sen. J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Motion accordingly *referred* to Senate House Committee.

4. The following Notice of Motion which stood in the name of Senator Ibrahim Dimis was *withdrawn*, by leave, of the Senate :

(a) 60 (3) ; and

(b) 99 (3) of the Constitution as amended by Decree No. 104 titled "Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Amendment) Decree 1979" in the *Extraordinary Official Gazette* No. 48, Vol. 66 ; Government Notice No. 1097 of 29th September, 1979 be replaced immediately after the words "Sworn in" with the words "Two-third of the Members of the :

(i) National Assembly, in respect of the Federation of Nigeria, and

(ii) State Assembly in respect of the State.

Provided that the President can dissolve the :

(i) National Assembly, and

(ii) State Assembly on the eve of a calamity capable of bringing to an end the lawful deliberations of the Assembly affected and the Governor in the case of State Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

(c) Lift the ban on :

(i) Wage freeze on Nigerian Workers

(ii) Car loans, and

(iii) Fringe benefits to the workers of this our great Country Nigeria.

5. Joint House Committee Report, —Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the resolution contained in the report laid on the Table on Wednesday, 28th November, 1979. Senator J. S. Tarka rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

— *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria be called upon to implement as a matter of supreme urgency the resolutions of the Senate and the House of Representatives on house allocations respectively on the 19th October, 1979 and 15th November, 1979".

6. Adjournment, —*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till *Monday, 3rd December, 1979 at 3 p.m.*—(Sen. J. S. Tarka).

Adjourned accordingly at 5:55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 3rd December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.45 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **National Science and Technology Bill** : National Science and Technology Bill returned by the House of Representatives with Amendments pursuant to Standing Orders 46 (7) and (8) and committed to the Committee of the whole Senate.—(Sen. J. S. Tarku).

(In the Committee)

House of Representatives Amendment on page 1, clause 1, line 4, after the word "established" add the following : "provided the siting of such institutions reflect the Federal character of the country" considered.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

SCHEDULE 1

House of Representatives Amendment on page 2, Schedule 1, Subclause 3, line 2, after the word "to" delete "do anything" and substitute "take any decision" considered.

Amendment proposed on page 2, in line 2, delete the word "any" wherever it occurs and substitute the word "such".

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment, in line 3, delete the word "done" and substitute the word "undertaken"—(Sen. David Oke).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments ; read the third time and *passed*.

3. Senator Uba Ahmed moved the suspension of Standing Order 46 (7) and (8) to enable the Conference Committee composed of equal Members of both Houses of the National Assembly to resolve the Amendments made on the Bill by the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Committee shall meet on Wednesday, 5th December, 1979 at 9 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Senator Jalo Waziri.

4. **Adjournment**,—Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 4th December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 4 p.m. Mr Deputy President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Absence of Mr President** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that the President of the Senate would not be able to attend the meeting of the Senate *this day*.
3. **Messages** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that the President of the Senate had received a congratulatory message from the President of the Australian Senate, Senator C. L. Laucke and called on the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :—

From the High Commissioner
Senator J. Wayas,
President of the Senate,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos

Australian High Commission,
Lagos
26th November, 1979

Dear Mr President,

I have pleasure in conveying the text of a message addressed to you by the President of the Australian Senate, Senator C. L. Laucke. The message was sent by telegram but I have been asked to confirm the text by letter. It is as follows :—

"Please accept my congratulations on your election and appointment as President of the Senate of the Nigerian National Assembly. I welcome you to the fraternity of Commonwealth Presiding Officers and hope to meet you soon."

Please also accept my own congratulations on your election as President of the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. MOTT

Motion made and Question proposed, That a letter of appreciation be sent to the President of the Australian Senate, Senator C. L. Laucke, for his kind and friendly message sent to this honourable Senate.

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved nemine contradicente, That a letter of appreciation be sent to the President of the Australian Senate, Senator C. L. Laucke, for his kind and friendly message sent to this honourable Senate.

4. **Executive Communication** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that he had received a communication from the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and called on the Clerk to read the communication to the Senate. The communication was read as follows :—

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICE OF MINISTER

Ref. No. F.12356/S.1/T.1/35
Telegrams : FEDMINFIN
Telephone : 681908

FEDERAL SECRETARIAT,
P.M.B.12591,
LAGOS, NIGERIA
3rd December, 1979

The President of the Senate,
National Assembly Buildings,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos

EXTENSION OF WITHDRAWAL PERIOD FOR NOTES OF OLD DESIGN IN THE DENOMINATIONS OF N1, N5 AND N10

My attention has been drawn to Resolution No. 24 of Thursday 22nd November, 1979 of both the Senate and House of Representatives seeking to extend the call-in period of the old designs of N1, N5 and N10 to 31st March, 1980.

2. You will wish to know that the Central Bank of Nigeria has recently discovered that in the course of evacuating by air boxes of ₦10 notes from some branches to Lagos Office strong room, some of the boxes were discovered to contain bundles of exercise books instead of the ₦100,000 in ₦10 notes which each box should contain. The amount involved in these discoveries cannot yet be determined and the Police are still investigating.

3. In addition to this it has been discovered that some unscrupulous Nigerians who are trafficking in the Naira outside Nigeria have now embarked on massive importation of very large sums of money into the country. All the cases are being investigated by the Police and a massive hunt has been mounted by all organs of government to help arrest the situation.

4. In view of this therefore, it may not be in the interest of the Nation to extend the call-in date. You will readily agree that these die-hard criminals should not be given the loop-holes through which they could easily exchange their fraudulently obtained old Naira notes. However, in order to ease the burden of innocent citizens in remote areas, it has been decided that applications for exchange of sums not exceeding ₦100 could be made through Commercial banks to the Central Bank, which would then use its discretion in approving or rejecting the applications.

5. It would be appreciated if this information could be communicated to the Senate please.

ALEX I. EKWUEME
Vice-President of the Federation

Motion made and Question proposed, That the above Executive Communication be *referred* to the Committee on Banking and Currency for investigation and report to the Senate.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Executive Communication on the Extension of Withdrawal Period for Notes of Old Design in the Denominations of ₦1, ₦5 and ₦10 be *referred* to the Committee on Banking and Currency for investigation and report to the Senate.

5. **Sitting of the Senate** : Motion made and Question proposed, That Standing Order 4 be *suspended* to enable the Senate to take the Second Reading of the Police Service Commission (Membership) Bill—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Question put and *negatived*.

6. **Adjournment**,—Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Debate arising ;

And it being 6.05 p.m. Mr Deputy President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.05 p.m. till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5th December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.17 p.m. Mr Deputy President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Senate Standing Committees** : Motion made and Question proposed, That Senate Resolution (No. 12-79) be amended by deleting from the list of Committees, the Joint Committee on Finance.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Debate arising ;

Senator Jalo Waziri rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr Deputy President withheld his consent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed.

Resolved, That Standing Order 61 be suspended to enable the Senate to proceed with the consideration of the new list of Senate Standing Committees.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Whereupon the Senate proceeded to consider the Committees item by item.

Items 1 to 14 *agreed to*.

Item 15, *delete* "Trade" and *substitute* "Commerce".

Question put and *agreed to*.

Item 15, as amended, *agreed to*.

Items 16 and 17 *agreed to*.

Item 18, Amendment proposed to *delete* "Local Government" and *substitute* "Rural Development".

Question put and *negatived*.

Item 18 *agreed to*.

Item 19 *agreed to*.

Item 20, Amendment proposed to *delete* "Mineral".

Question put and *agreed to*.

Item 20, as amended, *agreed to*.

Items 21-22 *agreed to*.

Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Senate Standing Committees approved as follows :—

1. Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
2. Committee on Public Services
3. Committee on Communications
4. Committee on Defence
5. Committee on Judiciary
6. Committee on Education
7. Committee on Health
8. Committee on Labour
9. Committee on Foreign Relations
10. Committee on Public Works
11. Committee on Transport and Aviation
12. Committee on Petroleum and Energy
13. Committee on Mines and Power
14. Committee on Science and Technology

15. Committee on Commerce and Industry
16. Committee on Appropriation and Finance
17. Committee on Banking and Currency
18. Committee on Housing, Urban Development and Local Government
19. Committee on Veteran Affairs and Social Welfare
20. Committee on Water and Resources
21. Committee on Federal Capital Development
22. Committee on Internal Affairs.

Ordered.—That in view of the new list of Standing Committees approved by the Senate, the Party Leaders should submit to the Senate Leader the names of Members of their party to serve on the various Committees not later than Friday, 7th December, 1979.

3. **Recess** : Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate resolves that the 1979 Christmas recess of the Senate shall be for a period of fourteen working days commencing on 17th December, 1979 and ending on 4th January, 1980.—(*Sen. Jalo Wasiri*).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Senate resolves that the 1979 Christmas recess shall be for a period of fourteen working days commencing on 17th December, 1979 and ending on the 4th of January, 1980.

4. **Location of New Industries** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in order to direct the location of new Industries with a view to achieving a fair and equitable distribution and avoiding a proliferation of industries in only a few States, it be resolved by the Senate :

(a) that the Federal Minister for Industries compiles and presents to the Senate within a reasonable time from the date of this resolution a list of industries wholly and/or jointly owned by the Federal Government showing their present locations in the country.—(*Sen. A. Ebute*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Echeruo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr Deputy President withheld his consent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate *resumed*.

Amendment proposed, to *insert* in line 2, between the second “of” and “industries” the words “the existing and proposed industries”.—(*Sen. Garba Musa Dada*).

And it being 5.45 p.m., the Debate stood *adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

5. **Adjournment**.—Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Sen. Isa Obaro*).

And it being after 6 p.m., Mr Deputy President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 6th December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.45 p.m. Mr Deputy President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Location of New Industries** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (5th December, 1979) : That in order to direct the location of new Industries with a view to achieving a fair and equitable distribution and avoiding a proliferation of industries in only a few States, it be resolved by the Senate :

(a) that the Federal Minister for Industries compile and present to the Senate within a reasonable time from the date of this resolution a list of industries wholly or jointly owned by the Federal Government showing their present locations in the country.—(Sen. A. Ebute).

Question again proposed ; Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed as follows :

In line 3, delete the "colon" and in line 4, delete the parenthesis "(a)".

Another Amendment proposed in line 6, between the words "Government" and "showing" insert "and/or its agencies", and at the end of line 6, add "and the amount (whether by way of equity or loan capital) invested in each such industry".—(Sen. Onyeabo Obi).

Senator Nosike Ifeanyi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Motion, as amended, committed to the Committee on Commerce and Industry.

3. **Import Restrictions and Import Licences** : Motion made and Question proposed, That in view of the crucial importances of, and public controversy over, the question of import prohibitions, import restrictions and import licences :—

(i) Senate mandates the Senate Committee on Trade and Industries to hold an urgent public hearing on the issue with a view to placing before Senate a bill for appropriate legislation.

(ii) That in particular the Committee should call for written and/or verbal evidence from, among others, Federal Minister for Commerce, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, leading indigenous importers and any interested Nigeria persons or bodies.—(Sen. S. A. Akinloye).

Amendment proposed, in line 2, delete the word "and" between "restrictions" and "import" and at the end of line 2, add "and import inspections (SGE)".—(Sen. Waziri Mahmud).

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of line 2, add "and customs tariff".—(Sen. Lere Adesina).

Another Amendment proposed, in line 6, sub-item (ii) after the word "Commerce" insert "Association of Nigerian Chambers of Commerce".—(Sen. Femi Ayantuga).

Senator Sola Saraki rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

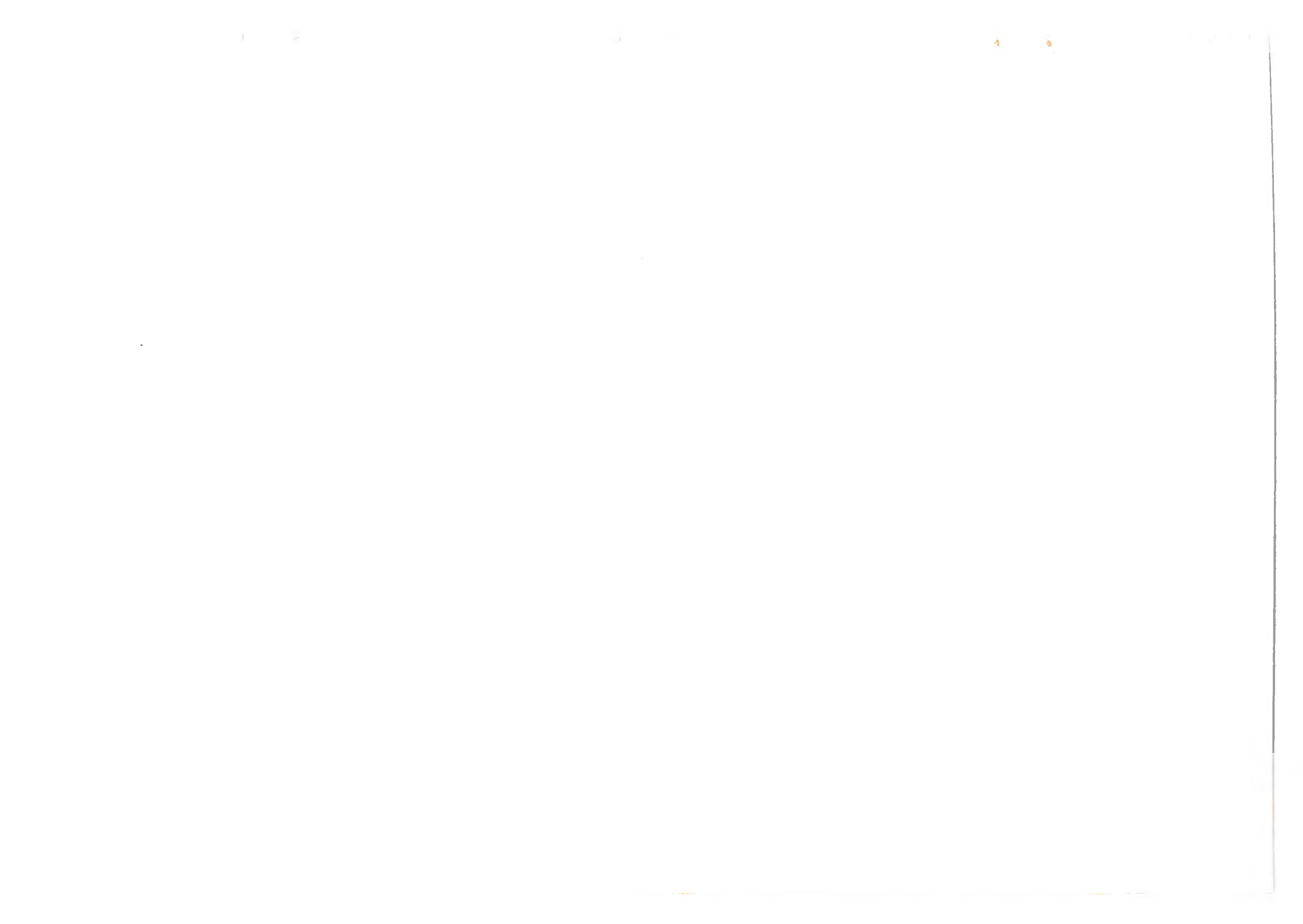
Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Motion, as amended, referred to the Committee on Commerce and Industry.

4. **Adjournment**.—Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on Monday, 10th December, 1979.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 10th December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.20 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Executive Communication :** By leave of the Senate, the Secretary to the Government was allowed into the Senate at 5.05 p.m. to deliver two sealed envelopes from His Excellency, the President to the President of the Senate.

3. **Recognition of the Governor of Bauchi State :** Mr President invited the attention of the Senate to the presence of the Governor of Bauchi State in the Gallery and welcomed the august visitor to the Senate.

4. **Communication Links through Air Transportation :** Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate realising the importance of Communication links through air transportation as an important factor of enhancing National Unity, rapid internal and external commerce and rapid economic development, calls upon the Federal Minister of Civil Aviation to direct Nigeria Airways Limited (WT) as follows :—

(a) To expand the existing daily Scheduled flights Lagos-Makurdi to include designated flights between Lagos-Enugu and Makurdi-Yola (Return).

(b) To revive the flight, Jos-Makurdi-Calabar (Return).

As these destinations are geographically contiguous, the requested schedules will still be economically viable and come within the flight operations of the Nigeria Airways.—(Sen. J. S. Tarka).

Amendment made to Senator Tarka's Motion as follows :

In line 3, delete from "calls" to "Aviation" and substitute "requests the Executive."

Another Amendment made to Senator Tarka's Motion by adding at the end "(c) To request the Executive to direct the extension of air services from Lagos to Bauchi and Return."—(Sen. Jalo Waziri).

Question, as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Senate realising the importance of communication links through air transportation as an important factor of enhancing National Unity, rapid internal and external commerce, and rapid economic development requests the Executive to direct Nigeria Airways Limited (WT) as follows :

(a) to expand the existing daily scheduled flights from Lagos-Makurdi to include designated flights between Lagos-Enugu-Makurdi and Yola (Return),

(b) to revive the flight, Jos-Makurdi-Calabar (Return),
and

(c) to direct the extension of air services from Lagos to Bauchi (Return).

As these destinations are geographically contiguous, the requested schedules will be economically viable and come within the flight operations of the Nigeria Airways.—(Sen. Res. 32-79).

5. **Ibadan Expressway :** Motion made, and Question proposed,

That considering the dangerous state of Ibadan Expressway due substantially to the faulty construction and maintenance of the road and considering the serious strictures passed on the road by the Nigerian Society of Engineers and its call for a probe on the cost and construction of the road be it resolved that—

(a) This distinguished Senate views with displeasure and alarm the present dangerous condition of this road due to its subsidence and deterioration in places.

(b) The President of the Republic is prayed to make arrangements for the adequate maintenance of this important artery.

(c) The Works Committee do conduct a detailed investigation into all facts and circumstances concerned with the planning, construction maintenance and use of the Ibadan Expressway and all appropriate persons including the President (Mr I. Igichon) and Publicity Secretary (Mr B. Osula) of the Nigerian Society of Engineers be invited to give evidence.

(d) The Committee to report its findings to the Senate as a matter of course.—(*Sen. Kunle Oyero*).

Debate arising ;

The Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Public Works.

6. Rural Electrification Projects : Motion made, and Question proposed,

That this Senate calls on the Federal Minister of Mines and Power to initiate immediate rural electrification projects in Gembu and other towns of Sardauna Local Government Area and the various valleys of the Mambilla Plateau ranges.—(*Sen. J. S. Tarka*).

Debate arising ;

And it being 5.45 p.m., Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

7. Adjournment,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Sen. J. S. Tarka*).

Debate arising ;

And it being after 6 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.05 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11th December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Executive Communications (Membership of the Judicial Service Commission):**—Mr President of the Senate acquainted the Senate that he had received communications from His Excellency the President and called upon the Clerk to read the communications to the Senate. The Communications were read as follows :



THE STATE HOUSE

6th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr AKKIO'ABEY to be a member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission in accordance with section 7 (e) of Part I (d) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I confirm that the Council of State has been duly consulted.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

6th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr KEHINDE SOFOLA to be a member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission in accordance with section 7 (d) of Part I (d) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I confirm that the Nigerian Bar Association proposed his nomination in the first instance and that the Council of State has been duly consulted.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

6th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr GEORGE NWOGBONNIA AMANKE OKAFOR to be a member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission in accordance with section 7 (d) of Part I (d) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I confirm that the Nigerian Bar Association proposed his nomination in the first instance and that the Council of State has been duly consulted.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

6th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Dr ALIYU ABUBAKAR to be a member of the Federal Judicial Service Commission in accordance with section 7 (e) of Part I (d) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I confirm that the Council of State has been duly consulted.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

The communications were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

3. Executive Communications (Membership of the Federal Electoral Commission):—Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received other communications from His Excellency the President and called upon the Clerk to read the communications to the Senate. The communications were read as follows :



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji GARBA YABO (Sokoto) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Chief D. T. BRAIDE (Rivers) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji M. B. IBRAHIM (Plateau) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Dr (Mrs) MABADEJE (Lagos) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji UMARU AUDI (Niger) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr BOLA AJIBOLA (Oguni) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Dr KOLA IKUSEMIJU (Ondo) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr Justice IGHODARO to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-Paragraph 5 (c) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr Justice S. O. IGHODARO to be the Chairman of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mrs ETHEL ONWU to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (c) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mrs HASU IRO INKO to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (c) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Chief J. B. C. ANYAEGBUNA (Anambra) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr O. I. AFE (Bendel) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of The Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Brig. I. N. OBEYA (Benue) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate ALI MUSTAFA UMARA (Doko) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate ALI MUHAMMADU KYARI (Gongola) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji LIWAN UMARU (Kwara) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria.

The communications were *referred* to the Committee on Public Service.

4. **Conference Report :** Senator S. M. Ojukwu laid on the Table the report of the Conference Committee on the National Science and Technology Bill. Report to be considered *Tomorrow*.

5. **Resignation from Leadership of PRP Senators :** Mr President called on the Clerk to read a letter from Senator Ibrahim Barau to the Senate which was read as follows :—

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

From Senator ALHAJI IBRAHIM BARAU

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Residence :
Flat No. 208, Block A,
National Assembly Flats,
Badagry Road,
Lagos.



Office :
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.
11th December, 1979

President of Senate,
Senate House,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos,
Nigeria.

Dear Sir,

RESIGNATION FROM LEADERSHIP OF PRP SENATORS

In obedience to the wish of my Party Leadership PRP, Party President (Mallam Aminu Kanó) I beg to tender my resignation from the leadership of Peoples' Redemption Party Senators with effect as from today, Tuesday, the eleventh day of December, 1979.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the President of Senate, his Deputy and all Party Leaders for the co-operation I have enjoyed in the short period of my stay in office.

Thank you for the co-operation.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
Senator
Alhaji Ibrahim Barau,
SENATOR.

6. **Recognition of the PRP Senate Leader :** Motion made and Question proposed, That Senate Resolution No. 22-79 of 21st November, 1979 in which Senator Ibrahim Barau was named as the PRP Senate Leader be rescinded to that extent and that the name be replaced by that of Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo—(Senator Haniru Musa).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That Senate Resolution No. 22-79 of 21st November, 1979 in which Senator Ibrahim Barau was named as the PRP Senate Leader be rescinded to that extent and that the name be replaced by that of Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo. (Senate Resolution 33-79).

7. **Confirmation of Ministers :** Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate do resolve into Committee of the whole Senate for the purpose of examining the credentials of the proposed Ministers whose nomination has been received and that the gallery be cleared—(Senator Sola Saraki)

Amendment proposed, to *delete* the words "That the gallery be cleared"—(Senator Olu Akpata).

Question put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, That strangers do withdraw pursuant to Standing Order 19 (d)—(Senator Jalo Waziri).

Question, That strangers do withdraw pursuant to Standing Order 19 (d) put and *agreed to*.

The Senate accordingly resolved into Committee of the whole Senate and strangers *withdrawn*.

(In the Committee)

The names of proposed Ministers were considered item by item as follows :—

MINISTERS OF CABINET RANK

1. Mrs Adenike Egun Oyagbola	NPN
2. Professor Ishaya Auda	NPP
3. Mr Samuel Adebisi Ogedengbe	NPN
4. Mr I. C. Maduike	NPP
5. Professor Sunday Mathew Essang	NPN
6. Engr. Paulinus Chinulu Amadike	NPP
7. Alhaji Umaru Abdurrahman Dikko	NPN
8. Mr Samuel Mafuyai	NPP
9. Mr Emmanuel Chuka Osammor	NPN

MINISTERS OF NON-CABINET RANK

10. Dr Abubakar Usman	NPN
11. Chief (Mrs) Janet Akinrinade	NPP
12. Dr Ishmael Jikiri Igbani	NPN
13. Mr Ademola Thomas	NPP
14. Mr Claudius Agboola Bamgboye	NPN
15. Chief Eteng Okoi-Obuli	NPP
16. Alhaji Garba Wushishi	NPN
17. Dr Paul Michaulum	NPP
18. Alhaji Iro Abubakar Dan-Musa	NPN
19. Mr E. Aguna	NPP

Whereupon, Alhaji Jalo Waziri moved, That Standing Order 4 (Sitting of the Senate) be suspended to enable the Committee to complete its work.

Motion by leave, *withdrawn*.

Committee to report progress.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Committee reported progress ; and asked leave to sit again *Tomorrow*.

Adjournment, - And it being after 6 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.20 p.m. till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12th December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 3.29 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Adjourned Debate on Question (11th December, 1979)**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, the Senate is hereby requested to confirm the nomination by His Excellency the President of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federation and that the gallery be cleared for the Senate to resolve into Committee of the whole Senate.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

Question again proposed. Debate resumed.

(In the Committee)

Questions were put to the proposed Ministers who had been invited by the Senate.

Suspension of Standing Orders: Senator Jalo Yaziri moved, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 4 (6) (Sitting of the Senate) be suspended to enable the Committee to complete its work.

Question put and negatived.

Debate resumed.

Committee to report progress.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Senator Saraki reported progress as follows and asked leave to sit again *Tomorrow* :—

(a) That the nomination of Mrs Adenike Egun Oyagbola as Minister of the Federation has been *convinced* by the Senate and that a return should be made to His Excellency the President accordingly.

(b) That the nomination of Mr Samuel Adehisi Ogedengbe as Minister of the Federation has been *convinced* by the Senate and that a return should be made to His Excellency the President accordingly.

3. **Adjournment**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising;

And it being after 6 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.05 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of 11th December, 1979

Under item 7—Confirmation of Ministers—page 89, line 29, *add* "The Senate confirmed the nomination of the following persons as Ministers of the Federation and *ordered* that a return should be made to His Excellency the President accordingly :—

(1)	Professor Ishaya Auda	Cabinet Rank
(2)	Mr I. C. Madubuike	Cabinet Rank
(3)	Prof. Sunday Mathew Essang	Cabinet Rank
(4)	Engr. Paulinus Chinulu Anadike	Cabinet Rank
(5)	Alhaji Umaru Abdurrahman Dikko	Cabinet Rank
(6)	Mr Samuel Kafuvai	Cabinet Rank
(7)	Mr Emmanuel Chuka Ommnor	Cabinet Rank
(8)	Dr Abubakar Usman	Non-Cabinet Rank
(9)	Chief (Mrs) Janet Akinrinde	Non-Cabinet Rank
(10)	Mr Ademola Thomas	Non-Cabinet Rank

(11) Chief Claudius Agboola Bamgboye	..	..	..	..	..	Non-Cabinet Rank
(12) Chief Eteng Okoi-Obuli	..	..	..	..	..	Non-Cabinet Rank
(13) Dr Paul Michaulum	..	..	..	..	..	Non-Cabinet Rank
(14) Mr E. Aguma	..	..	..	..	..	Non-Cabinet Rank
(15) Alhaji Garba Wushishi	..	..	..	..	..	Withdrawn"

That the following prospective Ministers should be invited to the Senate on *Wednesday, 12th December, 1979* :—

"(1) Mrs Adenike Egun Oyagbola	..	..	..	..	..	Cabinet Rank
(2) Mr Samuel Adebisi Ogedengbe	..	..	..	..	..	Cabinet Rank
(3) Dr Ishmael Jikiri Igbani	..	..	..	..	..	Non-Cabinet Rank
(4) Alhaji Iro Abubakar Dan-Musa	..	..	..	..	..	Non-Cabinet Rank"

SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE CLERK

NOVEMBER 1979

Thursday, 14th December, 1979

1. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mr. President to his seat and read prayers.

2. 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. of Communications: The following Senators were appointed ad hoc (members of the following Committees):

Sen. N. N. Arch	...	...	Committee on Judiciary
Sen. D. D. Eckhart	...	...	Committee on Public Service.

3. Mr. President announced the Senate that he had received a Message for creation of new States from the Governor of Nevada.

The President also announced the Senate that he had received a Communication from the President on the issue of the coal strike.

The President further acquainted the Senate that he had received Messages from the House of Representatives to be read to the Senators as follows:—

S/N/V/DC. 13/1911. Papers.
11th December, 1979.

A. A. Carter Esq.
Clerk of the Senate,
Parliament Buildings,
Legos.

Resolution of the House of Representatives

That you favour the Motion, S/N/V/DC. 68/15 of 17th December, 1979.

2. I wish to inform you that at their sitting on Friday, 5th December, 1979 the House of Representatives resolved that they would adjourn on Wednesday 19th December, 1979 for the Christmas Recess and resume on Monday, 14th January, 1980.

(B. I. OJINMAI).

Clerk of the House of Representatives

S/NA/DC. 13/17
House of Representatives.

11th December, 1979.

A. A. Carter Esq.
Clerk of the Senate,
Parliament Buildings,
Legos.

Resolution of the House of Representatives

I wish to inform you that the receipt of your letter of 11th December, 1979 had to see that the House of Representatives had to be informed of the adjournment of the House of Representatives on Wednesday 19th December, 1979 for the Christmas Recess and resume on Monday, 14th January, 1980.

2. I wish to also inform you that at their sitting on Friday 24th November, 1979 the House of Representatives resolved that they would adjourn on Wednesday 19th December, 1979 for the Christmas Recess and resume on Monday, 14th January, 1980.

Adjourn:

Leadership in the House—It is the following Members be reelected as follows:

Allaji Yusuf Kabir	.. .. .	Leader of the House of Representatives
Mr B. M. Mohammed Jai	.. .. .	Leader of the UPN
Lt-Col. P. C. Amadi	.. .. .	Leader of the NPP
Allaji N. M. K. Kondega	.. .. .	Leader of the GNPP
Allaji Mohammed Musapha	.. .. .	Leader of the PPP

3. It would be appreciated if you could please bring the Resolution reflected in the preceding paragraph to the attention of the Senate.

(B. I. OLUYAN, O.D.,
Clerk of the House of Representatives)

4. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS: Adjourned Debate on Question (with Decree No. 1979) — Motion made, and Question proposed, That the privilege be granted to the Senate with resolution 135 (a) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, the Senate is hereby requested to confirm the nomination by His Excellency the President of the following members of the Government of the Federation and that the salary be cleared for the Senate to resolve into Committee of the whole Senate.—(S. A. ABU-SARAFI)

MINISTERS OF CABINET RANK

1. Mrs Adenuga Yemi Oyegbola	.. .. .	NPN
2. Professor Ebenezer Odu	.. .. .	NPP
3. Mr Oshinubi Ogedengbe	.. .. .	NIN
4. J. C. Madueke	.. .. .	NPP
5. Professor Sir John Mathew Fering	.. .. .	NPN
6. Eng. Paulinus Chiraku Zaka	.. .. .	NPP
7. Allaji Umaru Abdertahamou Idrisu	.. .. .	NPN
8. Mr Emmanuel Adakai	.. .. .	NPP
9. Mr Emmanuel Chula Osamonor	.. .. .	NPN

MINISTERS OF NON-CABINET RANK

10. Dr Abubakar Usman	.. .. .	NPN
11. Chief (Mrs) Just Adirinade	.. .. .	NPI
12. Dr Ismael Isah Igban	.. .. .	NPN
13. Mr Ademola Thomas	.. .. .	NPP
14. Mr Claudius Abiola Bamigboye	.. .. .	NPN
15. Chief Ekeji Olati-Ojuli	.. .. .	NPP
16. Allaji Garba Wushishi	.. .. .	NPN
17. Dr Paul Michaelum	.. .. .	NPP
18. Allaji Ibrahim Dan-Musa	.. .. .	NPN
19. Mr E. Agum	.. .. .	NPP

Question again proposed, Debate resumed.

(In the Chair)

By leave of the Senate, the nomination of Allaji Garba Wushishi which had been withdrawn was reviewed and his nomination confirmed.

Committee to report progress.

Mr President returned the Chair.

Senator Bola Sokol reported progress as follows:

(i) That the nomination of the late Chief (Mrs) Just Adirinade, Minister of the Federation of Nigeria, Non-Cabinet Rank, has been approved by the Senate and that a return should be made to the Senate by the Clerk of the Senate accordingly.

(ii) That the nomination of Senator Ibrahim Dan-Musa, Minister of the Federation of Nigeria, Non-Cabinet Rank, has been approved by the Senate and that a return should be made to the Senate by the Clerk of the Senate accordingly.

(iii) That the nomination of Allaji Garba Wushishi, Minister of the Federation of Nigeria, Non-Cabinet Rank, has been approved by the Senate and that a return should be made to the Senate by the Clerk of the Senate accordingly.

5. Chairman of the Senate (Motion No. 20/1979): Motion made and Question put and Answered.—The Senate hereby resolves its decision of 11th November 1979, relating to the nomination of Chief N. O. Adigun as a member of the Council of the Government and the nomination of the late Chief J. O. Awolowo as a member of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the decision of the Senate of 11th November 1979, relating to the nomination of Chief J. O. Awolowo as a member of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979.—(See *Senate Minutes*).

Debate ended.—

Motion made, put and Senator Sarf's Motion has been considered *further*.—(See *7th Reading*).
Question, that Senator Sarf's Motion be considered *further* put, the Senate divided.

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1. Sen. N. N. Anah	7. Sen. Jemah Nnamani
2. Sen. Mohammed Uba Ahmed	8. Sen. Ojha Nweke
3. Sen. Ibrahim Dindis	9. Sen. Basil Charles Oron
4. Sen. Alvan O. Nwanne	10. Sen. Pater Samuel O. Okonkwo
5. Sen. Abiodun Kafil Yabari	11. Sen. J. O. Al. Abalo
6. Sen. Ibrahim Jide Wadli	12. Sen. Nwagwu Ifeanyi
7. Sen. David O. Dandin	13. Sen. John Osondu
8. Sen. Andrew Abogede	14. Sen. Ebraheem Lawan
9. Sen. Ahmadu Akhan Ali	15. Sen. Idina Kadi
10. Sen. Samson Chib	16. Sen. J. Mafur Jafaru
11. Sen. Ahmadu Sani	17. Sen. Jikori Sarda
12. Sen. Joseph S. Yarka	18. Sen. Jibus Bazun
13. Sen. Abdulwahid Girga	19. Sen. Mahmud Waziri
14. Sen. Victor Awa	20. Sen. Jaka Sanya Zina
15. Sen. Joseph Oron Ansa	21. Sen. Daniel Patangi Ezeororo
16. Sen. George Anusua Dardaji	22. Sen. Comenius O. Maduogo
17. Sen. David John Dibia	23. Sen. Julius Okereke Olu
18. Sen. Iliza Odika Anulu	24. Sen. Mulujiur Akande Ayon
19. Sen. Gayus Gbure	25. Sen. Adesiga Omogbolu Agyi
20. Sen. Tony Awoyinu	26. Sen. Obafemi Awolaja
21. Sen. Simona Niba Ojokwu	27. Sen. Akporomi A. Deromaji
22. Sen. Jarihi Awoleka Yachini	28. Sen. Sifiso A. Shitani
23. Sen. Abba Ali	29. Sen. Abraham A. Adesanya
24. Sen. Ibrahim Tandu	30. Sen. David Adedoh Isikun
25. Sen. Yusuf M. Daura	31. Sen. Jemah O. Oke
26. Sen. Jacob Iyeme Madaki	32. Sen. Jide A. T. Odeh
27. Sen. Usman Ali Dambatta	33. Sen. A. O. Adigun
28. Sen. Isa Oloro	34. Sen. (Late) Sir L. O. Osofisan
29. Sen. Aliyu Ibrahim Gani	35. Sen. Abiodun Odeku
30. Sen. Abiodun Sa'adu Sariki	36. Sen. Abiodun Odeku
31. Sen. Garba Sani Dada	37. Sen. O. T. Adesina
32. Sen. Ibrahim Kofi	38. Sen. O. T. Adesina
33. Sen. Abubakar Musfi	39. Sen. O. T. Adesina
34. Sen. Alhadi Aminu	40. Sen. O. T. Adesina
35. Sen. Jide A. T. Odeh	
36. Sen. (Late) Sir L. O. Osofisan	
37. Sen. George Odeh Aromaka	
38. Sen. (Late) Sir L. O. Osofisan	
39. Sen. O. T. Adesina	
40. Sen. O. T. Adesina	

Ayes

41. Sen. Faruk Jeleh Kikah
42. Sen. Cyril N. Nwadi
43. Sen. Ahmad Zaka
44. Sen. M. Hyati Abdulkarim
45. Sen. Garba Gadu
46. Sen. Garba Kware
47. Sen. Haruna Abu
48. Sen. Hassan Zuru

TELLERS :

- Ayes—Sen. Idris Atuga.
 Nays—Sen. M. Hyati Abdulkarim.

Debate resumed.

M.A. Questioned that the Senate leader includes in the agenda with October 1979 regarding the nomination of Chief O. A. Adigbo as Chief Justice of the Federal Government of the Republic of Nigeria. He asked the Senate leader if the Senate has the authority to do so. He asked the Senate leader if the Senate has the authority to do so. He asked the Senate leader if the Senate has the authority to do so.

Ayes

1. Sen. N. N. Anah
2. Sen. Olla Nwali
3. Sen. Mohammed U. Ahmed
4. Sen. Ibrahim Din
5. Sen. Ahmadu D. Adufi
6. Sen. Abdul-Malik Y. Saleh
7. Sen. Ibrahim Jabo Waziri
8. Sen. David O. Danone
9. Sen. Andrew Abwede
10. Sen. Ahmadu Adh Ali
11. Sen. Sueno-Cin
12. Sen. Anah Elete
13. Sen. Joseph S. Oba
14. Sen. Mohammed G. Lawan
15. Sen. Victor Akpan
16. Sen. Joseph Ogun Ansa
17. Sen. George A. Daniel
18. Sen. D. D. Michel
19. Sen. Jiya G. Audu
20. Sen. Cayus Garma
21. Sen. Tony Akpan
22. Sen. Simeon M. Ojo
23. Sen. Abba Ali
24. Sen. Bello Bakari
25. Sen. Ibrahim Jabo Waziri
26. Sen. Yusuf Ali Oba
27. Sen. Joseph S. Oba
28. Sen. Usman A. Usman
29. Sen. B. Oba
30. Sen. Abba Ali
31. Sen. Garba Kware
32. Sen. Garba Kware

Nays

1. Sen. Adunmola
- Adigbo

Absentees

1. Sen. Isah N. Abi
2. Sen. Basil C. Okwu
3. Sen. Umaru L. Bama
4. Sen. Luka Zanya Zing
5. Sen. E. P. Fichero
6. Sen. J. A. W. Chuku
7. Sen. Garba Kware
8. Sen. Olla Nwali

14. Sen. Abubakar S. Saraki
15. Sen. Garba Musa Dada
16. Sen. Abubakar Mijagi
17. Sen. Abdulkabir Adhiambo
18. Sen. George B. Nwankwapa
19. Sen. Thomas Yepwi
20. Sen. John Wah Pam
21. Sen. Ogho-osa Ibeawariye
22. Sen. Cyrus Nwuneli
23. Sen. Olu Wali
24. Sen. Amara Zoufa
25. Sen. Mubtari Abdulkarim
26. Sen. Garba Ezevbe
27. Sen. Nnamdi Alusa
28. Sen. Hassan Zuru

TELLERS :

Ayer—Sen. V. Akan

Nays—Sen. Mubtari Abdulkarim.

Resolved, That the Senate hereby rescinds its decision taken on 10th October, 1979, rejecting the nomination of Mr Paul Uzozo as Minister of the Government of the Federation and the Senate hereby rescinds the matter and confirms the nomination of the said Mr Paul Uzozo by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as Minister of the Government of the Federation in accordance with Section 133(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979.

9. Count of the Senate : *Ordered*, That the Senate be counted in order to determine whether a quorum was present. The Senate being counted and 41 Senators being present the Senate concluded its sitting. 9 a.m. *Tomorrow*—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

10. Adjournment—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn till 9 a.m. And it being after 6 p.m. the President adjourned the Senate without Question put.

Adjourned accordingly at 8.04 p.m.

DR JOSEPH KWAYAS
President

33. Sen. Ibrahim Sani
34. Sen. Andrew Abiodun
35. Sen. M. J. A. M. A. I.
36. Sen. J. L. A. I.
37. Sen. M. J. A. I.
38. Sen. G. O. A. I.
39. Sen. T. A. I.
40. Sen. O. A. I.
41. Sen. P. A. I.
42. Sen. C. A. I.
43. Sen. A. A. I.
44. Sen. M. A. I.
45. Sen. G. A. I.
46. Sen. G. A. I.
47. Sen. D. A. I.
48. Sen. T. A. I.

THEY ARE:

Major Sen. Abubakar
Sen. J. A. I.

Resolved, That the Senate hereby rescinds its decision taken on 10th October, 1979 regarding the nomination of Chief Justice A. A. I. as Minister in the Government of the Federation and the Senate hereby expresses its regret and disapproval to the nomination of Chief Justice A. A. I. as Minister in the Government of the Federation and the Government of the Federation in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979.

6. *Sen. Andrew Abiodun* (Sen. J. A. I.) *Resolved*, That Standing Order 4 (Chairing of the Senate) be suspended to enable the Senate to complete the business on the Order Paper *this day*.

7. *Chairing of the Senate*: *Chairing of the Senate* be continued to determine whether a quorum was present. *Chairing of the Senate* being present, the Senate continued its sitting.

8. *Motion made and carried* as proposed, That the Senate let by rescind its decision taken on 19th October, 1979, rejecting the nomination of Mr Paul Umuro as Minister of the Government of the Federation and let the Senate hereby rescinds the matter and confirms the nomination of the said Mr Paul Umuro as Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as Minister of the Government of the Federation in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979.— (*See: State Gazette*).

Question, That the Senate hereby rescinds its decision taken on 19th October, 1979, rejecting the nomination of Mr Paul Umuro as Minister of the Government of the Federation and the Senate hereby rescinds the matter and confirms the nomination of the said Mr Paul Umuro by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as Minister of the Government of the Federation in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979, put, the Senate *divided*—

Ayes 28

Nays 6

Abstentions 6

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| 1. Sen. N. N. Anah | 1. Sen. David O. D. A. I. | Sen. O. A. I. | Sen. N. N. A. I. |
| 2. Sen. Ibrahim Sani | 2. Sen. Andrew Abiodun | 3. Sen. Isa Olorun | |
| 3. Sen. Abdul-Fadil V. Saleh | 3. Sen. A. A. I. | 4. Sen. J. A. I. | |
| 4. Sen. Ibrahim Jaba Waziri | 4. Sen. Joseph S. Tanka | 5. Sen. Mohammed G. I. A. I. | |
| 5. Sen. Victor Akpan | 5. Sen. B. G. A. I. | 6. Sen. G. A. I. | |
| 6. Sen. Joseph O. A. I. | 6. Sen. Abba Ali | 7. Sen. L. A. I. | |
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| 12. Sen. A. A. I. | | | |

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 14th December, 1979

1. The Senate met at 10.30 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Count of Senate :** Mr President ordered the Clerk to count the Senate to determine whether a quorum was present. The count having been taken, and 33 Senators being present, the Senate proceeded with the business ordered for the day.

3. **Accommodation for Members of the National Assembly :** Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the unsuitability of Members present accommodation along Badagry Road, this Assembly calls upon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to allocate without delay 600 flats at Victoria Island to Members of National Assembly.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Amendment proposed, in line 3, *delete* the words "without delay"—(Sen. A. D. Rufai).

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Main Question put and *negatived*.

4. **Membership of the Inter-Parliamentary Union :** Motion made, and Question proposed, That in order to promote personal contact between Members of Parliaments/National Assemblies the world over and in order to foster and enhance international peace and co-operation through such contacts, it be resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows :

(a) that the Nigeria National Group renews its Membership of the Inter-Parliamentary Union ;

(b) that the Group do pledge its support and co-operation for the aims and objectives of the Union ;
and

(c) that the annual subscription of the Nigerian National Group be paid to the Secretariat of the Union as soon as possible.—(Sen. Jalo Waziri).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in order to promote personal contact between Members of Parliaments/National Assemblies the world over and in order to foster and enhance international peace and co-operation through such contacts, it be resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows :

(a) that the Nigeria National Group renews its Membership of the Inter-Parliamentary Union ;

(b) that the Group do pledge its support and co-operation for the aims and objectives of the Union ;
and

(c) that the annual subscription of the Nigerian National Group be paid to the Secretariat of the Union as soon as possible.—(Sen. Res. 36-79).

5. **Recess—(Rescission of Decision) :** Motion made, and Question proposed, That Senate Resolution (No. 31-79) be rescinded and that the Senate should now commence its Christmas Recess on 19th December, 1979 and reconvene 7th January, 1980.

Question put and *negatived*.

6. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*; That the Senate do now adjourn till 7th January, 1980 at 3 p.m.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.05 p.m.

DR JOSEPH. WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 13th December, 1979

Under item 4 *add (iv)*—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the said report.—(Sen. Sola Saraki).

Question put and *agreed to*.



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 7th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Business of the Senate** : Motion made, and Question proposed.—That Standing Order 17 (a) and (b) be suspended and that pending the approval of the draft Standing Orders now in preparation, the business of the Senate shall be as follows :

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, government business shall have precedence over the business of Senators and on Thursdays and Fridays the business of the Senators shall have precedence over the government business.—(Sen. Jalo Wasiri).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved,—That Standing Order 17 (a) and (b) be suspended and that pending the approval of the draft Standing Orders now in preparation, the business of the Senate shall be as follows :

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays government business shall have precedence over the business of the Senators and on Thursdays and Fridays the business of the Senators shall have precedence over the government business.

3. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a message from His Excellency, the President and called on the Clerk to read the message to the Senate. The Message was read as follows :



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate *Alihaji Isa KATTA* as Chairman of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr Boniface Chibunna NWIKANMA as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr. Agan D. INKARO as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji Hassan LEMU as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Rev. Akpnan UKPONG as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji Isa IKO (Mutawallin Zuru) as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mrs F. M. SOWOLE as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji Mamsur KAUAROFI as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Chief A. B. BATUBO as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr Moses Olarenwaju EGUNDEVI as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji Muhammadu NASHABARU (Kano), to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji Ahmed KARI (Bauchi), to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

31st December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Dr Latif Oladepo AREMU (Oyo), to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

4th January, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji Zubairu MAHMUD as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Alhaji Aminu SALIHU, O.O.N. (Kaduna) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (C) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

10th December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mrs E. O. PAM to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (c) of Part I (C) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE:

10th December, 1979

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Mr N. A. ADUMANU (Imo) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (C) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

2nd January, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate Chief P. G. WARMATE (Rivers) to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

7th January, 1980.

Ref. No. 57760/Vol. VI/179

The Hon. Dr. Joseph W. ...
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
LAGOS.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

I wish to withdraw the nominations of :—

- (a) Mr Justice Ighodaro as Chairman and Member ;
- (b) Alhaji Bello Kirfi (Bauchi) as Member ;
- (c) Chief (Dr) M. T. D. Braide as Member.

2. I have submitted other nominations to substitute for Alhaji Bello Kirfi and Chief (Dr) M. T. D. Braide in the persons of Alhaji Ahmed Kasi and Chief P. G. Warmate respectively. I shall forward the substitute for Mr Justice Ighodaro in due course.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces*

4. **Creation of Katsina State :** Mr President informed the Senate that he had received a request in accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979, for the creation of a new State to be known as the Katsina State. The letter with the attachments to lie on the Table Tomorrow.

5. **The National Assembly Service Commission Bill.**—Bill entitled "The National Assembly Service Commission Act, 1980" presented by Senator Sola Saraki was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Business Committee.

6. **Recognition of the Delegation from the Congress of the United States of America :** Mr President invited the attention of the Senate to the presence in the gallery of the Delegation from the United States Congress led by Representative James Wright. By leave of the Senate the august visitors were received in the Senate Chamber and Representative Wright was granted the privilege of addressing the Senate. The Delegation retired thereafter.

7. **National Science and Technology Bill.**—Consideration of Conference Report : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the following report.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF
THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1979

Present :

Senator S. M. Ojukwu	Chairman
Senator Uba Ahmed	Member
Senator C. Nunich	Member
Senator Idrisa K. adi	Member
Hon. Kemte Gbodom	Member
Hon. Paul Mshelia	Member
Hon. Garba Iyaku	Member
Hon. Matthew O. Oni	Member
Hon. Joseph C. Okoli	Member

The Senators and Members of the House of Representatives held a "Conference" to harmonise and agree on amendments to a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Dissolution of the National Science and Technology Development Agency and the transfer of its functions, Staff, Assets and Liabilities to the Minister of Science and Technology and for purposes connected therewith.

Section 1 (1)—Power of Minister to Establish Research Institutes. The Conference agreed with the spirit of the Amendment proposed by the House of Representatives but resolved to recast the amendment and, therefore, recommends as follows :

After the last word in the Section, *insert*

"provided that the siting of such research institutes either reflects the national geographical spread or is confined to areas where local materials for the research are available".

Section 1 (1) of the Bill shall therefore read as follows :

"The Minister may, with the approval of the President, by order published in the *Gazette* establish research institutes and the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Act shall apply in relation to any institute so established provided that the siting of such research institutes either reflects the national geographical spread or is confined to areas where local materials for the research are available".

2. Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1—ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES—The Conference agreed with the Amendment proposed by the Senate to the House of Representatives Amendment to *delete* the word "any" wherever it occurs in line 2 and *substitute* the word "such" ; and in line 3, to *delete* the word "done" and *substitute* the word "undertaken". The paragraph shall therefore read as follows :—

"3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, each institute shall have power to take such decisions and to enter into such transactions which in its opinion ought to be undertaken in the proper discharge of its functions".

The Conference adjourned at 12.10 p.m.

Debate arising :

Senator David Oke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question. That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

The Conference Committee report accordingly adopted and *passed*.

8. Rural Electrification Projects : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (10th December, 1929), "That this Senate call on the Executive to initiate immediate rural electrification projects in Gembu and other towns of Sardauna Local Government Area and the various valleys of the Mambilla Plateau ranges."—(*Sen. Illiya Audu*).

Question again proposed,—Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed in line 2, to *delete* the word "immediate" and after the word "projects" *delete* from "in" to the end of line 3, and *substitute* therefor the following "throughout the country in the next Development Plan."—(*Sen. Kintle Oyero*).

The Motion, as amended, *referred* to the Committee on Mines and Power.

9. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.35 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Obituary Speeches** : Mr President acquainted the Senate of the death of a Member of the National Assembly, Hon. S. U. Bassey and on behalf of the Senate he expressed his sympathy with the relations of the deceased Member on the loss they had sustained.

3. **Creation of Katsina State** : Senator Sola Saraki laid on the Table a request received from the people of Katsina for the creation of a new State out of Kaduna State to be known as the "Katsina State".

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate take note of the request.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

Question put and *negatived*.

Another Motion made, and Question proposed, That an *ad hoc* joint Committee consisting of equal Members of both Houses of the National Assembly be set up to examine the request for the creation of the Katsina State.

Question put and *agreed to*.

The Committee shall consist of eleven Members with Mr President as the Chairman. Other Members of the Committee shall be nominated by the five Party Leaders in the Senate in accordance with S. J. Res. 1-79 of 15th October, 1979.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

Adjourned accordingly at 4.50 p.m. till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9th January, 1980

- x. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. Message from the United States Senate : Mr President read to the Senate the following communication addressed to him and the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the Vice President/President of the Senate of the United States.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Lagos, Nigeria

January 9, 1980

The Honourable
Dr Joseph Wayas
President of the Senate
National Assembly

Dear Mr President :

I have been asked to transmit to you the enclosed letter from Vice President Walter Mondale. I am happy to have this opportunity to do so, and to add to it my own congratulations on your election as President of the Senate.

Sincerely,
STEPHEN LOW,
Ambassador

Enclosure

January 9, 1980

The Honourable
Dr Joseph Wayas
President of the Senate
National Assembly

Dear Mr President :

The process by which Nigeria returned to constitutional rule this year was one of the most remarkable and satisfying political events of modern times and is a source of satisfaction to people everywhere who respect the democratic process.

As one who has served within a federal system of government for a number of years, I have been greatly impressed that your new constitution also called for a federal system to govern a large, diverse, and complex nation.

It is my great pleasure to convey to you in your capacity as President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria my warm congratulations and very best wishes.

Sincerely,
WALTER F. MONDALE

Resolved, That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Vice President/President of the Senate of the United States for his kind and friendly message sent to this honourable Senate. --(Sen Res. 2-80).

3. **Creation of the Cross River State** : Senator Sola Saraki laid on the Table a request by the people of Calabar and Ogoja Senatorial Districts for the creation of a new State out of the existing Cross River State. The Senate declined to take note of the request but referred it to the *ad hoc* Joint Committee set up yesterday to examine all such requests.

4. **Provision of adequate staff and other facilities for the Senate** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate enjoin the House Committee of the Senate to prepare within two weeks, a proposal for the immediate establishment of—

(1) *A Bill Drafting and Legal Services Unit* : To assist in legal drafting of Senators Bills.

(2) *A Fiscal Estimates Unit* : To assist in preparing as fully and accurately as possible, fiscal notes to accompany Bills indicating financial involvements of each Bill.

(3) *A Legislative Audit Unit* : To assist in conducting performance audits of the Executive Branch.

In the interim, that this Senate request the office of the Attorney-General through the office of the President to temporarily post five expert Legal Draftsmen and their aids to the office of the Clerk of the Senate to assist in the legal drafting of Senators Bills.—(Sen. E. P. Echeruo).

An Amendment was made in line 1, to *delete* "House Committee" and *substitute* "Rules and Business Committee" instead thereof. By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *withdrawn*.

5. **Development of Agricultural and Livestock projects** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate call on the President to initiate the immediate and rapid development of agricultural projects including livestock breeding, dairy and beef production as well as allied Agro-Industries and Agricultural Training Schemes in the Sardauna Local Government Area of Gongola State and the range of Mambilla Plateau.—(Sen. Illiya Audu).

Amendment made in line 1, to *delete* "the Minister of Agriculture" and *substitute* therefor "The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria", and in line 4, to *delete* "the range of Mambilla Plateau" and *substitute* "other rural areas of the Federation with similar potentials and that the Motion be referred to the Committee on Agriculture for further amplification and for inclusion in the next Development Plan".

The Motion was accordingly *referred* to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

6. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.45 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 8th January, 1980, under item 3, line 7, *delete* "the Katsina State" and *substitute* therefor "more States".

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.25 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Development of Rural Areas and Creation of More Local Government Areas**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in order to enhance the development of rural areas with a view of curbing the drift of population from the rural to urban areas, and also in order to improve the living standard of the village dwellers, be it resolved by the Senate,—That the President brings pressure to bear on State Governments to create or establish more Local Government Areas by breaking up already existing larger Local Government Areas.—(*Sen. Abubakar Magaji*).

Debate arising ;

Senator A. Ali rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put and *negatived*.

3. **Motion of Confidence in Mr President**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate appreciates the way Mr President has so far conducted the business of the Senate and therefore has implicit confidence in his able leadership of the Senate.—(*Sen. N. N. Anah*).

Debate arising ;

Whereupon, Senator Sola Saraki moved that Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) be suspended in order to complete the business allotted for the day.

Question put and *negatived*.

Debate *resumed*.

And it being 5.45 p.m. the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 9 a.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.50 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 11th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 10.10 a.m. Mr Deputy President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Mr Deputy President observed that under Standing Order 18 (3), the Motion of Confidence in Mr President which was interrupted by adjournment yesterday had lapsed and therefore should not have been relisted on the Order Paper on Friday, 11th January, 1980. The Motion was dropped.

3. **Vote of Censure on Mr President** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate passes a vote of censure on the President of the Senate for the way he conducts the affairs of the Senate.—
(*Sen. J. A. O. Odebiyi*)

Debate arising ;

Whereupon, Senator Sola Saraki moved, That Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) be suspended in order to complete the business allotted for the day.

Question put and agreed to.

Debate resumed.

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *withdrawn*.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till Monday at 3 p.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 1 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President.



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 14th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.02 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr. President read to the Senate a letter received from His Excellency, the President as follows :

Ref. No. 59495/S.1/180

The Hon. Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

14th December, 1979.

Dear Dr Wayas,

CONFIRMATION OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. S/NA/DC.65/30 of the 13th of December, 1979, conveying Senate confirmation of appointment of the remaining Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Arrangements are already at hand to swear-in the new Ministers for immediate assumption of duty.

I should like to express my appreciation to you and through you to the entire Senate membership for the thoroughness and dedication you have demonstrated in the performance of the difficult exercise. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours Very Sincerely,

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

3. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from His Excellency, the President and called upon the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

10th January, 1980

I nominate Alhaji Madu MAIBE as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*

4. **Seats of Senators :** Mr President referred to Senate Standing Order (3)—Seats of Senators—and informed the Senate that he had already allocated seats to all Senators and directed that Senators should sit in accordance with that arrangement.

5. **The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Bill,**—Bill entitled “The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act, 1979” presented by Senator Sola Saraki was laid on the Table and read the first time.

On the motion of Senator Jalo Waziri the Bill was referred to the Committee on Petroleum and Energy. The Second Reading of the Bill would be taken after the Bill shall have been reported out by the Committee. Mr President appointed Senator D. D. Etiebet as the temporary Chairman of the Committee.

6. **Code of Conduct and Standards Committee,**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate approve the establishment of a Code of Conduct and Standards Committee which will prescribe the code of conduct and standards for Senators and the staff of the Senate.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Amendment made, to delete the title of the motion—“Code of Conduct and Standards Committee” and substitute therefor, “The Committee on Ethics”.

Debate arising ;

Senator A. Ali rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed.

Question, That the motion be referred to the Rules and Business Committee, put and *negatived*.

Another Question, That this Senate approve the establishment of a Committee on Ethics which will prescribe the code of conduct and standards for Senators and the staff of the Senate, put and *negatived*.

7. **Committee on the Library,**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate establish a Committee to set up an efficient and effective Library Service for the National Assembly.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

The Motion was referred to the Rules and Business Committee. It was agreed that Senators could submit any amendments they might wish to make to the Motion to that Committee for consideration.

8. **Implementation of the Auditor-General's Report,**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that there is no known machinery for enforcing the findings and recommendations of the Auditor-General of the Federation, and in view of the fact that the work of the Public Accounts Committee is a post mortem on past financial transactions of Federal Ministries and Departments, the Senate resolves to establish a Standing Committee from among its members to be known as SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS to monitor on a continuing basis, how the monies which the National Assembly may appropriate for Ministries and Departments, and through them to the Corporations, Boards and Government-owned Companies, are being expended in order to ensure :

(a) that monies so approved are expended in strict compliance with the laws passed by the National Assembly, and

(b) that erring Ministries, Departments, Corporations, Boards and Government-owned Companies act upon and comply with its Auditor-General's Reports and his comments on the Accounts of Statutory Corporations and Government-owned Companies.

2. That Senate empowers the Public Accounts Committee to examine the audited accounts of Federal Corporations, Boards and Government-owned Companies and lay its Reports before the National Assembly.—(Senator Nosihe Ikpo).

By the consent of the Senate, the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

9. **Adjournment :** Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3.00 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 15th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.02 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Implementation of the Auditor-General's Report**: Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (14th January, 1980).—That in view of the fact that there is no known machinery for enforcing the findings and recommendations of the Auditor-General of the Federation, and in view of the fact that the work of the Public Accounts Committee is a post mortem on past financial transactions of Federal Ministries and Departments, the Senate resolves to establish a Standing Committee from among its members to be known as **SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** to monitor on a continuing basis, how the monies which the National Assembly may appropriate for Ministries and Departments, and through them to the Corporations, Boards and Government-owned Companies, are being expended in order to ensure:

(a) that monies so approved are expended in strict compliance with the laws passed by the National Assembly, and

(b) that erring Ministries, Departments, Corporations, Boards and Government-owned Companies act upon and comply with the Auditor-General's Reports and his comments on the Accounts of Statutory Corporations and Government-owned Companies.

3. That Senate empowers the Public Accounts Committee to examine the audited accounts of Federal Corporations, Boards and Government-owned Companies and lay its Reports before the National Assembly.—(Senator Nosiike Ikpo).

Question again proposed.

Debate resumed.

Senator Ansa rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put and *negatived*.

4. **Importation of Cars and Reduction of Import Duties**: Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate call on the President to expedite action on import licences of existing approved lists of car importers granted by the former Military Government and the reduction of import duties on such saloon cars imported into the country to supplement those assembled locally.—(Senator A. Adegoke).

Debate arising;

The Main Motion was *amended* to read as follows:

"That the Senate call on the President to take necessary action to grant licences for importation of motor vehicles and to reduce import duties on such vehicles imported into the country".—(Senator Cyrus Nunieh).

It was *resolved* that the Motion, as amended, together with the Senate Resolution on Import Restrictions and Import Licences of 6th December, 1979, be *referred* to the Committee on Commerce and Industry for immediate consideration. Senator Dafinone was appointed temporary Chairman of the Committee.

5. **Adjournment**.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Establishment of new Universities in Nigeria and improvement to the existing ones,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That to give effect to the provisions of Part II of the Second Schedule of the Nigerian Constitution which place University Education on the Concurrent Legislative List, this Senate resolve :

(1) That of the existing Nigerian Universities, the University of Ibadan shall continue to be a Federal University.

(2) That the Federal Government shall establish a new Federal University, the National University of Science and Technology, in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

(3) That the following Universities shall become State Universities by transferring control over them and responsibility for their development to the States as follows :—

- (a) University of Nigeria, Nsukka to Anambra State.
- (b) University of Benin to Bendel State.
- (c) University of Maiduguri to Borno State.
- (d) University of Calabar to Cross River State.
- (e) Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria to Kaduna State.
- (f) Bayero University, Kano to Kano State.
- (g) University of Ilorin to Kwara State.
- (h) University of Lagos to Lagos State.
- (i) University of Ife to Oyo State.
- (j) University of Jos to Plateau State.
- (k) University of Port Harcourt to Rivers State.
- (l) University of Sokoto to Sokoto State.

(4) That whenever any of the following States which do not yet have Universities shall inform the President of its decision and readiness to establish a State University, the President shall make a grant to the State for the purpose of assisting the establishment of the State University, the amount of such a grant being first proposed to the National Assembly for approval.

- (i) Ondo State
- (ii) Niger State
- (iii) Gongola State
- (iv) Ogun State
- (v) Imo State
- (vi) Bauchi State
- (vii) Benue State

(5) That the Federal Government shall annually make a subvention to each State University, such subvention amounting to 50 per cent of the capital estimates and 30 per cent of the recurrent estimates of the State University.

(6) That the autonomy of each University in such matters as the appointment of top officials and admission of students shall always be compatible with the dictates of national unity.—(Senator S. A. Akintoye).

Amendment proposed in paragraph 4, line 3, to *delete* the words “assisting the establishment of” and *substitute* therefor “establishing”, and in paragraph 5, line 2, to *delete* 50 per cent and 30 per cent and *substitute* 75 per cent and 25 per cent respectively instead thereof.—(Senator A. D. Rufai).

And it being near the time for the interruption of business, Senator Akintoye moved, That the Debate be now adjourned. With the consent of the Senate, the Debate stood *adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 17th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Messages** : Mr President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the President of the Seym (Parliament) of the Polish People's Republic and directed the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :

Unofficial translation from Polish.

President of the Seym (Parliament) of the Polish People's Republic

Warsaw, 4th December, 1979

Dear Mr President,

On the occasion of Your election at the post of eminence as the President of the Senate of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it is my great pleasure to extend to You my most sincere congratulations. At the same time Excellency please accept my cordial wishes of success in Your dedicated service of responsibility for the benefit of Your Nation and State and all the best in Your private life.

Hoping to establish close co-operation between both our Parliaments which would serve further mutually advantageous development of the Polish-Nigerian relations, I wish to assure You, Sir, of my highest consideration.

STANISLAW GUCWA

His Excellency,
Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Lagos.

Resolved, That a letter of appreciation be sent to the President of the Seym (Parliament) of the Polish People's Republic for his kind and friendly message sent to this honourable Senate. (*Sen. Res.* 3-80).

3. **Message from the House of Representatives** : Mr President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives and directed the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :

Telephone : 634634

Telegrams : CLERKNAS



Clerk of the Senate,
Senate Buildings,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

Ref. S/NA/DC.13/20
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE,
P.M.B. 12572,
LAGOS, NIGERIA.
17th January, 1980

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 35 OF 17TH DECEMBER, 1979

I am directed to bring to your notice the contents of the above Resolution (No. 35) passed by the House of Representatives on Friday, 7th December, 1979 (vide House of Representatives Votes and

On arrival of the President of the Senate and the members and Staff of National Assembly at the Federal Housing Scheme, Victoria Island they were warmly received by the Commissioner for Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and the Staff of Bredero Nig., Ltd. the contractor who built the flats.

The members of National Assembly were conducted round the new flats which are 600 units of various categories as follows :

<i>Types of Flats</i>	<i>No. of Units</i>				<i>Model</i>
1. 4 bedrooms	96	..	..	..	Low Rise
2. 3 bedrooms	336	..	..	..	High Rise (Duplex)
3. 2 bedrooms	168	..	..	..	High Rise (Duplex)
	600				

Those of 4 bedroom flats have sitting rooms and the bedrooms on the same floor of each flat while those of 3 and 2 bedroom flats are of Duplex model. Steps are used in the low rise flats while lifts are used in the High rise flats.

Furniture—The flats have been supplied with some basic furniture. Door curtains, floor Carpets and telephones have not been supplied.

Electricity—Electricity has been supplied to the flats. It was understood that air conditioners could not be used due to the low current supply at Victoria Island. By the end of May, 1980, when the position of current supply would have been improved, air conditioners could be used. In the event of failure of power supply by NEPA, there is a standing generator to supply current to the flats.

4. Chairmanship of Committees : Mr President announced the appointment of Chairmen of Committees as follows :

1. Senator Mohamradu Agwai, Chairman Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.
2. Senator D. D. Etiebet, Chairman Committee on Public Service.
3. Senator N. N. Anah, Chairman Committee on Judiciary.
4. Senator A. M. Gani, Chairman Committee on Education.
5. Senator J. O. Ansa, Chairman Committee on Labour.
6. Senator Jalo Waziri, Chairman Committee on Foreign Relations.
7. Senator T. Anyanwu, Chairman Committee on Public Works.
8. Senator M. Uba Ahmed, Chairman Committee on Transport and Aviation.
9. Senator A. A. Ali, Chairman Committee on Petroleum and Energy.
10. Senator M. G. Lawan, Chairman Committee on Mines and Power.
11. Senator D. O. Dafinone, Chairman Committee on Commerce and Industry.
12. Senator J. S. Tarka, Chairman Committee on Appropriation and Finance.
13. Senator O. Eberewariye, Chairman Committee on Housing, Urban Development and Local Government.
14. Senator I. Audu, Chairman Committee on Water Resources.
15. Senator A. D. Rufai, Chairman Committee on Federal Capital Development.
16. Senator G. Dada, Chairman Committee on Internal Affairs.

5. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on Monday.

Adjourned accordingly at 11.58 a.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 21st January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Chairmanship of Committees** : Mr President announced the appointment of Chairmen of Committees as follows :

1. Senator Offia Nwali, Chairman, Committee on Communications.
2. Senator S. M. Ojukwu, Chairman, Committee on Health.
3. Senator F. J. Ellah, Chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency.
4. Senator G. Hoomkwap, Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology.
5. Senator A. Y. Saleh, Chairman, Rules and Business Committee.
6. Senator H. M. Musa, Chairman, Public Complaints Committee.
7. Senator Usman Alto Dambatta, Chairman, Senate House Services Committee.
8. Senator M. M. Abdulkarim—N.P.N. Whip.

3. **Transfer of the Trade Fair Complex to the University Teaching Hospital** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the trade fair complex is alleged to have cost the Nigerian Taxpayers some 240 million Naira to construct. But since the Trade Fair of 1977 it has remained virtually abandoned. Be it resolved by this Senate, That the complex be turned into an annexe of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital after necessary renovation to cater for the residents of FESTAC Village, SATELLITE Town and surrounding areas.—(*Sen. Femi Ayantuga*).

Debate arising ;

With the consent of the Senate the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed on Wednesday, 23rd January, 1980.

4. **Adjournment**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

Question put and *negatived*.

There being no further business the Senate stood adjourned at 4.15 p.m. till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22nd January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.09 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Establishment of Schools of Basic Studies in Federal Polytechnics** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That realising that many of the Federal Polytechnics are located in the educationally disadvantaged States of the Federation ; conscious of the disparity in the admission policy of these institutions which is against the indigenes of those States where these polytechnics are located ; the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

- (i) reaffirm its faith in the democratisation of education as an instrument of national unity and national advancement and also reaffirm its faith in Section 18 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria ; and
- (ii) call on the Executive to direct all the Federal Polytechnics to open schools of Basic Studies in these institutions to cater for the indigenes of their localities and those of other educationally disadvantaged States of the Federation.—(Sen. A. Ali).

Amendment proposed, at the end of line 10, to add the following words "and call on the Federal Government to continue to subvent Basic Studies and similar programmes in State Polytechnics and Schools of Basic Studies where they exist".—(Sen. C. O. Adebayo).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Motion be referred to the appropriate Committee.

Question, That the Motion be referred to appropriate Committee, put and *negatived*.

Main Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved.—That realising that many of the Federal Polytechnics are located in the educationally disadvantaged States of the Federation ; conscious of the disparity in the admission policy of these institutions which is against the indigenes of those States where these polytechnics are located ; the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

- (i) reaffirm its faith in the democratisation of education as an instrument of national unity and national advancement and also reaffirm its faith in Section 18 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria ;
- (ii) call on the Executive to direct all the Federal Polytechnics to open schools of Basic Studies in these institutions to cater for the indigenes of their localities and those of other educationally disadvantaged States of the Federation ; and
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to continue to subvent Basic Studies and similar programmes in State Polytechnics and Schools of Basic Studies where they exist.—(Sen. Res. 5-80).

3. **Executive Communication** : By leave of the Senate, the Secretary to the Federal Government was allowed into the Senate at 3.35 p.m. to deliver a sealed envelope from His Excellency, the President to the Senate. The sealed envelope was received by the Clerk and delivered to Mr President.

4. **Rehabilitation of the Lagos-Kano Trunk 'A' Road** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the importance of road transportation in the economy of this country and in view of the fact that rail and air transportation provide little or no alternative to the strategic role that the Lagos to Kano (via Ibadan, Oyo, Ogbomosho, Ilorin, Jebba, Mokwa, Kontagora, Kaduna and Zaria) trunk 'A' road is playing and will continue to play in the nation's political, social and economic life and in view of the fact that this road and bridges on it have long been in a very poor and deplorable condition and constitute death traps resulting in the loss of hundreds of human lives and properties worth millions of Naira, this Senate is requested to consider and commit to the Committee on Public Works as a matter of great national urgency the problems arising from the poor condition of the said Lagos to Kano trunk road and consider the necessity to carry out immediately such repairs as resurfacing, widening, realignment of the road and the reconstruction of the various bridges on it.—(Sen. Isa Obaro).

Debate arising ;

Senator Kajal rose in his place and claimed to move,—That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

With the consent of the Senate, the Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Public Works.

5. Review of the Case of Dismissed University Teachers : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate call on the President to review the case of University Teachers who were dismissed in September, 1978 with a view to alleviating the suffering and hardship caused by their dismissal by paying to them adequate compensation for their services to the nation and by taking appropriate measures to finalise action on the matter.—(*Sen. Ibrahim Dimis*).

Debate arising ;

And it being 5.45 p.m. Mr President proceeded to interrupt the business under discussion. The Motion therefore lapsed pursuant to Standing Order 18 (3).

6. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

The Committee on Petroleum and Energy will meet at 10.00 a.m. *Tomorrow*.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Executive Communication :** Mr President informed the Senate that His Excellency, the President sent a letter to the Senate yesterday and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. The letter was read as follows :—



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.4

21st January, 1980.

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

I have the pleasure to forward the attached Bills for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

- (1) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute membership of the National Electric Power Authority.
- (2) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute membership of the Nigerian Mining Corporation.
- (3) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute membership of the Nigerian Coal Corporation.

(ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI)
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

3. **Transfer of the Trade Fair Complex to the University Teaching Hospital :** Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st January, 1980),—That the Trade Fair Complex is alleged to have cost the Nigerian Taxpayer some 249 million Naira to construct. But since the Trade Fair of 1977 it has remained virtually abandoned. Be it resolved by the Senate, that the Complex be turned into an annexe of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital after necessary renovation, to cater for the residents of FESTAC Village, Satellite Town and surrounding areas.—(*Sen. Kunle Oyero and Sen. Femi Ayantuga*).

Question again proposed. Debate *resumed*.

Senator Isa Obaro rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed.

Senator Isa Obaro again rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put and *negatived*.

4. Arrangements for the Conduct of the Business of the National Assembly in English, Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba : (House of Representatives Resolution No. 35 of 17th December, 1979) : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that some Members of the National Assembly are unable to participate effectively in the National Assembly Debates because of their inadequate knowledge of English language, adequate arrangements should be accelerated to bring the provisions of Section 51 of the Constitution (i.e., the conduct of the business of the National Assembly in English, Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba) into effect as soon as practicable.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Durosimi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that some Members of the National Assembly are unable to participate effectively in the National Assembly Debates because of their inadequate knowledge of English language, adequate arrangements should be accelerated to bring the provisions of Section 51 of the Constitution (i.e., the conduct of the business of the National Assembly in English, Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba) into effect as soon as practicable.—(*Sen. J. Res. 1-80*).

5. Motion made, and Question proposed,

(1) That this Senate request the Federal Government :—

(a) to press on the Ministry of Defence to utilise the piece of land (one hundred hectares) acquired from Gusau farmers for the construction of military establishments ;

(b) to resettle the people affected by the construction of Bakolori Dam in Talata Mfara Local Government Area by the Sokoto River Basin Development Authority which was not satisfactory with regard to housing and farm-land compensation ;

(c) to review the situation referred to in (b) above and pay adequate compensation for the loss of houses, farms and economic trees ;

(d) to provide permanent settlement for all the people affected ;

(e) to institute an inquiry into the operations of the Sokoto River Basin Development Authority to ascertain the cause of so many riots resulting from the activities of the Authority ;

(f) to ascertain the way and manner in which the sum of over 200 million Naira has been spent on the Dam and yet the work is not near completion.

(2) That in view of the commercial importance of Gusau, the airport which was opened forty years ago should be developed and adequately equipped to permit regular flights to other parts of the country.—(*Sen. M. Abdulkarim*).

Debate arising ;

With the consent of the Senate, the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

6. *Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Committees will meet Tomorrow :

House Committee at 1.00 p.m. in the Red Brick Building.

Committee on Petroleum and Energy at 10.00 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 24th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Construction of Military Establishments** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st January, 1980), Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate request the President to press on the Ministry of Defence to utilise a piece of land (one hundred hectares) acquired from Gusau farmers for the construction of military establishments.—(*Sen. M. Abdulkarim*).

Question again proposed. Debate *resumed*.

Senator Fasanmi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President declined then to put that Question.

Debate *resumed*.

Motion made,—That the Motion be referred to the appropriate Committee for consideration.

Question put and *negatived*.

Main Question put and *negatived*.

3. **Measures to Curb Inflation in the Country** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the dominant position of inflation in the country, the President is requested to set up an anti-inflation task force of eleven members made up as follows :—

(a) the Permanent Secretaries in the Ministries of Economic Development, Finance, Trade and Industry ;

(b) the Director of Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research ;

(c) the Chief Statistician ;

(d) representatives of Nigerian Employers' Association, the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Nigerian Manufacturers' Association, and

(e) three other members to be decided upon by the eight members mentioned above at their first meeting.

(2) That the following measures should be taken immediately to bring relief to the citizens of this country from the present state of super-hyper-inflation :—

(i) the immediate lifting of restrictions on essential food items that are in short supply ;

(ii) the removal or reduction of import duties on raw materials used in the manufacture of essential food items.—(*Sen. 'Lere Adesina*).

Amendment proposed, That paragraph 2 of the Motion be deleted in view of the fact that a similar Motion had been referred to the Committee on Commerce and Industry.—(*Sen. A. Ali*).

Question, That paragraph 2 of the Motion be deleted, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, to *leave out* from "That to follows" and *substitute* the following therefor :

"That in view of the dominant position of inflation in the country, that the Senate set up an anti-inflation task force of eleven Members to which the following among others shall be invited to participate".—(*Sen. Echeruo*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That in view of the dominant position of inflation in the country that the Senate set up an anti-inflation task force of eleven Members to which the following among others shall be invited to participate :

(a) the Permanent Secretaries in the Ministries of Economic Development, Finance, Trade and Industry ;

(b) the Director of Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research ;

(c) the Chief Statistician ;

(d) representatives of Nigerian Employers' Association, the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Nigerian Manufacturers' Association ; and

(e) three other members to be decided upon by the eight members mentioned above at their first meeting.

4. Recognition of the Governor of Benue State : Mr President invited the attention of the Senate to the presence in the gallery of His Excellency, the Governor of Benue State, Mr Aper Aku and on behalf of the Senate welcomed the august visitor and his wife to the Senate.

5. Development of Gusau Airport : With the consent of the Senate, the Motion was *deferred* for consideration on 18th February, 1980.

6. Adjournment,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate do now adjourn till 9 a.m. Tomorrow.—(*Sen. Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Jalo Waziri rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 5.58 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 22nd January, 1980

Under item 2—Establishment of Schools of Basic Studies and Polytechnics : In line 26, after the word "for" *insert* "in particular" and after the word "and" *delete* from "those" to the end of the line and *substitute* therefor "in general for those from other States of the Federation, and"—(*Sen. Femi Ayantuga*).

Resolved,—That realising that many of the Federal Polytechnics are located in the educationally disadvantaged States of the Federation ; conscious of the disparity in the admission policy of these institutions which is against the indigenes of those States where these Polytechnics are located ; the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

- (i) reaffirm its faith in the democratisation of education as an instrument of national unity and national advancement and also reaffirm its faith in Section 18 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria ;
- (ii) call on the Executive to direct all the Federal Polytechnics to open schools of Basic Studies in these institutions to cater in particular for the indigenes of their localities and in general for those from other States of the Federation ; and
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to continue to subvent Basic Studies and similar programmes in State Polytechnics and Schools of Basic Studies where they exist.—(*Sen. Res. 5-80*).

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 25th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 9.05 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Count of the Senate** : Mr President ordered the Clerk to count the Senate to determine whether a quorum was present. The count having been taken, and 17 Senators being present, Mr President declared the absence of a quorum and adjourned the Senate at 10.10 a.m. till Monday, 28th January, 1980 at 3 p.m. pursuant to Standing Order 8 (2).

Adjourned accordingly at 10.10 a.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 28th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communications** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received copies of letters addressed to the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives by His Excellency, the President and called on the Clerk to read the letters to the Senate. The letters were read as follows :



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

24th January, 1980.

Ref. No. 59495/S. 4

The Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

I have the pleasure to forward the attached Bills for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

- (1) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute the membership of the Air Force Council.
- (2) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute membership of the Army Council.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Copy to :—

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos.

Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice,
Ministry of Justice,
Lagos.

The Hon. Minister of Defence,
Ministry of Defence,
Lagos.

Above for your information.



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

24th January, 1980.

Ref. No. 59495/S. 4

The Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILL

I have the pleasure to forward the attached Bill for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

- (1) A Bill for an Act to provide for the alteration of the Financial Year and for the appointment of the new period of January to December as being the Financial Year henceforth and for purposes connected therewith.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Copy to :—

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos.

Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice,
Ministry of Justice,
Lagos.

The Hon. Minister of Finance,
Ministry of Finance,
Lagos.

Above for your information.

3. Request for the Creation of Kaduna State : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a request from the people of Kaduna for the creation of a Kaduna State. The request was *referred* to the *ad hoc* Joint Committee consisting of eleven Members of both Houses of the National Assembly which was set up to examine requests for more States.

4. Postponement of Elections in Zimbabwe : Motion made, and Question proposed, (1) That whilst this Senate appreciate the steps so far taken by the Federal Government on Zimbabwe it implores the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to further take the following urgent steps aimed at ensuring a free and fair election in the territory :—

(a) to put pressure on Britain to postpone the date of election for another three months ;

(b) to put diplomatic pressure through the UNO, the Commonwealth, and O.A.U. on the British Prime Minister to recall urgently Lord Soames (the interim Governor of Zimbabwe) whose presence is not in the best interest of the Africans ;

(c) to withdraw all South African troops stationed by Lord Soames at the Beit Bridge, and

(d) to press for the immediate release of over 5,000 political prisoners in order to ensure the full participation of everybody in the forthcoming election.

(2) That the Senate condemn in unequivocal terms the cold-blooded murder by Lord Soames Forces of 13 Nationalists on their way to cease-fire assembly points.—(*Sen. E. K. Ogunleye*).

Amendment proposed to Senator Ogunleye's Motion by addition of another sub-paragraph as follows :—

“(e)—to set up a task force to study and recommend appropriate retaliatory options open to Nigeria in the event of Britain continuing in its present plot to stage manage the election.”—(*Sen. E. P. Echeruo*).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 19 be suspended to enable the Senate to consider Senator Echeruo's Amendment.

Question put and *agreed to*.

Another Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be there added, put and *agreed to*
Another Amendment proposed to Senator Ogunleye's Motion.

In sub-paragraph (c), to *insert* after the word "to" the following words "press for with approval of".—
(*Senator David Oke*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, (1) That whilst this Senate appreciate the steps so far taken by the Federal Government on Zimbabwe it implores the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to further take the following urgent steps aimed at ensuring a free and fair election in the territory :—

- (a) to put pressure on Britain to postpone the date of election for another three months ;
- (b) to put diplomatic pressure through the UNO, the Commonwealth, and O.A.U. on the British Prime Minister to recall urgently Lord Soames (the interim Governor of Zimbabwe) whose presence is not in the best interest of the Africans ;
- (c) to press for withdrawal of all South African troops stationed by Lord Soames at the Beit Bridge ;
- (d) to press for the immediate release of over 5,000 political prisoners in order to ensure the full participation of everybody in the forthcoming election ; and
- (e) to set up a task force to study and recommend appropriate retaliatory options open to Nigeria in the event of Britain continuing in its present plot to stage manage the election.

(2) That the Senate condemn in unequivocal terms the cold-blooded murder by Lord Soames Forces of 13 Nationalists on their way to cease fire assembly points.—(*Sen. Res. 7-80*).

5. Lifting of Ferry Services Fares and Charges at EDIBA, ATIMBO, IDAH-AGENEBODE, DONGA-IBI and LOKOJA-SHINTAKU : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the very serious hardships encountered by the common man and the resultant inconveniences at EDIBA ATIMBO, IDAH-AGENEBODE, DONGA and IBI and LOKOJA-SHINTAKU in the Cross River, Benue, Bendel and Gongola States respectively, This Senate :

(1) call on the Executive to lift ferry service *fares* and *charges* paid by pedestrians, car owners, taxi cabs and commercial vehicles generally, and

(2) implore the Executive to surmount these natural obstacles by giving priority to the construction of bridges in these places within the next development plan.—(*Senator A. Ali*).

With the consent of the Senate, the Debate stood adjourned. Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

6. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.50 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

The following Committee will meet *Tomorrow*.

Committee of Selection in the Red Brick Building at 10 a.m.

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29th January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Order Read for Resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (28th January, 1980)**.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the very serious hardship encountered by the common man and the resultant inconveniences at EDIBA, ATIMBO, IDAH-AGENEBODE, DONGA and IBI and LOKOJA-SHINTAKU in the Cross River, Benue, Bendel and Gongola States respectively, This Senate :

(1) call on the Executive to lift ferry service *fares* and *charges* paid by pedestrians, car owners, taxi cabs and commercial vehicles generally, and

(2) implore the Executive to surmount these natural obstacles by giving priority to the construction of bridges in these places within the next development plan.—(Senator A. Ali).

Question again proposed. Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to Senator Ali's proposed Motion as follows: In line 4, after the word "Shintaku" insert the words "GENEENE/BAGUDO"; and in line 4, after "Gongola" insert "and Sokoto".—(Senator M. Abdulkarim).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

On the Motion of Senator S. O. Sogbein the Motion, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Other notices of Amendments handed in to Mr President in relation to the Motion were also referred to the Committee for consideration.

3. **Construction of Fishery Terminals at Igbokoda and Ebughu**: Motion made, and Question proposed, That Senate pray the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to make budgetary provision for the construction of Fishery Terminals at Igbokoda (Ondo State) and Ebughu (Cross River State) during the 1980-81 financial year.—(Senator David Oke).

Amendment proposed to Senator Oke's proposed Motion as follows :

"That the Senate having recognized the need to increase the nutritional content of the diet of the majority of the people of this country through the provision of abundant fish and in view of the necessity to cater for employment in the Fishery Industry in order to avoid movement to the urban centres, the Senate hereby pray the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to make budgetary provision for the construction of Fishery Terminals at Igbokoda (Ondo State) Ebughu (Cross River State) Okwagbe (Ughelli Local Government Area) Bendel State and Ughoton (Ethiope Local Government Area) in Bendel State during the financial year 1980-81".—(Senator D. O. Dafinone).

Another Amendment proposed to Senator Dafinone's proposed Amendment. At the end, add the following :—

"without prejudice to the immediate implementation at those terminals for which feasibility studies have been concluded".—(Senator David Oke).

Question, That the Amendments be made, put and agreed to.

With the consent of the Senate, the Motion, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

4. **Adjournment**.—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till Thursday at 3 p.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.50 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee on Petroleum will meet on Thursday at 10 a.m.

The Committee on the Judiciary will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the Senate Chamber.



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 31st January, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Implementation of Collective Agreement and Other Labour Requirements by Employees**
With the consent of the Senate, Senator Ansa's Motion as printed on the Order Paper was *deferred* for discussion on Thursday, 7th February, 1980 in order to comply with the provisions of Standing Order 19 (1).
3. **Idle Calabar Port, Status of Calabar Airport, and Extension of Railway System :**
With the consent of the Senate, Senator Ansa's Motion as printed on the Order Paper was *deferred* for discussion on Tuesday, 5th February, 1980.
4. **Adjournment,—Resolved,** That this Senate do now adjourn till Monday at 3 p.m.
Adjourned accordingly at 3.45 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 28th January, 1980

On page 139, line 3, *delete* the words "with approval" and *substitute* "withdrawal" instead of.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 4th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10. p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a Message from His Excellency, the President and called on the Clerk to read the Message to the Senate. The Message was read as follows :—



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.4/17

28th January, 1980.

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

I have the pleasure to forward the attached Bills for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

- (1) A Bill for and Act to make provision for the reconstitution of membership of the National Provident Fund Management Board.
- (2) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute membership of the National Dock Labour Board.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

3. **The National Provident Fund (Management Board, etc.) (Amendment) Act 1980**,—Bill entitled "the National Provident Fund (Management Board, etc.) (Amendment) Act 1980," presented by Senator Jalo Waziri ; read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labour.

4. **The National Dock Labour (Amendment) Act 1980**,—Bill entitled "The National Dock Labour (Amendment) Act 1980," presented by Senator Jalo Waziri ; read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labour.

5. **Resignation of a Senator** : Mr President intimated the Senate that he had received a letter from Senator Yalwaji Saleh in which he gave notice of his resignation from the Senate. The letter was read as follows :—

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From Hon. Senator.....

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Residence :

Flat No.
National Assembly Flats,
Badagry Road,
Lagos.

*Office :*

National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos
1st February, 1980

The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic
of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION FROM THE SENATE
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Mr President,

I hereby give notice of my resignation from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in accordance to Clause 266 (7) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I most sincerely wish you, Mr President and all the other distinguished Senators every success in this, and all your subsequent terms of office.

Yours very truly,

SENATOR YALWAJI SALEH,
Bauchi North District

6. Mr President intimated the Senate that he had received a letter from Alois Indra, the President of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and called on the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate.

The letter was read as follows :—

Prague, 23th October, 1979

Distinguished Mr President,

On October 16-17, 1979 a consultative meeting of the chairmans, representatives of the Parliaments of the Warsaw Treaty member States was held in Prague.

In conclusion, the Appeal to the Parliaments of the countries of the world and the Communique were adopted unanimously.

The documents contain the attitude towards the solution of the existing international problems ; among them, first of all, such a vitally important and urgent question for the peoples of Europe and the world as the danger of a further escalation of the frenzied arms race in the field of nuclear missiles.

I have been delegated by the participants of the Prague consultative meeting to send you the mentioned documents and to ask you to acquaint the members of your Parliament with their contents. I would be very grateful to you, distinguished Mr President, if you will kindly inform me about your opinion concerning these documents.

With my deep respect,

ALOIS INDRA,
*President of the Federal Assembly of
the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic*

His Excellency
Dr Joseph Wayas
President of the Senate
Lagos

Ordered, That the letter and the attachments be circulated to Senators.

7. Ownership and Control of Business Enterprises : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact the Constitution requires that the National economy be controlled in such manner as to secure the maximum welfare, freedom and happiness of every citizen on the basis of social justice, equality of status and opportunity and in view of the fact that the economic system as at present operated may permit the concentration of wealth as well as the means of production and exchange in the hands of a few individuals or of a group, and in view of the economic hardship suffered by the vast majority of Nigerians, be it resolved by the Senate that a body be set up by an Act of the National Assembly ;

(a) to review within three months of the passing of this Motion, and from time to time, the ownership and control of business enterprises operating in Nigeria and make appropriate recommendations to the President on the same ; and

(b) to administer any law for the regulation of the ownership and control of such enterprises.—

(*Senator A. Fasanmi*).

Debate Arising ;

Another Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 19 be suspended to enable Amendments to be proposed to Senator Fasanmi's Motion.

Question put and *negatived*.

Whereupon Senator A. Ali rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *negatived*.

8. Establishment of an Orthopaedic Teaching School in Kano State.—Motion made, and Question proposed,

That in view of the very serious need for the establishment of Orthopaedic Teaching Schools in this country, the Senate calls upon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to establish an Orthopaedic Teaching School in Kano near the Orthopaedic Hospital in Kano State.—(*Senator H. Musa*).

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *deferred* for consideration on Thursday, 7th February, 1980.

9. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 5th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **The Nigerian Coal Corporation (Amendment) Act 1980**,—Bill entitled "Nigerian Coal Corporation (Amendment) Act 1980" presented by Senator Sola Saraki ; read the first time and referred to the Committee on Mines and Power.
3. **The Nigerian Mining Corporation (Amendment) Act 1980**,—Bill entitled "Nigerian Mining Corporation (Amendment) Act 1980" presented by Senator Sola Saraki ; read the first time and referred to the Committee on Mines and Power.
4. **National Electric Power Authority (Amendment) Act 1980**,—Bill entitled "National Electric Power Authority (Amendment) Act 1980." presented by Senator Sola Saraki ; read the first time and referred to the Committee on Mines and Power.
5. **M.P's, Senators and Cards** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That Realising that the National Assembly Members are at the pinnacle of law-making in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and are therefore expected to show commendable probity ; and
Whereas the "Daily Times" Newspaper has recently been giving the impression that Members of the National Assembly have been living well below this expectation ;
Be it resolved that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :
(a) do invite the Editor-in-Chief of the "Daily Times" of Nigeria to give all the details of such impropriety known to him and his staff ; and
(b) particularly do request the Editor-in-Chief and the "Grape Vine" columnist to substantiate the allegations made under the title "M.P's, Senators and Cards" in column 4, page 3, of the "Daily Times" issue of Monday, February 4, 1980.—(Senator Garba Matta).
Debate arising ;
Amendment proposed to Senator Garba Matta's Motion as follows : In lines 7 and 9, delete "Editor-in-Chief" and substitute "Editor" instead thereof.—(Senator A. Ali).
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed that Senator Garba Matta's Motion be amended to read as follows :—
"Be it resolved that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, do request the President of the Senate or his representative, to summon the Editor-in-Chief and the "Grape Vine" Columnist to substantiate the allegation made under the title "M.P's, Senators and Cards" in column 4, page 3, of the "Daily Times" issue of Monday, February 4, 1980".—(Senator E. P. Echeruo).
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Whereupon Senator Akintoye rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.
Main Question, as amended, put accordingly and agreed to.
Resolved, That, Realising that the National Assembly Members are at the pinnacle of law-making in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and are therefore expected to show commendable probity ; and
Whereas the "Daily Times" Newspaper has recently been giving the impression that Members of the National Assembly have been living well below this expectation ;
Be it resolved that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :
(a) do invite the Editor of the "Daily Times" of Nigeria to give all the details of such impropriety known to him and his staff ; and
(b) particularly do request the Editor and the "Grape Vine" columnist to substantiate the allegations made under the title "M.P's, Senators and Cards" in column 4, page 3, of the "Daily Times" issue of Monday, February 4, 1980.—(Sen. Res 8-80).
6. **Recognition of Traditional Rulers** : Mr President invited the attention of the Senate to the presence in the gallery of Traditional Rulers from Anambra State of Nigeria led by Chief J. U. Nwodo and on behalf of the Senate welcomed the august visitors to the Senate.

7. Importation of Hazardous Waste to West African Territorial Waters :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate view with shock the attempts of some American businesses to dump hazardous waste along the coast of West Africa (vide *Washington Post*, January 26, 1980) and hereby call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to use all means at his disposal, including diplomatic approaches to other governments on the West Coast of Africa, to forestal and prevent the pollution of this region through the dumping of hazardous waste from any source whatsoever.—(*Senator S. A. Akintoye*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Fasanmi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, nemine contradicente.—That this Senate view with shock the attempts of some American businesses to dump hazardous waste along the coast of West Africa (vide *Washington Post*, January 26, 1980) and hereby call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to use all means at his disposal, including diplomatic approaches to other governments on the West Coast of Africa, to forestal and prevent the pollution of this region through the dumping of hazardous waste from any source whatsoever.—(*Sen. Res. 9-80*).

8. Adjournment, —*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.58 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee on Federal Capital Territory will meet Tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Senate Committee Room.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
 2. **Procedure on Bills :** The Senate agreed that until the new Standing Orders are adopted the following procedure shall be followed in the passage of Bills :
 - (i) Introduction and first reading ;
 - (ii) Second Reading ;
 - (iii) Committal to Standing Committee ;
 - (iv) Consideration of the Report of the Committee ; and
 - (v) Third Reading.
 3. **Police Service Commission Bill,**—*reported* from the Committee on Public Service with Amendments, and *ordered* to be read a second time.

Amendment proposed, in line 6, to *delete* the word '9' and *substitute* the word '10' instead thereof.—(Sen. Isa Obaro).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed in line 6, to *delete* the word '9' and *substitute* the word '7' instead thereof.—(Sen. F. O. Atake).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Question, That the Bill be now read the second time, put and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.—(Sen. D. G. Etiebet).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read the third time and *passed*.
 4. **Effective Utilisation of Calabar Port :** Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate having viewed with great concern the idle situation of the new Calabar Port in the face of mounting congestion in other ports in the Federation, and the failure to effect the agreement/arrangement to elevate Calabar Airport to International status thus impeding commerce, travelling and causing untold hardship to the people generally, call on the Executive :
 1. (a) to set up a high-powered Commission of enquiry to ascertain the extent of such neglect of Calabar and any other port that is not being utilised to its fullest ;
 - (b) to find out why business men and indigenes of Cross River State are denied import licences on the grounds that they often use Calabar Port as their port of destination ;
 - (c) to ascertain the truth or falsehood in the allegation that foreign ship owners often refuse to berth at Calabar Port and offer remedial advice on how to reactivate and effectively utilise Calabar Port and any other port in the country which suffers the same fate with a view to stopping once and for all times a repeat performance of these ugly occurrences ;
 2. That a comprehensive report on this matter be submitted to the Senate before May 1980.—(Sen. J. O. Ansah).
- Debate arising ;
- Senator Ogunleye rose in his place and claimed to move.
- That the Question be now put.
- Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.
- By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Transport.

5. **Adjournment,**—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.00 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

MEMORANDUM

Mr President appointed Senator Thomas Yepwi as temporary Chairman of the Appropriation and Finance Committee.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 7th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.15 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Message from the Chairman of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria :**
Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from Dr Vladimir Bonev, Chairman of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and called on the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate.

The letter was read as follows :

Unofficial translation
Sofia, December 10, 1979.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and on my own behalf, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to you on your election as President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I take this opportunity to express my conviction that the contacts and co-operation between Parliaments help countries and peoples to get to know each other better and contribute to the consolidation of peace, security and progress throughout the world.

Kindly accept, Esteemed Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

DR VLADIMIR BONEV,
*Chairman of the National Assembly
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.*

To
His Excellency
MR JOSEPH WAYAS
President of the Senate of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Lagos.

Resolved,—That a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr Vladimir Bonev, the Chairman of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, for his kind and friendly message sent to this distinguished Senate.—(Sen. Res. 10-80).

3. **Recognition of the Secretary to the Federal Government :** By leave of the Senate, the Secretary to the Federal Government, Alhaji Shehu Musa, was allowed into the Senate at 3.20 p.m. to deliver a message from His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Mr President called on the Clerk to read the message to the Senate. The message was read as follows :



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.4/24

4th February, 1980

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

I have the pleasure to forward the attached Bills for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

- (1) A Bill for an Act to make provision for reconstitution of membership of the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (2) A Bill for an Act to make provision for reconstitution of membership of the National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*

4. Union of African Parliaments : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a message from Philippe Yace, the President to the Union of African Parliaments and called upon the Clerk to read the message to the Senate. The message was read as follows :

No. 892/UPA/UAP

UNION OF AFRICAN PARLIAMENTS

Abidjan, January 21, 1980.

THE PRESIDENT IN OFFICE OF THE U.A.P.
to
THE SPEAKER
OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
LAGOS (NIGERIA)

Mr Speaker and Dear Colleague,

May I first of all present you my warmest congratulations for your election at the Presidency of the Parliament of Nigeria.

In my quality of President in office of the Union of African Parliaments, I am most happy to count your institution among the African Assemblies that are bringing their assistance to the safeguard of democratic principles.

This is the reason why I feel greatly honoured and truly pleased to invite your Parliament to become member of the Union of African Parliaments (U.A.P.), institution founded on 1976 in a spirit of co-operation, dialogue and peace.

The Union of African Parliaments will hold its 4th General Assembly in Kinshasa from 17th to 19th March, 1980 and could examine your candidature if you wish to go to Zaire at the head of a delegation from your Parliament.

With the hope that you will be able to accept my suggestion I am delegating a mission to your Parliament in order to bring you any possible useful information. This mission will comprise ;

—Maitre ALAOUI ABDELAZIZ EL HAFIDI, Member of Parliament at the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco and Chairman in office of the Executive Committee of the Union of African Parliaments ;

—Mr NZONDOMYO A'DOKPE LINGO, First Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Council of the Republic of Zaire, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union of African Parliaments ;

—Mr Samuel KOUAME, Secretary General of the National Assembly of the Ivory Coast and Provisional Secretary General of the Union of African Parliaments.

Thanking you to be kind enough to receive this Mission, please accept, Mr Speaker and Dear Colleague, my highest and brotherly consideration.

The President in office of the U.A.P.
Philippe YACE

5. Rehabilitation of Federal Roads : Motion made, and Question proposed, That all Federal Roads in the country in a state of disrepair, particularly in Imo State, be resealed without further delay and that a programme be worked out by road experts of the Ministry of Works for regular resealing of all Federal Roads to make them remain constantly in a state of good repair.—(Sen. S. M. Ojukwu).

Debate arising ;

Amendment proposed to Senator Ojukwu's Motion as follows :

In line 2, *leave out* "particularly in Imo State" and between "country" and "in" *insert* "that are not tarred or". Also in line 2, between "be" and "resealed" *insert* the word "tarred".—(Sen. Jibrin Salihu).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed that Senator Ojukwu's Motion be amended to read as follows :

That the Senate views with great concern the deplorable conditions of certain Federal roads throughout the Country, particularly those in Imo, Anambra, Ondo, Gongola, Cross River and Kwara States and calls on the Federal Ministry of Works to draw up a priority list of those roads requiring urgent resealing and to make them remain constantly in a state of good repair.—(Sen. E. K. Ogunleye).

Whereupon Senator Adesanya rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put but Mr President declined then to put that Question. Debate *resumed*. On the Motion of Senator Isa Obaro the Motion, as amended, was *referred* to the Committee on Public Works.

6. Measures designed to improve ability for prevention of Crimes.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the persistent growth in the rate and sophistication of crimes in Nigeria, and in view of the need, among other things, to improve the nation's ability for crime prevention and crime detention, the National Assembly calls on the President of Nigeria to place urgently before the National Assembly proposals for :

(a) greatly improving the capacity of the Nigerian Police Force to deal with crimes ;

(b) improving the remunerations and conditions of service of all cadres of Policemen, thereby increasing morale and job satisfaction in the Nigerian Police Force.—(Sen. A. Adesanya).

Debate arising ;

Whereupon Senator A. Adesanya moved, That the Debate be now adjourned till Monday, 11th February, 1980.

Question put and *agreed to*.

Debate accordingly adjourned till *Monday, 11th February, 1980*.

7. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 9 a.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.41 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 8th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 9.07 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill**,—Bill entitled "National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (Amendment) Act 1980" presented by Senator Dafinone ; read the first time, to be read a second time upon Tuesday, 12th February, 1980.
3. **Securities and Exchange Commission Amendment Bill**,—Bill entitled "Securities and Exchange Commission Amendment Act 1980" presented by Senator Dafinone ; read the first time, to be read a second time upon Tuesday, 12th February, 1980.

4. **Contract Awards made, by the Federal Ministry of Works** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Federal Ministry of Works should make available to the Senate Committee on Public Works a comprehensive list of all contract awards made by the Ministry during the current financial year in respect of construction works and other allied projects. The amount of such awards, the companies, firms, bodies or persons to whom such contracts were made should also be supplied to the Works Committee in order to ascertain the genuineness or otherwise of such contracts and in order to determine whether the prices at which the tenders were awarded were in consonance with the appropriate current values and that the awards made were in accordance with statutory regulations.—(*Sen. A. Fasanmi*).

Debate arising ;

Amendment proposed to Senator Fasanmi's Motion, in line 7, after the word "values" insert "relative to the time of award".—(*Senator Isa Obaro*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Whereupon Senator Adeleke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put the Senate *divided* :

AYES 24 ; NOES 19 ; ABSTENTIONS 4.

AYES

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| 1. Senator Isa Obaro | 13. Senator C. O. Ilori |
| 2. Senator A. Adegoke | 14. Senator Idrisa Kadi |
| 3. Senator A. A. Adesanya | 15. Senator Ibrahim Kolo |
| 4. Senator Joseph O. Ansa | 16. Senator D. A. Ladega |
| 5. Senator Iliya Galiya Audu | 17. Senator Ja' Afar Jarafu Mangga |
| 6. Senator A. Adeleke | 18. Senator D. O. Oke |
| 7. Senator Bello Bakori | 19. Senator J. O. Olu |
| 8. Senator Umaru Lawan Bama | 20. Senator M. A. E. Onunkun |
| 9. Senator Garba Musa Dada | 21. Senator A. D. Rufai |
| 10. Senator A. A. Durosimi | 22. Senator Jibrin Salihu |
| 11. Senator Adamu Gaya | 23. Senator Bukar Sanda |
| 12. Senator Nosike Ikpo | 24. Senator Ahmed Zakari |

Teller : Senator Nosike Ikpo

NOES

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| 1. Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim | 11. Senator Garba Gada |
| 2. Senator Muhammedu Musa Agwai | 12. Senator Garba Kware |
| 3. Senator Adeyiga O. Ajayi | 13. Senator Jacob Kure Madaki |
| 4. Senator Abba Ali | 14. Senator Abubakar Magaji |
| 5. Senator D. O. Dafinone | 15. Senator Garba Matta |
| 6. Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura | 16. Senator Aliu Mohammed Gani |
| 7. Senator Ibrahim Dimis | 17. Senator I. Jalo Waziri |
| 8. Senator A. Ebute | 18. Senator Mahmud Waziri |
| 9. Senator E. E. Emezie | 19. Senator A. Zuofa |
| 10. Senator D. D. Etiebet | |

Teller : Senator M. Abdulkarim.

ABSTENTIONS

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| 1. Senator A. A. Ali | 3. Senator M. G. Lawan |
| 2. Senator E. P. Echeruo | 4. Senator Obi Wali |

Main Question, as amended, accordingly *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Federal Ministry of Works should make available to the Senate Committee on Public Works a comprehensive list of all contract awards made by the Ministry during the current financial year in respect of construction works and other allied projects. The amount of such awards, the companies, firms, bodies or persons to whom such contracts were made should also be supplied to the Works Committee in order to ascertain the genuineness or otherwise of such contracts and in order to determine whether the prices at which the tenders were awarded were in consonance with the appropriate current values relative to the time of award; and that the awards made were in accordance with statutory regulations.

5. Union of African Parliaments : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate appreciate the invitation by the Chairman of the Union of African Parliaments to the National Assembly of Nigeria to join the Union and hereby resolve to join the Union as requested in the letter dated 21st January, 1980.—(*Sen. Jalo Waziri*).

Debate arising :—

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *withdrawn*.

6. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Monday, 11th February, 1980*.
Adjourned accordingly at 11.35 a.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources will meet on Monday at 10.00 a.m. (Venue to be fixed by Clerk of the Committees).

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 11th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Financial Year Bill 1980**—A Bill entitled “The Financial Year Act 1980” brought from the House of Representatives pursuant to Standing Order 39 (5) ; read the first time, to be read a second time upon a date to be fixed by the Rules and Business Committee.—(*Senator Jalo Waziri*).

3. **Constitutional Provisions (Legislative Proceedings) Bill 1980**—A bill entitled, “An Act to stipulate the number that constitutes fractional entities as provided for in various Sections of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which came into operation on the 1st day of October, 1979” introduced by Senator M. A. O. Abiru ; read the first time to be read a second time upon a date to be fixed by the Rules and Business Committee.

4. **Constitutional Provisions (Supplementary) Bill**—A Bill for an Act restricting legal proceedings against Nigeria Legislators during their tenure of office introduced by Senator M. A. O. Abiru ; read the first time to be read a second time upon a date to be fixed by the Rules and Business Committee.

5. **Economic Review Panel (Membership) Bill 1980**—Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute Membership of the Economic Review Panel (Body) as required by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria introduced by Senator M. Abdulkarim ; read the first time to be read a second time upon a date to be fixed by the Rules and Business Committee.

6. **Implementation of Collective Agreement and Other Labour Requirements by Employers of Labour** : Motion made and Question proposed, That in view of the difficulties and frustration that workers have passed through during the past few years, and in view of the fact that these workers have been most patriotic in spite of their desperate situation ; and whereas most employers of labour have taken shelter on some of the operative repressive labour laws in the country ; and bearing in mind the maximum co-operation that labour unions have shown in ensuring industrial peace in the height of biting inflation and starvation wage level ; also realising the need for the new presidential system to stabilise all factors of production in promoting economic efficiency and increased productivity in the country, this Senate call upon the President of the Republic of Nigeria to :

- (i) direct that all collective agreements voluntarily entered into between employers and employees Trade Unions over improved conditions of service be implemented with immediate retrospective effect without further reference to the Ministry of Labour ;
- (ii) direct that employers enter into immediate negotiation (if they have not yet done so) with the Trade Union/ Employees to arrive at amicable agreements on matters concerning conditions of service/improved conditions of service, fair and equitable wages, comfortable workers transport including car loans and basic allowance to be paid directly by the employers to workers on grade level 07 and above, social security scheme, rent allowance to all categories of workers and loan for personal houses to all staff ;
- (iii) find ways of assisting Industrial Unions (accommodation, supplies, etc.) to set up consumer cooperative shops for their members.—(*Senator J. O. Ansa*).

Debate arising ;

Whereupon Senator Dada rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Question, That the Motion be referred to the Committee on Labour, put and *agreed to*.

The Motion was accordingly *referred* to the Committee on Labour.

7. **Establishment of Railway System from Makurdi to link Ogoja-Ikom-Calabar** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate call on the Executive to establish :—

1. (a) a railway system to link Makurdi with Ogoja-Ikom-Calabar for effective handling of goods and services as well as easy travelling between the people generally ;
- (b) to extend a railway system from Aba to Ikot-Ekpene and to other parts of the State ; and
2. That the Executive should complete the establishment and the extension of the railway system as requested in this Motion within one year and that progress reports on the projects be submitted to the Senate from time to time.—(*Senator J. O. Ansa*).

Debate arising ;

Amendment proposed in line 4, after the word "generally" add "Nigeria Railways to carry out as a matter of urgency the establishment of railway systems from Makurdi to link Gongola, Borno and Bauchi".—(*Senator Luka Zanya Zing*).

Another Amendment proposed, in paragraph 1, add a sub-paragraph "c" to read as follows :

"(c) the establishment of East-West Railway Lines linking :

(i) Lagos-Benin-Warri-Port Harcourt ; and

(ii) Lagos-Benin-Onitsha-Aba,

as a necessary development and improvement of transportation in the country".—(*Senator Dafinone*).

Another Amendment proposed in paragraph 1, add a sub-paragraph "d" to read as follows :

"(d) to link the Railway line from Gombe-Darazo to Misau-Azare-Gamawa-Malum Maduri".—(*Senator A. D. Rufai*).

Whereupon, Senator Abogede rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. Question, That the Question be now put, put and *negatived*.

Debate *resumed*.

And it being 5.45 p.m. Mr President proceeded to interrupt the order of the day pursuant to Standing Order 18 (3), and consequently the Motion *lapsed*.

7. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received Messages from His Excellency, the President to the Senate and called on the Clerk to read the Messages.

The Messages were read as follows :—

Ref. No. 59495/S.4/42

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic
of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

11th February, 1980.

PRESENTATION OF BILL

I have the pleasure to forward the attached Bill for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

A Bill for an Act to make provision for reconstitution of membership of the Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation.

(ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI)
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Ref. No. 59495/S.4/43

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic
of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.



STATE HOUSE
RIBADU ROAD
LAGOS, NIGERIA

11th February, 1980.

PRESENTATION OF BILL

I have the pleasure to forward the attached Bill for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

A Bill for an Act to make provision for reconstitution of membership of the Nigeria Institute of Social and Economic Research.

(ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI)
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

3. Nigeria Institute of Social and Economic Research (Amendment) Bill,—Bill entitled, "Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (Amendment) Act 1980," presented by Senator Sola Saraki ; read the first time to be read a second time *this day*.

4. Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill 1980,—Bill entitled, "Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation (Amendment) Act 1980" presented by Senator Sola Saraki ; read the first time to be read a second time *this day*.

5. Senator Jalo Waziri laid on the Table a report from the Joint Committee on Remunerations which was *ordered* to be printed.

6. Financial Year Bill 1980—Order for second Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Debate arising ;

Senator Dimis rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read a second time and *committed* to a Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Clause 1, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Clause 3, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill *reported* without Amendment read the third time and *passed*.

7. National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill,—Order for second Reading read.

By leave of the Senate, the following Bills were *ordered* to be re-listed on Thursday :—

(i) National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill 1980 ;

(ii) Securities and Exchange Commission (Amendment) Bill ;

(iii) Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill 1980 ; and

(iv) Nigeria Institute of Social and Economic Research (Amendment) Bill 1980.

8. Adjourned Debate on Question (16th January, 1980)—Motion made, and Question proposed, That to give effect to the provisions of Part II of the Second Schedule of the Nigerian Constitution which place University Education on the Concurrent Legislative List.

Senate resolves :

(1) That of the existing Nigerian Universities, the University of Ibadan shall continue to be a Federal University.

(2) That the Federal Government shall establish a new Federal University, the National University of Science and Technology, in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

(3) That the following Universities shall become State Universities by transferring control over them and responsibility for their development to the States as follows :—

(a) University of Nigeria, Nsukka to Anambra State.

(b) University of Benin to Bendel State.

(c) University of Maiduguri to Borno State.

(d) University of Calabar to Cross River State.

(e) Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria to Kaduna State.

(f) Bayero University, Kano to Kano State.

(g) University of Ilorin to Kwara State.

(h) University of Ife to Oyo State.

(i) University of Jos to Plateau State.

(k) University of Port Harcourt to Rivers State.

(l) University of Sokoto to Sokoto State.

(4) That whenever any of the following States which do not yet have Universities shall inform the President of its decision and readiness to establish a State University, the President shall make a grant

to the State for the purpose of assisting the establishment of the State University, the amount of such a grant being first proposed to the National Assembly for approval.

- (i) Ondo State
- (ii) Niger State
- (iii) Gongola State
- (iv) Ogun State
- (v) Imo State
- (vi) Bauchi State
- (vii) Benue State.

(5) That the Federal Government shall annually make a subvention to each State University, such subvention amounting to 50 per cent of the capital estimates and 30 per cent of the recurrent estimates of the State University.

(6) That the autonomy of each University in such matters as the appointment of top officials and admission of students shall always be compatible with the dictates of national unity.—(*Senator S. A. Akintoye*).

Question again proposed. Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to Senator Akintoye's Motion as follows :—

"In view of the provisions of the Nigerian Constitution, 1979 which place University education on the Concurrent Legislative List ;

In order to expand university facilities in Nigeria to meet the growing development needs and demands of the country ;

And determined to ensure proper development of Nigeria's universities,

Senate resolve :

(1) That the existing Nigerian Universities, shall continue to be Federal Universities.

(2) That the Federal Government shall establish a new Federal University in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

(3) That the Federal Government accept commitment for :

(a) the establishment of one Federal Universities in the following States which do not yet have a University : Bauchi, Benue, Gongola, Imo, Niger, Ogun, and Ondo : and

(b) expansion of the existing Universities to a total enrolment figure of 20,000 students per University by October 1987.

(4) That the Federal Government shall give for the establishment and the continued development of Universities established by the authorities of the States a grant amounting to 50 per cent of the estimated financial needs of such Universities.

(5) That the financial estimates of the State Universities of which the Federal Government is to bear the agreed ratio shall be as approved by the National Universities Commission.

(6) That to qualify for Federal assistance, a State University shall provide for Federal representation on its governing body.

(7) That the National Universities Commission, shall among other things, be vested with appropriate authority to enable it to ensure that every University in Nigeria shall maintain high academic standards in every discipline.

(8) That the autonomy of every Nigerian University in matters such as appointment of officials, shall be guaranteed, but must be compatible with the dictates of National Unity."—(*Senator E. P. Echeruo*).

Question, That the Amendment be made put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—In view of the provisions of the Nigerian Constitution, 1979 which place University education on the Concurrent Legislative List ;

In order to expand university facilities in Nigeria to meet the growing development needs and demands of the country ;

And determined to ensure proper development of Nigeria's universities,

Senate resolve :

(1) That the existing Nigerian Universities, shall continue to be Federal Universities.

(2) That the Federal Government shall establish a new Federal University in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

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(a) the establishment of one Federal University in the following States which do not yet have a University : Bauchi, Benue, Gongola, Imo, Niger, Ogun and Ondo ; and

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(7) That the National Universities Commission shall, among other things, be vested with appropriate authority to enable it ensure that every University in Nigeria shall maintain high academic standards in every discipline.

(8) That the autonomy of every Nigerian University in matters such as appointment of officials, shall be guaranteed, but must be compatible with the dictates of National Unity". (S. Res. 11-80).

9. Display of President of the Republic's Photograph :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate request the Committee on Internal Affairs to :

(a) compile ;

(b) investigate ; and

(c) if necessary send a delegation to ascertain whether or not the allegation that photographs of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Shehu Shagari is not displayed in some States in this country.—(Senator Ibrahim Dimis).

Motion made, and Leave sought, That the Motion be *deferred* for discussion *Tomorrow*.

Question, That the Motion be *deferred* for discussion *Tomorrow*, put and *negatived* and consequently the Motion *lapsed*.

10. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.35 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Recognition of Party Whips** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that the Party Leaders had submitted the names of their Party Whips as follows :

	<i>Whips</i>
N.P.P.	Garba Matta
G.N.P.P.	Bitrus Kajal
U.P.N.	Lere Adesina
P.R.P.	Hamusu Musa

3. **Reports from Committees** : The Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Senator N. N. Anah presented the report of the Committee on the appointment of Members of the Judicial Service Commission. Report to be considered *Tomorrow*.

4. The Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Industries, Senator D. O. Dafinone presented the preliminary report of the Committee on the Location of New Industries to be discussed on a date to be fixed by the Rules and Business Committee.

5. The Chairman of the Committee on the Public Service, Senator D. D. Etiebet presented the report of the Committee on the appointment of Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau and it was resolved that the report be considered *Tomorrow*.

6. **National Language for Nigeria** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby resolve that Nigeria should as soon as possible adopt one of the three major languages (Hausa, Ibo, Yoruba) as her National Language.—(Senator A. Zuofa).

Debate arising ;

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Motion be referred to the Committee on Education.

Question put and agreed to.

Motion accordingly referred to the Committee on Education.

7. **Adjournment**,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5 07 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 12th February, 1980

On page 163 sub-paragraph 6 (3) and in line 56, between the words "Government" "accept" insert "shall" and after the word "accept" delete "commitment" and substitute therefor "responsibility".



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 14th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.08 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Report from the Committee on Public Service on the Appointment of the Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau :

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the report of the Committee on the appointment of Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau be now *considered*.—(Senator D. D. Etiebet).

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the report be referred again to the Committee for further examination and report to the Senate.—(Senator Dafinone).

Question put and *agreed to*.

The report was accordingly *referred* to the Committee.

3. **Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the Appointment of the Members of the Federal Judicial Service Commission** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the nominations contained in the Committee's Report be approved.—(Senator Dafinone).

Question, That the nominations be approved, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That the nomination of the following persons as Members of the Judicial Service Commission has been confirmed by the Senate :

- (1) Mr Akkio Abbey
- (2) Mr Kehinde Sofola
- (3) George N. A. Okafor
- (4) Dr Aliyu Abubakar.

4. The Chairman of the Committee on Petroleum and Energy, Senator A. A. Ali laid on the Table, the Committee's report on the Petroleum Bill which was *ordered* to be considered on *Tuesday, 19th February, 1980*.

5. **National Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(Senator Jalo Waziri).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read a second time and *committed* to the Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 : Amendment made in lines 7 and 9 to *delete* the word "Commissioner" and *substitute* therefor "Minister".

Another Amendment made in line 9 by *deleting* the word "Decree" and *substituting* therefor the word "Act" and after the words "referred to" by *inserting* the word "as".

Another Amendment made in line 10 by *deleting* the word "Decree" and *substituting* therefor the word "Act".

Question, That the Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and *agreed to*.

Clause 2 : Amendment made in line 17 by *deleting* the words "at the time of his appointment".

Another Amendment made by *deleting* sub-paragraph (b) and re-numbering of sub-paragraph "(c)" to read "(b)".

Clause 1 as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2 as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 3 *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill *reported* with Amendments read the third time and *passed*.

(a) do invite the Editor of the "Daily Times of Nigeria" "to give all the details of such impropriety known to him and his staff and"

(b) particularly do request the Editor and the "Grape Vine" columnist to substantiate the allegations made under the title "MPs, Senators and Cards" in column 4 page 3 of the "Daily Times" issue of Monday, February 4, 1980 be rescinded.—(*Sen. Res. 13-80*).

5. Report from the Committee on Selection.—The Report of the Committee on Selection was laid on the Table by Senator Abba Ali and *ordered* to be brought up for discussion on *Tuesday* next week.

6. Sittings of the Senate.—Senator Jalo Waziri moved that Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) be suspended in order to enable the Senate to complete its work.

Question put and *agreed to*.

7. Nigerian Reinsurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill—read a second time.

Bill immediately *committed* to the Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 : Amendment made in line 3 by *inserting* after "subsection (2)" the words "and subsection (3)".

Another Amendment made in line 11 by *deleting* the words "at the time of appointment".

Another Amendment made in line 12 by *deleting* sub-paragraph "(b)" and renumbering sub-paragraph "(c)" to read "(b)".

Clause 1, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill *reported* with Amendments read the third time and *passed*.

8. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, that This Senate do now adjourn till Monday at 3 p.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 12 noon.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 18th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. By leave of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Service, was granted permission to present the report from that Committee on the National Assembly Service Commission Bill which had earlier been referred to the Rules and Business Committee. The Chairman reported progress and asked leave for the Committee to sit again.

3. **Zimbabwe Elections** : Motion made, and Question proposed,

(1) Considering the fact that Lord Soames, the Governor of Zimbabwe, has arrogated to himself such enormous powers of late, including the power to ban individuals, parties, or even cancel elections in a particular part of the country ;

(2) Realising that the letter of the Zimbabwean ceasefire and elections as contained in the ceasefire agreement are now in considerable jeopardy ;

(3) Conscious of the fact that Governor Soames had continued to perpetuate the intransigence of Lt-Gen. Peter Walls—the Commander of the Rhodesian (Zimbabwean) Armed Forces ;

(4) Noting that Nigeria has already lifted the sanctions against Zimbabwe consequent on the Lancaster House agreement ;

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

(i) implore the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to ensure that the Nigerian delegation on the Commonwealth Observer Team are allowed unhampered freedom of movement and reporting.

(ii) implore the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to impress on the British Government in particular, and other Commonwealth Governments in general, that Nigeria will not recognize any regime that emerges as a result of election malpractices perpetrated by the white minority.—(*Sen. A. Ali*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Shitta-Bey rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—

(1) Considering the fact that Lord Soames, the Governor of Zimbabwe, has arrogated to himself such enormous powers of late, including the power to ban individuals, parties, or even cancel elections in a particular part of the country ;

(2) Realising that the letter of the Zimbabwean ceasefire and elections as contained in the ceasefire agreement are now in considerable jeopardy ;

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4. **Measures Designed to Improve Ability for Crime Prevention** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the persistent growth in the rate and sophistication of crimes in Nigeria, and in view of the need, among other things, to improve the nation's ability for crime prevention and crime detection, the Senate call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to place urgently before the Senate proposals for :

(a) greatly improving the capacity of the Nigeria Police Force to deal with crimes ; and

(b) improving the remunerations and conditions of service of all cadres of Policemen, thereby increasing morale and job satisfaction in the Nigeria Police Force.—(*Sen. S. A. Akintoye*).

Amendment proposed to Senator Akintoye's Motion by recasting the Motion to read as follows :

That in view of the persistent growth in the rate and sophistication of crimes in Nigeria, and in view of the need, among other things, to improve the Nation's ability for crime prevention and detection, the *Senate* call on the President of Nigeria to place urgently before the Senate proposals for :

(a) greatly improving the capacity of the Law Enforcement Agencies particularly the Nigeria Police Force, to deal with crimes.

(b) improving the remunerations and conditions of service of all cadres of Law Enforcement Agencies, thereby raising their morale and efficiency and increasing job satisfaction.—(Sen. G. M. Dada).

Debate arising ;

With the consent of the Senate the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

5. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 19th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.15 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.
2. **Absence of Mr. President** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that the president of the Senate would not be able to attend the meeting of the Senate *this day*.
3. **The Nigerian National Petroleum Bill** : to be read a second time upon Tuesday 11th of March 1980.
4. **Report from the Committee of Selection** : *Ordered* to be brought up for discussion upon Thursday 21st of February, 1980.
5. **Measures Designed to Improve Ability for Crime Prevention** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (18th February, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed,

That in view of the persistent growth in the rate and sophistication of crimes in Nigeria, and in view of the need, among other things, to improve the nation's ability for crime prevention and crime detection, the Senate call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to place urgently before the Senate proposals for :

- (a) greatly improving the capacity of the Nigeria Police Force to deal with crimes ; and
- (b) improving the remunerations and conditions of service of all cadres of Policemen, thereby increasing morale and job satisfaction in the Nigeria Police Force—(*Senator S. A. Akintoye*).

Question again proposed Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to Senator Akintoye's Motion as follows :

That in view of the persistent growth in the rate and sophistication of crimes in Nigeria, and in view of the need, among other things, to improve the Nation's ability for crime prevention and detection, the Senate call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to place urgently before the Senate proposals for :

- (a) greatly improving the capacity of the Law Enforcement Agencies particularly the Nigeria Police Force, to deal with crimes : and
- (b) improving the remunerations and conditions of service of all cadres of Law Enforcement Agencies, thereby raising their morale and efficiency and increasing job satisfaction.—(*Sen. G. M. Dada*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Whereupon Senator Garba Matta rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put but Mr. Deputy President declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed.

Senator Adeleke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved,

That in view of the persistent growth in the rate and sophistication of crimes in Nigeria, and in view of the need, among other things, to improve the Nation's ability for crime prevention and detection, the Senate call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to place urgently before the Senate proposals for :

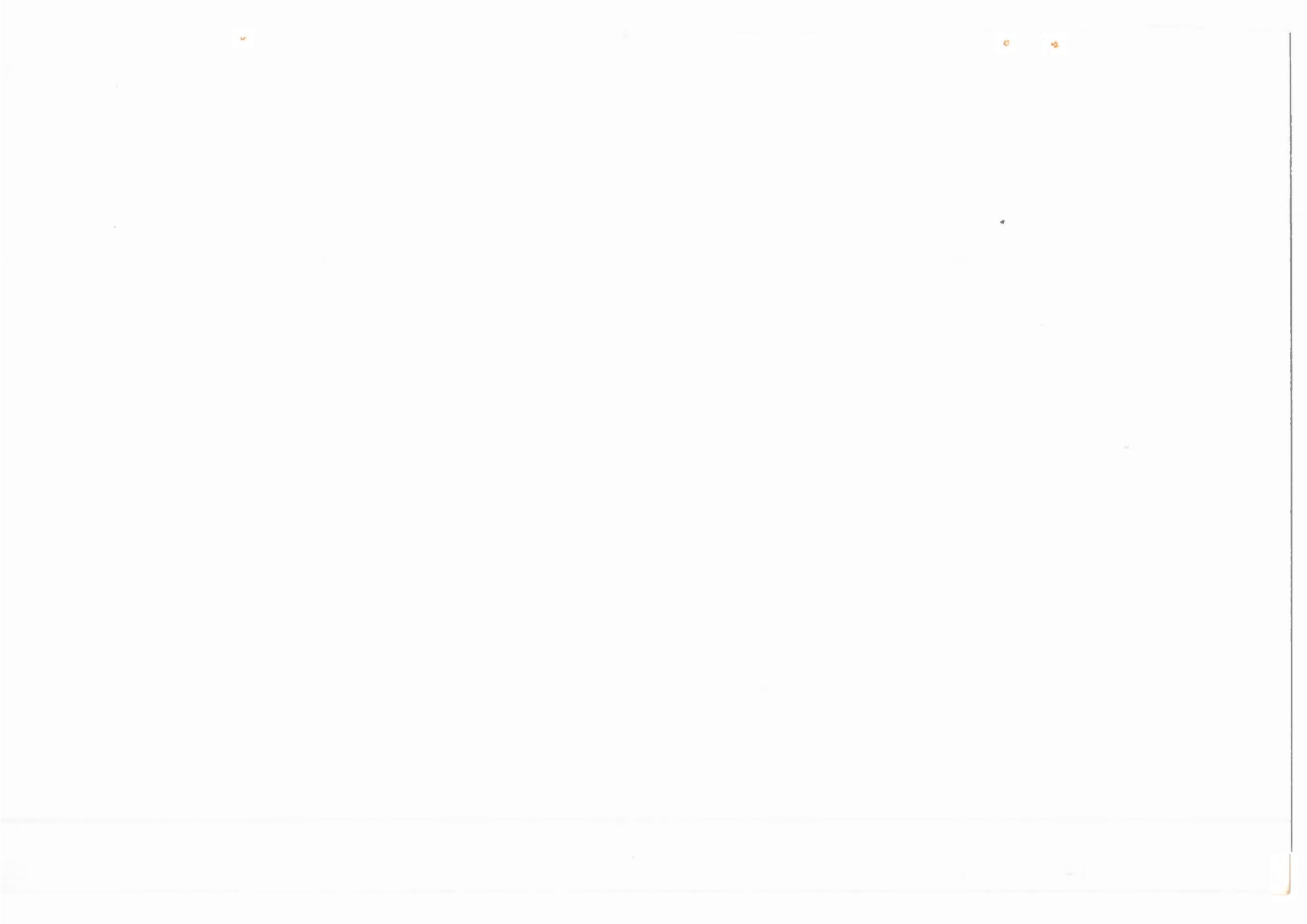
- (a) greatly improving the capacity of the Law Enforcement Agencies particularly the Nigeria Police Force, to deal with crimes ; and
- (b) improving the remunerations and conditions of service of all cadres of Law Enforcement Agencies thereby raising their morale and efficiency and increasing job satisfaction.—(*Sen. Res. 15-80*).

6. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

JOHN WASII PAM,
Deputy President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **A Bill Amending the Provisions of the Nigerian Pilgrims Board Decree 1975**:—A Bill entitled "An Act Amending the Provisions of the Nigerian Pilgrims Board Decree 1975" presented by Senator Kunle Oyero and read the first time to be read a second time upon a date to be fixed by the Rules and Business Committee.

3. **Improvement to Kano-Nguru Train Services**:—Motion made, and Question proposed,—

That in view of the tremendous hardship the people living in the Kano North-East, Kano North-Central Senatorial Districts and the people in the neighbouring Borno State are suffering from the train services provided on Kano to Nguru, this Senate call on the Minister of Transport to ensure that the services on the line are improved thus :

(a) that the present train time-table be changed to alleviate the inconveniences suffered by the people ;

(b) that more passenger and goods coaches be provided ; and

(c) that two daily services starting from both terminals of Kano and Nguru respectively be provided.—(Sen. A. Zakari).

Debate arising ;

Whereupon Senator Garba Matta rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question put accordingly and agreed to.

Resolved nemine contradicente,—

That in view of the tremendous hardship the people living in the Kano North-East, Kano North-Central Senatorial Districts and the people in the neighbouring Borno State are suffering from the train services provided on Kano to Nguru, this Senate call on the Minister of Transport to ensure that the services on the line are improved thus :

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(b) that more passenger and goods coaches be provided ; and

(c) that two daily services starting from both terminals of Kano and Nguru respectively be provided.—(Sen. Res. 16-80).

4. **Orthopaedic Teaching Schools**:—Motion made, and Question proposed,—

That in view of the very serious need for the establishment of Orthopaedic Teaching Schools in this country, the Senate call upon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to establish an Orthopaedic Teaching School in Kano near the Orthopaedic Hospital in Kano State.—(Sen. H. Musa).

Debate arising :—Debate Adjourned.

Debate to be resumed on Monday 25th February, 1980.

5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.15 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 21st February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Visit to the United States of America : Mr President acquainted the Senate that a delegation composed of Mr President of the Senate, the five Party Leaders and a few other Senators would visit the United States of America on Saturday, 23 February, 1980 for a period of one week.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 25 be dispensed with to enable the Senate to take the Motion entitled "Recognition of Senate Leaders".

Question, That Standing Order 25—Dispensing with Notice—be dispensed with put, the Senate divided—

Ayes : 29 Noes : 28 Abstentions : 10

(Here insert Division Lists) (1, 2 and 3)

AYES : 29

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| 1. Senator N. N. Anah | 16. Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura |
| 2. Senator Offia Nwali | 17. Senator Jacob Kure Madaki |
| 3. Senator B. C. Okwu | 18. Senator Usman Alto Danbatta |
| 4. Senator Mohammed Uba Ahmed | 19. Senator Garba Musa Dada |
| 5. Senator Ibrahim Dimis | 20. Senator Ibrahim Kolo |
| 6. Senator Ahmadu Damyama Rufai | 21. Senator Abubakar Magaji |
| 7. Senator Andrew Abogede | 22. Senator George Baba Hoomkwap |
| 8. Senator Suemo-Chia | 23. Senator Thomas Yepwi |
| 9. Senator Ameh Ebute | 24. Senator John Wash Pam |
| 10. Senator George A. Daniel | 25. Senator Francis J. Ellah |
| 11. Senator Donald Dick Etiebet | 26. Senator Amatari Zuofa |
| 12. Senator Iliya Galiya Audu | 27. Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim |
| 13. Senator Tony Anyanwu | 28. Senator Garba Gada |
| 14. Senator Simeon Mba Ojukwu | 29. Senator Hassan Zuru |
| 15. Senator Abba Ali | |

Teller for the Ayes : Senator Adeoye

NOES : 28

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| 1. Senator Isaiah Nnamani Ani | 15. Senator Abayomi A. Durosimi |
| 2. Senator Onyeabo Obi | 16. Senator Abraham A. Adesanya |
| 3. Senator F. O. M. Atake | 17. Senator Daniel A. Ladega |
| 4. Senator John Osiomele Umolu | 18. Senator Jonathan A. O. Odebiyi |
| 5. Senator Umara Lawan Bama | 19. Senator Kunle Oyero |
| 6. Senator Idrisa Kadi | 20. Senator Emmanuel K. Ogunleye |
| 7. Senator Ja'Afa Jarafu Mangga | 21. Senator David O. Oke |
| 8. Senator Bukar Sanda | 22. Senator Michael A. E. Onunkun |
| 9. Senator Bitrus B. Kajal | 23. Senator Christopher 'L. Adeoye |
| 10. Senator Jaja A. Wachuku | 24. Senator Ayoola Adeleke |
| 11. Senator Cornelius O. Adebayo | 25. Senator Olalere Adesina |
| 12. Senator Justus O. Olu | 26. Senator Christopher O. Ilori |
| 13. Senator Mubashir A. O. Abiru | 27. Senator Garba Matta |
| 14. Senator Adeyiga O. Ajayi | 28. Senator Obi Wali |

Teller for the Noes : Senator A. A. Anah

ABSTENTIONS

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| 1. Senator Victor Akan | 6. Senator Emmanuel Idahosa O. Akpata |
| 2. Senator David Omueya Dafinone | 7. Senator Gilama Gayus |
| 3. Senator Isa Obaro | 8. Senator Bello Bakori |
| 4. Senator Ayo Fasanmi | 9. Senator Ahmed Zakari |
| 5. Senator Stephen Adebajji Akintoye | 10. Senator Adamu Gaya |

Standing Order 25 accordingly dispensed with.

4. Recognition of a Senate Party Leader : Motion made, and Question proposed,—

That whereas the NPP Senators at their caucus meeting which was held on Tuesday 19th February, 1980 resolved as follows :—

- (a) that Senator Jaja Wachuku be and is hereby removed from office as NPP Senate Leader ; and
- (b) that a motion be filed praying the Senate to rescind forthwith its earlier Resolution recognizing Senator Jaja Wachuku as the NPP Party Leader in the Senate.

Be it resolved that this Senate hereby rescind its earlier Resolution which recognized Senator Jaja Wachuku as the NPP Party Leader in the Senate.—(*Senator F. J. Allah*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Offia Nwali rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—

That whereas the NPP Snators at their caucus meeting which was held on Tuesday 19th February, 1980 resolved as follows :—

- (a) that Senator Jaja Wachuku be and is hereby removed from office as NPP Senate Leader ; and
- (b) that a motion be filed praying the Senate to rescind forthwith its earlier Resolution recognizing Senator Jaja Wachuku as the NPP Party Leader in the Senate.

Be it resolved that this Senate hereby rescinds its earlier Resolution which recognized Senator Jaja Wachuku as the NPP Party Leader in the Senate.—(*Sen. Res. 17-80*).

Whereupon Senator Anah named Senator B. C. Okwu as the new NPP Party Leader in the Senate in place of Senator Jaja Wachuku.

5. Easy access to our Leaders and highest Institutions by Foreign Visitors :

Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate views with dismay the easy access to our leaders and highest Institutions by foreign visitors to Nigeria.—(*Senator A. O. Ajayi*).

Debate arising ;

Amendment proposed to Senator Ajayi's Motion to read as follows :

That this Senate request the Foreign Relations Committee in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs to work out guidelines as to how foreign visitors should have access to Nigerian Leaders.—(*Senator S. M. Ojukwu*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Whereupon Senator Fasanmi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

*Resolved,—*That this Senate request the Foreign Relations Committee in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs to work out guidelines as to how foreign visitors should have access to Nigerian Leaders.—(*Sen. Res. 18-80*).

6. Pedro Martins Panel Report on 1975 Purge : Motion made, and Question proposed,—

That in view of the fact that the 1975 General purge had caused a lot of hardship and sufferings on many innocent public servants throughout the Federation and in order to alleviate and correct the injustice done to several innocent Citizens affected by the purge, this Senate enjoin the President of Nigeria to cause the following actions to be taken :

(a) publish the Report of the Pedro Martins Panel set up by the last Administration to look into the social effects of the 1975 purge.

(b) Implement the recommendations contained in the said Report.—(*Senator E. K. Ogunleye*).

Debate arising :—Debate Adjourned.

Debate to be resumed on *Tuesday, 26th February, 1980*.

7. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 9 a.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.31 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS;
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 22nd February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 9.05 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Judicial Service) (Amendment) Bill, 1980**—Bill entitled "Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Judicial Service) (Amendment) Act 1980" was laid on the Table by Senator Abiru and *ordered* to be printed.

3. **Morality in the Nigerian Society** :—Motion made, and Question proposed,—

That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria having realised that indiscipline and immorality have become rampant in the Nigerian Society, and having realised that the factors responsible for these arise from a departure from ideals, values and standards of the Nigerian Societies, call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to :

(1).—(a) initiate immediate steps in the study and identification of ideals, values, and standards in the Nigerian Society which constitute the instruments of discipline and morality amongst the people of Nigeria with the aim of effecting their implementation in all spheres of the Nigerian Society ;

(b) take immediate steps to curb these foreign factors, including foreign books, films, ideologies, etc., that contravene ideals, values and standards of Nigerian Societies and encourage indiscipline and immorality in Society ; and

(c) take immediate steps to fashion the educational goals in Nigeria on the needs and realities in the Nigerian Society.

(2) That this Senate realise the fact that the continuous permeation of foreign ideals, values and standards in the Nigerian Society will lead this country to the loss of its identity as a nation and the free development of the conscience of her people.—(*Sen. Suemo Chia*).

Debate arising ;

Debate Adjourned :—Debate to be resumed on *Thursday 28th February, 1980*.

4. **Ikot Okoro/Ekefe Road** : Motion made, and Question proposed,—

(1) That the Senate pray the Executive to implement by making budgetary provision in the 1980-81 financial year for the construction or building of Abak via Ikot Okoro/Ekefe Road of the Cross River State which had already been provided for in the Third National Development Plan, 1975-1980.

(2) That similar arrangement be made for other roads in the country which were thus taken care of by the said Development Plan.—(*Senator D. D. Etiebet*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Ansa rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

By consent of the Senate the Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Public Works.

5. **Message from the President of the Romanian National Assembly** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that he had received a Message from the Minister of External Affairs conveying the invitation from the President of the Romanian National Assembly for a Nigerian Parliamentary Delegation led by the President of the Senate to visit Romania in the course of this year, and called upon the Clerk to read the Message.

The Message was read as follows :

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
LAGOS

P.M.B. No. 12600

Telegrams EXTERNAL

Telephone.....



Ref. No. EN. 39/S3/Vol. I

Date 11th February, 1980

The Honourable Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
Parliament Building,
Lagos.

INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I am directed to forward herewith an invitation from the President of the Romanian National Assembly to a Nigerian Parliamentary delegation, led by the Honourable President of the Senate, to visit Romania in the course of this year. The invitation was received through the Romanian Ambassador in Lagos and it should be appreciated if this Ministry would be informed of any decision that may be reached on it. A similar invitation has also been addressed and transmitted to the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives.

FRANK ESHIETT,
for Permanent Secretary

The Message was noted by the Senate.

6. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on Monday.

Adjourned accordingly at 11.45 a.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* No. 64 of 21st February, 1980

Under item 3 *delete* the following first four lines :

“Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 25 be dispensed with to enable the Senate to take the Motion entitled “Recognition of Senate Leaders”.

Question, That Standing Order 25—Dispensing with Notice—be dispensed with put, the Senate divided—”

and *substitute* instead thereof

“Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 25 be invoked to enable the Senate to take the Motion entitled “Recognition of Senate Leaders”.

Question, That Standing Order 25—Dispensing with Notice—be invoked put, the Senate divided—”

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 25th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Absence of Mr President** :—Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that Mr President of the Senate was leading the Senate Delegation to the United States and would be absent for a period of one week.

3. **Acting Party Leaders in the Senate** :—In the absence of the Leaders of the five political parties in the Senate, the following Senators were appointed acting Leaders of their parties :

N.P.N. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Senator D. O. Dafinone
U.P.N. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Senator E. I. O. Akpata
N.P.P. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Senator Obi Wali ✓
G.N.P.P. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Senator Mahmud Waziri
P.R.P. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Senator Ahmed Zakari

4. **Message from the Bauchi House of Assembly** :—Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that he had received a Message from the Speaker of the Bauchi State House of Assembly and called upon the Clerk to read the Message to the Senate. The Message was read as follows :

Ref. No. BHA/ADM/S/TRA/5/105
House of Assembly,
Administration Division,
Bauchi State,
P.M.B. 0232,
Bauchi, Nigeria.
18th February, 1980

The Speaker,
House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

ATTACHMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BAUCHI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

I am writing to explore the possibility of the National Assembly accepting my members for attachment. This is despired to give them an opportunity to benefit from the experience some of your members have in Parliamentary Procedures. We intend to send them in groups of ten members at a time. We want each group to spend two weeks observing the Senate and the House of Representatives.

I hope you will consider this request and let me know by the end of this month. If it will be possible I want to have it started in the first week of March, 1980.

A similar letter on the above subject has been sent to you by post dated 14th February, 1980, pleasure.

(Sgd) M. Y. PAPA,
Speaker

5. **Orthopaedic Teaching Schools** :—Adjourned Debate on Question (20th February, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the very serious need for the establishment of Orthopaedic Teaching Schools in this country, the Senate calls upon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to establish an Orthopaedic Teaching School in Kano near the Orthopaedic Hospital in Kano State.—(Senator H. Musa).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—

Amendment proposed to recast Senator Musa's Motion to read as follows :

That in view of the very serious need for the expansion of Orthopaedic Medicine in this country, the Senate request the Nigeria Universities Commission :

- (i) to provide adequate facilities for the development of Orthopaedic Medicine in all colleges of medicine in the country, and
- (ii) to transfer the management of the Orthopaedic Hospital in Kano to the Bayero University, Kano, in view of its nearness and enhanced status.—(Senator Kunle Oyero).

Debate arising ;

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Whereupon Senator Fasanmi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in view of the very serious need for the expansion of Orthopaedic Medicine in this country, the Senate request the Nigeria Universities Commission :

- (i) to provide adequate facilities for the development of Orthopaedic Medicine in all colleges of medicine in the country, and
- (ii) to transfer the management of the Orthopaedic Hospital in Kano to the Bayero University, Kano, in view of its nearness and enhanced status.—(*Sen. Res. 19-80*).

6. Railway Line to connect the Calabar Port and Maiduguri : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Executive undertake the feasibility study of the establishment of a Railway line from the new port in Calabar to Maiduguri before the launching of the Fourth National Development Plan.—(*Senator B. B. Kajal*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Nosike Ikpo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved nemine contradicente, That the Executive undertake the feasibility study of the establishment of a Railway line from the new port in Calabar to Maiduguri before the launching of the Fourth National Development Plan.—(*Sen. Res. 20-80*).

7. Restoration of Car Loans : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that the President has made pronouncement on restoration of car loan, and in view of the fact that no one could secure any car loan since the pronouncement, this Senate urge the President of the Republic as a matter of urgency to direct the Central Bank to adjust credit guidelines to Commercial Banks so as to reflect increased flow of funds that will enable public officers duly guaranteed to enjoy the loans without any difficulty.—(*Senator A. Adegoke*).

Debate arising ;

Senator Audu rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *negatived*.

8. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.10 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 26th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Establishment of State Welfare Homes Bill, 1980**—Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for the establishment of State Welfare Homes one in each Local Government Area in the Federal Republic of Nigeria" presented by Senator M. Abdulkarim was laid on the Table and ordered to be printed.

3. **Pedro Martins Report on 1975 Purge** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st February, 1980).—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that the 1975 General Purge has caused a lot of hardship and sufferings to many innocent public servants throughout the Federation and in order to alleviate and correct the injustice done to several innocent citizens, affected by the purge, this Senate enjoin the President of Nigeria to cause the following actions to be taken :

(a) publish the Report of the Pedro Martins Panel set up by the last Administration to look into the social effects of the 1975 purge ;

(b) implement the recommendations contained in the said Report.—(Senator E. K. Ogunleye).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—

By leave of the Senate, Standing Order 19—Notices of Motions and Amendments—was suspended in order to enable Amendments to be proposed to the Motion.

Amendment made in line 4 to delete the word "several" and substitute the word "many" instead thereof.

Another Amendment proposed, That "sub-paragraph (b)" of the Motion be deleted and the following substituted therefor :

"(b) review the recommendations contained in the said Report and take such action as the President may deem necessary".—(Senator D. O. Dafinone).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment made to delete in line 5, the following :—"cause the following action to be taken".

Another Amendment proposed, That "sub-paragraph (b)" of the Motion be deleted.—(Senator D. A. Ladega).

Question, That "sub-paragraph (b)" of the Motion be deleted, put and agreed to.

Whereupon Senator 'Lere Adesina rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put accordingly and agreed to.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the 1975 general purge has caused a lot of hardship and sufferings to many innocent public servants throughout the Federation and in order to alleviate and correct the injustice done to many innocent citizens affected by the purge, this Senate enjoin the President of Nigeria to publish the Report of the Pedro Martins Panel set up by the last Administration to look into the social effects of the 1975 purge.—(Sen. Res. 21-80).

4. **Telecommunications** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in order to ascertain all the facts to make the communication system work and to extend the facilities to all corners of the country, this august Senate hereby resolve as follows :

(1) That the Committee on Communications shall conduct detailed study of :

(a) how far the contracts envisaged in the Third National Development Plan have been awarded and/or implemented ;

(b) the advisability of standardising equipments or otherwise ;

(c) the necessity of limiting the number of electronic contractors or otherwise ;

(d) what provisions should be included in the Fourth National Development Plan and other related matters for communications development.

(2) That the Committee shall also ascertain :

(a) how far Nigerians have been trained to instal and repair communications equipment by the various contracting companies as well as their management structure,

(b) how effectively carried out have been the provisions in the Third National Development Plan for the local manufacture of telecommunications equipment.—(Senator Kunle Oyero).

Debate Arising :—Debate *Adjourned*.—(Senator Kunle Oyero).

Debate to be resumed on *Monday, 3rd March, 1980*.

5. National Drug Policy : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that Nigeria depends mostly on importation for nearly all its requirements of pharmaceutical and medicinal preparations for its health-care delivery programme, and in view of the fact that no meaningful health-care delivery programme can be carried out without the formulation of a National Drug Policy, and also in view of the fact that procurement of drugs and other medicinal preparations is vital in ensuring the health of the people and promoting the economic growth of the nation, the Senate hereby call on the President as a matter of supreme urgency to formulate a programme for a national drug policy for Nigeria after due consultation with the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, and any other appropriate organ or agency of government.—(Senator Ayo Fasanmi).

Debate Arising :—Debate *Adjourned*.—(Senator Ayo Fasanmi).

Debate to resume on *Tuesday, 4th March, 1980*.

6. Construction of a Modern Airport in Onitsha : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate recognising the economic and commercial importance of Onitsha and the surrounding towns urge the Executive :—

(a) to provide funds in the next financial year or in the next Development Plan for the early development of a modern airport in or near Onitsha to cater for passenger and cargo traffic ; and

(b) meanwhile, to ensure that the Nigeria Airways Limited opens its projected Air Booking Centre in Onitsha as a matter of urgency to enable prospective passengers living in and around Onitsha to purchase tickets and book their flights in advance before proceeding to Enugu, Benin or Port Harcourt Airports to connect their flights.—(Senator Onyeabo Obi).

Debate Arising :—Debate *Adjourned*.—(Senator Onyeabo Obi).

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

7. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.50 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 27th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Establishment of Kaduna River Basin Development Authority** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the very large area covered by the Kaduna River ; and in view of the fact that the River has no less than 16 tributaries ; also in view of agricultural, fisheries, animal husbandry and game reserve potentials of the River and its tributaries ; and in order to tap the great potentials of the River for effective realisation of the green revolution, this Senate urge the President to establish a Kaduna River Basin Development Authority.—(Senator I. Barau).

Debate Arising :—

Senator Adebayo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Question, That the Motion be *referred* to the Committee on Water Resources, put and *agreed to*.

The Motion was accordingly *referred* to the Committee on Water Resources.

3. **National Assembly Relations Office** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that information, particularly facts, figures and past official reports constitute important tools for making good legislation, this Senate request the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to open in each Federal Ministry a National Assembly Relations office to be charged with the responsibility of giving full information on request to Members of the National Assembly.—(Senator M. Abdulkarim).

Debate Arising :—Debate *Adjourned*.—

Debate to be resumed on a *future date*.

4. **State Liaison Officers** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That having taken due note of the appointment of State Liaison Officers by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and having further noted the strain to the good relationship between the Centre and the States, the Senate pray the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to supply to the Senate material justifying the need for the appointment of State Liaison Officers.—(Senator Mahmud Waziri).

Debate Arising :—

By leave of the Senate Standing Order 25 was invoked to enable Amendments to be proposed to the Motion.

Amendment proposed in line 3 to *delete* the words "Centre and States" and *substitute* therefor "Federal and State Executives".—(Senator Kunle Oyero).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed to Senator Mahmud Waziri's Motion as follows :—

"aware that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has appointed Liaison Officers to all States in the Federation ;

believing that such appointments are an essential tool in executing Federal Government projects in the States ;

conscious that in the past many important Federal Government projects in the States were neglected or abandoned largely because effective and direct control over such projects was not available ;

acknowledges that these Federal Government projects in the States are needed for even and quickened development of the Federation ;

knows that the appointment of these Liaison Officers has brought about limited strain in the relationship between the Federal Governments and a few State Governments in the Federation ;

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

affirms its belief in the appointment of Liaison Officers by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to all States of the Federation ;

calls on every State Government to collaborate and render all necessary assistance and help to the Liaison Officer appointed to its area of jurisdiction and authority".—(Senator Victor Akan).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 28th February, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.01 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Morality in Nigerian Society** :—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd February, 1980); Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria having realised that indiscipline and immorality have become rampant in the Nigerian Society, and having realised that the factors responsible for these arise from a departure from ideals, values and standards of the Nigerian Societies, call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to :

(1)—(a) initiate immediate steps in the study and identification of ideals, values, and standards in the Nigerian Society which constitute the instruments of discipline and morality amongst the people of Nigeria with the aim of effecting their implementation in all spheres of the Nigerian Society ;

(b) take immediate steps to curb these foreign factors, including foreign books, films, ideologies, etc. that contravene ideals, values and standards of Nigerian Societies and encourage indiscipline and immorality in Society ; and

(c) take immediate steps to fashion the educational goals in Nigeria on the needs and realities in the Nigerian Society.

(2) That this Senate realise the fact that the continuous permeation of foreign ideals, values and standards in the Nigerian Society will lead this country to the loss of its identity as a nation and the free development of the conscience of her people.—(*Senator Suemo-Chia*).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—(*Senator Suemo-Chia*).

Amendment proposed to delete "sub-paragraph 1 (b)" of Senator Suemo-Chia's Motion.—(*Senator A. Fasanmi*).

Another Amendment proposed to delete "paragraph 2" of Senator Suemo-Chia's Motion.—(*Senator A. Fasanmi*).

Question, That the Amendments be made, put and *agreed to*.

Senator J. K. Madaki rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria having realised that indiscipline and immorality have become rampant in the Nigerian Society, and having realised that the factors responsible for these arise from a departure from ideals, values and standards of the Nigerian Societies, call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to :

(a) initiate immediate steps in the study and identification of ideals, values, and standards in the Nigerian Society which constitute the instruments of discipline and morality amongst the people of Nigeria with the aim of effecting their implementation in all spheres of the Nigerian Society ; and

(b) take immediate steps to fashion the educational goals in Nigeria on the needs and realities in the Nigerian Society.—(*Sen. Res. 23-80*).

3. **Deferment of Motions** : By leave of the Senate, the following Motions which stood on the Order Paper in the name of Senator Ibrahim Dimis were *deferred* for debate on Thursday, 6th March, 1980 :—

Senator Ibrahim Dimis :

Development of Roads

That in accordance with Item 8 of Part I, Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979, this Senate urge the President of the Federal Republic to include the following Roads in the next Development Plan :

- (i) Bauchi-Dass-Tafawa Balewa-Pankshin and Anper Roads,
- (ii) Ningi-Barra Road,
- (iii) Maigatari-Tulu Road,
- (iv) Gaji-Garga Road, and
- (v) Rano-Gumel-Ikadejia Roads.

Senator Ademola Adegoke :

As an Amendment to Senator Dimis' Motion :

At the end of the Motion, *insert* the following :

(vi) Iseyin-Shaki-Shepetari-Igboho-Kishi-Igbetti."

Senator Ibrahim Dimis :

Development of Bauchi Airport

That in accordance with Item 2 of Part I, Second Schedule to the Constitution, and as promised by the former Government of the Federation, the Senate pray the President to see that the mobile air control equipment in Bauchi is replaced by transferring to Bauchi the modern air control facilities now being used in Jos, and in view of the fact that money has been provided by the Federal Government for the expansion of the existing airport at Bauchi, and since the Nigeria Airways has been selling tickets in Bauchi although there has been no flight into or out of Bauchi since 1978, and in view also of the fact that Bauchi has been made the Headquarters of a State in the Federation, the Senate call upon the President to direct that commercial flight be started in Bauchi on or before June 1980."

4. Construction of a Modern Airport in Onitsha : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (26th February, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed,—That this Senate recognising the economic and commercial importance of Onitsha and the surrounding towns urge the Executive :—

(a) to provide funds in the next financial year or in the next Development Plan for the early development of a modern airport in or near Onitsha to cater for passenger and cargo traffic ; and

(b) meanwhile, to ensure that the Nigeria Airways Limited opens its projected Air Booking Centre in Onitsha as a matter of urgency to enable prospective passengers living in and around Onitsha to purchase tickets and book their flights in advance before proceeding to Enugu, Benin or Port Harcourt Airports to connect their flights.

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—(Senator Onyeabo Obi).

Senator Ogunleye rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That this Senate recognising the economic and commercial importance of Onitsha and the surrounding towns urge the Executive :—

(a) to provide funds in the next financial year or in the next Development Plan for the early development of a modern airport in or near Onitsha to cater for passenger and cargo traffic ; and

(b) meanwhile, to ensure that the Nigeria Airways Limited opens its projected Air Booking Centre in Onitsha as a matter of urgency to enable prospective passengers living in and around Onitsha to purchase tickets and book their flights in advance before proceeding to Enugu, Benin or Port Harcourt Airports to connect their flights.—(Sen. Res. 24-80).

5. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till Monday at 3 p.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.20 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 3rd March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.02 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Demonstration by University Students** :—Motion made, That this distinguished Senate view with great concern the incessant albeit peaceful demonstrations and counter demonstrations by the Students of the University of Calabar as well as the recent demonstration by the Students of Education at the University of Lagos and request the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to forestall a total breakdown of law and order in these communities by setting up as early as possible a high powered public Presidential Commission of Inquiry under the following terms of reference :—

- (i) to inquire into the remote and immediate causes of such demonstrations ;
- (ii) to find out the role that the law enforcement agencies and the public media played in, and the extent of unprovoked hostility meted out to the people during these peaceful demonstrations ;
- (iii) to recommend some permanent solutions to avoid the repetition of these demonstrations and as a deterrent to any future misbehaviour to discipline anyone found guilty of inflaming the peaceful demonstrations :—(Senator J. O. Ansa).

And there being no seconder for the Motion, the Motion *lapsed* pursuant to Standing Order 22.

3. **Establishment of Commercial Banks** :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in order to bring banking facilities nearer the people with a view to ensuring the success of good housing and appropriate agricultural policies throughout the country, this Senate request the Executive to see to it that at least three Commercial Banks are established particularly in the rural areas of each Local Government Area of this country.—(Senator Bitrus B. Kajal).

Debate arising :—

Senator Ogunleye rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

On the Motion of Senator Akpata, the Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

4. **Telecommunications** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (26th February, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in order to ascertain all the facts to make the communication system work and to extend the facilities to all corners of the country, this august Senate hereby resolve as follows :

(1) That the Committee on Communications shall conduct detailed study of :

- (a) How far the contracts envisaged in the Third National Development Plan have been awarded and/or implemented ;
- (b) The advisability of standardising equipments or otherwise ;
- (c) The necessity of limiting the number of electronic contractors or otherwise ;
- (d) What provisions should be included in the Fourth National Development Plan and other related matters for communications development.

(2) That the Committee shall also ascertain :

- (a) How far Nigerians have been trained to instal and repair communications equipment by the various contracting companies as well as their management structure;
- (b) How effectively carried out have been the provisions in the Third National Development Plan for the local manufacture of telecommunications equipment.—(Senator Kunle Oyero)

Question again proposed :—Debate *resumed* —(Senator Kunle Oyero).

Senator Dafinone rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

On the Motion of Senator Dafinone, the Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Communications.

5. Electric Power Supply to Towns in the Rivers State :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that the electric power station at Afam which supplies electricity to the various towns in Anambra, Cross River and Imo States is situated in the Bori Local Government Area of the Rivers State ; in view of the fact that apart from Port Harcourt, electricity from Afam Power Station is not supplied to any of the towns in the Rivers State including Bori, the Headquarters of the Local Government Area in which the said Afam Power Station is situated, this distinguished Senate pray the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to direct the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) to make immediate provisions for the supply of electricity to Bori, Bonny, Okrika, Degema, Opobo, Ahoada, Ngo, Omoku and other important towns in the Rivers State.—(*Senator Cyrus N. Nunieli*).

Debate arising :—

Senator Adebayo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

On the Motion of Senator Obaro, the Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Mines and Power.

6. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.17 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 4th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **National Drug Policy** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (26th February, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that Nigeria depends mostly on importation of nearly all its requirements of pharmaceutical and medicinal preparations for its health-care delivery programme, and in view of the fact that no meaningful programme can be carried out without the formulation of a National Drug Policy, and also in view of the fact that procurement of drugs and other medicinal preparations is vital in ensuring the health of the people and promoting the economic growth of the nation, the Senate hereby call on the President as a matter of supreme urgency to formulate a programme for a national drug policy for Nigeria after due consultation with the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, and any other appropriate organ or agency of Government.

Question again proposed :—*Debate resumed* :—(Senator Adebayo).

On the Motion of Senator Dimis, the Motion was *referred* to the Committee on Health.

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.
Adjourned accordingly at 4.29 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Zimbabwe Election** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria—

(a) send a message of congratulation and fraternal solidarity to the people of Zimbabwe in general and to Mr Robert Mugabe, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Bishop Abel Muzorewa in particular on the peaceful and successful conduct of Zimbabwe's Independence Election ;

(b) express its full support for the prospective government of Mr Robert Mugabe and the ZANU (PF).—(Senator D. O. Oke).

Debate arising :—

Senator Ogunleye rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed :—

Senator Suemo-Chia rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

By leave of the Senate, Standing Order 20 (1) was suspended in order to enable an Amendment to be proposed to the Motion.

Amendment proposed in line 1 to *leave out* from "and" to "people" and *substitute* "the Senate of Zimbabwe when constituted" instead thereof, and in line 2, to *leave out* from "to" to "particular", and also *delete* "paragraph b" of the Motion.—(Senator Shitta-Bey).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

By leave of the Senate "sub-paragraph (a)" of the Motion was *withdrawn* by Senator David Oke.

Question, That "sub-paragraph (b)" of the Motion be approved by the Senate, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria express its full support for the prospective government of Mr Robert Mugabe and the ZANU Patriotic Front.—(Sen. Res. 25-80).

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.37 p.m.

Dr JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 6th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Unconstitutional Detention of People**,—*Resolved*, That the Motion be taken this day.
3. **Report on the Nigerian Coal Corporation Bill**,—To be *laid* next week.
4. **Report on the Code of Conduct Bureau**,—Not yet ready.
5. **National Assembly Service Commission Bill**,—*Reported* from the Committee on Public Service :—To be read a second time next Tuesday, 11th March, 1980.
6. **Report on Nigerian Mining Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1980**,—To be *laid* next Wednesday, 12th March, 1980.

7. **Report of the Committee on Remuneration**,—To be *laid* next week.

8. **Unconstitutional Detention of People** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that contrary to Section 32 of the Constitution—Right to Personal Liberty—some Nigerians in different parts of the country are in detention beyond permissible periods, this Senate resolves as follows :—

- (1) the President of the Federation is called upon to furnish to the Senate the detailed scheme for providing the necessary machinery and infrastructure to enable the appropriate bodies, namely the Police, the Judiciary and so on, to abide by the provisions of the Constitution ;
- (2) the Minister of Internal Affairs to furnish to this Senate the details of persons in prison and Police custody in all parts of the country, whether on conviction, on remand or awaiting trial but not bailed, and also the capacity of each prison ;
- (3) the Committee on Internal Affairs in the light of the above to bring forward proposals to carry out the letter and spirit of the Constitution in this regard.—(*Senator Kunle Oyero*).

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed to Senator Kunle Oyero's Motion :

Before sub-paragraph 1 *insert* "(1) the Senate views with great concern the non-observance of Section 32 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria—Right to Personal Liberty—by certain organs of Government, notably the Police," and amend numbers (1), (2) and (3) of the proposed Motion to read (2), (3) and (4).—(*Senator Ayo Fasanmi*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Debate arising :—

By leave of the Senate, Standing Order 25 was invoked to enable an Amendment to be proposed to the Motion.

Thereupon another Amendment was proposed to Senator Kunle Oyero's Motion : *Delete* item 3 and *insert* instead thereof the following :

"Order the Senate Committee on Police and Internal Affairs :

- (a) to hold public hearings in different parts of the Country with a view to :
 - (i) Ascertaining the conditions under which people awaiting trial are detained,
 - (ii) Whether there are any abuses of the power of arrest and detention of citizens by law enforcement officers,
 - (iii) Whether any existing conditions, facilities, and practices in Nigerian Prisons and Police Cells violate the provisions of Section 31 (1) (a), (b) and (c) of the Constitution.

(b) To recommend on the basis of their findings, what further laws, if any (with provisions for penalty clauses) are required to enhance the observance of Section 31 of the Nigerian Constitution".
—(*Senator E. P. Echeruo*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Debate arising :—

By leave of the Senate, Standing Order 25 was invoked to enable an Amendment to be proposed to the Motion as amended.

Thereupon Senator Suemo-Chia proposed an Amendment to the Amended Motion of Senator Kunle Oyero as follows :

Senator Fasanmi's Amendment to become the preamble ; *delete* paragraph 1 of the original Motion. Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Debate arising :—

Whereupon Senator Amadu Adah Ali rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly, and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Senate view with great concern the non-observance of Section 32 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria—Right to Personal Liberty—by certain organs of Government, notably the police, and request as follows :—

- (1) the Minister of Internal Affairs to furnish to this Senate the details of persons in prison and Police custody in all parts of the country, whether on conviction, on remand or awaiting trial but not bailed, and also the capacity of each prison ;
- (2) the Committee on Internal Affairs in the light of the above to bring forward proposals to carry out the letter and spirit of the Constitution in this regard.

9. Deferment of Motions : By leave of the Senate, the following Motions which stood on the Order Paper in the name of Senator Ibrahim Dimis were *deferred* until Thursday, 13th March, 1980 :

Senator Ibrahim Dimis :

Development of Bauchi Airport

Adjourned Debate on Question (28th February, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that the preparation for the Bauchi Airport has been completed and in view of the fact that the Nigeria Airways has been operating an air booking office in Bauchi as far back as June, 1978, this Senate call on the President to transfer a mobile control tower to Bauchi Airport as a matter of urgency to enable Nigeria Airways to commence commercial flights to and from Bauchi to other parts of the country with a view to minimising transportation problems encountered by members of the public generally and the following in particular ; the Ashaka Cement Industry, the Gombe Agricultural Project and the Styer Nigeria Limited—all serving the whole nation ; and also the Bauchi Meat Products Company Limited, serving the whole of Africa.

Senator Ibrahim Dimis :

Construction of Federal Roads

In view of the rapid economic growth between :

- (1) Lafia, Chendam, in Plateau State and Kaltungo in Bauchi State with Jalingo in Gongola State ;
- (2) Wudil-Kafin Hausa in Kano State with Katagum in Bauchi State and Potiskum in Borno State ;
- (3) Bauchi-Dass Tafawa Balewa in Bauchi State and Dawaki in Plateau State ;
- (4) Misau-Azare in Bauchi State and Hadejia in Kano State ;
- (5) Dass-Boto in Bauchi State and Gindiri in Plateau State ;
- (6) Tafawa Balewa-Dull in Bauchi State with Kanam in Plateau State ;
- (7) Ningi-Yadagungume-Tulu-Rishi in Bauchi State with Saminaka in Plateau State, and
- (8) Gaji in Bauchi State with Garga in Plateau State,

this Senate request the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to include in the 1980-81 Budget the following roads for construction :—

1. Lafia-Chendam-Kaltungo-Jalingo road.
2. Wudil-Kafin Hausa-Katagum-Potiskum road.
3. Bauchi-Dass-Tafawa Balewa-Dawaki road.
4. Misau-Azare-Hadejia road.
5. Dass-Boto-Gindiri road.
6. Tafawa Balewa-Dull-Kanam road.
7. Ningi-Yadagungume-Tulu-Rishi-Rahama-Saminaka road, and
8. Gaji-Garga road.

Senator Ademola Adegoke :

As an Amendment to Senator Dimis Motion on Construction of Federal Roads: At the end of the Motion, *insert* the following :

"9. Iseyin-Shaki-Shepeteri-Igboho-Kishi-Igbetti".

10. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till Monday at 3 p.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.43 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 10th March, 1980

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1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
 2. **Re-arrangement of Sitting Positions in the Senate** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that in due course he would alter the present sitting arrangement in the Senate, after consultation with the Leader of the Senate and the Leaders of the various Political Parties.
 3. **Motions on Today's Order Paper** : The Leader of the Senate requested, that the Motions standing in the names of Senator Bitrus Kajal and Senator Imaru Lawan Bama, Agricultural Development and Establishment of Flour Mill in Ngala Local Government Area respectively, be *withdrawn*.
By unanimous consent, the Motion on Agricultural Development was *withdrawn*, and the Motion on Establishment of Flour Mill in Ngala Local Government Area *lapsed* due to the absence in the Chamber of Senator Imaru Lawan Bama.
 4. **Income Tax Management (Amendment) Bill, 1980**, A Bill entitled "A Bill for an Act to amend the Income Tax Management Act, 1961 and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto ; read the first time, to be read a second time upon a date to be fixed.
 5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.
Adjourned accordingly at 3.48 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 11th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr Deputy President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Electric Power Failure**,—The Leader of the Senate observed that in view of uncomfortable atmosphere of the Chamber as a result of electric power failure further proceedings be deferred till *Tomorrow*, 12th March, 1980.

By unanimous consent, further proceedings stood deferred till *Tomorrow*, 12th March, 1980.

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the House do now adjourn till 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.12 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAN,
Deputy President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 10th March, 1980

In page 199, under "Motions on Today's Order Paper", recast lines 4, 5 and 6 to read as follows :—

"By unanimous consent the Motion on Agricultural Development *lapsed* due to the absence in the Chamber of Senator Bitrus Kajal, while the Motion on Establishment of Flour Mill in Ngala Local Government Area was *withdrawn*."

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12th March, 1960

1. The Senate met at 3.04 p.m. Mr Deputy President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Visit of Distinguished Visitors.**—Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate of the presence in the Chamber of Mr Pierre-Bernard Couste, Member for Lyon in the French National Assembly, accompanied by His Excellency the French Ambassador in Nigeria, Mr Yves Plattard, and on behalf of the Senators welcomed the distinguished visitors to the Senate.

3. **Appointment of Acting Chairman of Committee on Defence.**—Mr Deputy President announced the appointment of Senator Jacob Kure Madaki as the Acting Chairman of the Committee on Defence.

4. **Army (Amendment) Bill 1960.**—Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute membership of the Army Council (*Brought from the House of Representatives*)—presented by Senator Sola Saraki; read the first time, to be read a second time—*Tomorrow*.

Meanwhile, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Defence.

5. **Air Force (Amendment) Bill 1960.**—Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute the membership of the Air Force Council (*Brought from the House of Representatives*)—presented by Senator Sola Saraki; read the first time, to be read a second time—*Tomorrow*.

Meanwhile, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Defence.

6. **National Assembly Service Commission Bill.**—Read a second time.—(*Senator D. D. Etiebet*). Bill immediately committed to the Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

— Clause 1 : Amendment made in sub-paragraph 2, after the word "with" insert "perpetual succession and shall have"

Clause 1, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2 : Amendment made that sub-paragraph 2 be deleted; as a consequence sub-paragraph 3 was renumbered "2".

Clause 2, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 3 : Amendment made in sub-paragraph 1, line 13, delete the word "then". Delete also the word "or" and insert the word "and" instead thereof.

Clause 3, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 4, *agreed to*.

Clause 5 : Amendment made in sub-paragraph (1) (b), line 10, delete from the word "the" to the end of line 11, and insert instead thereof the following words: "such persons (one of whom shall be named as Chairman) as may be prescribed by the Commission".

Another amendment made, line 15, a new paragraph to begin from the word "Provided".

Another amendment made, at the end of line 21, add the words "and such other staff not below grade level 03".

Clause 5, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 6 : Amendment made,—the heading, line 23, after the word "OF" insert the word "TITLE".

Another amendment made, sub-paragraph (1) (f), line 1: delete the word "persons", and insert the word "officers" instead thereof.

Another amendment made, sub-paragraph (1) (f), line 2, delete the words "to assist the aforementioned staff".

Clauses 1-6 (f), *agreed to*.

The Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and asked leave to sit again.

Mr Deputy President resumed the Chair.

Committee report Progress; to sit again—*Tomorrow*.

7. Formation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resolve that a Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association be formed in the Nigerian National Assembly with effect from 1st January, 1980 and hereby instruct the Clerk of the National Assembly to forward this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the Association for submission to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Ordered, That the Motion be *deferred* till tomorrow.

8. Membership of the Union of African Parliaments.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in accordance with the provision of Article 4, Section II (Membership) of the Statute of the Union of African Parliaments (UAP), and in view of Nigeria's desire to promote and encourage contacts between African members of Parliaments among themselves as well as between African Members and Members of Parliaments of other continents, towards the strengthening of the role and prestige of the institution of Parliament, as well as the operation of effective representative democracy, and the contribution to the fulfilment of the Objectives of the Organization of African Unity, the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resolve to join the Union of African Parliaments and direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to take necessary action to forward this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the Union for transmission through the Executive Committee to the General Assembly of the Union of African Parliaments.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Ordered, That the Motion be *deferred* till tomorrow.

Senator Sola Saraki :

9. Easter Recess.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do resolve that the 1980 Easter Recess of the Senate shall be for a period of eight working days commencing on 2nd April, 1980 and ending on 11th April, 1980.

Ordered, That the Motion be *deferred* till tomorrow.

10. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.00 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 13th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.09 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Report on Nigerian Mining Corporation (Amendment) Bill,—Presented :** The report from the Committee on Mines and Power ; To be considered on a later date.
3. **National Assembly Service Commission Bill :** Considered in the Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Amendment that subsections 2 and 3 of Clause 6 be *deleted*, put and the Senate divided.

AYES : 33 NOES : 31 ABSTENTIONS : 2

Amendment that subsections 2 and 3 of Clause 6 be *deleted* accordingly *agreed to*.

AYES : 33

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| 1. Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim | 18. Senator Jacob Kure Madaki |
| 2. Senator Isa Obaro | 19. Senator Abubakar Magaji |
| 3. Senator Mohammed Uba Ahmed | 20. Senator Garba Matta |
| 4. Senator Abba Ali | 21. Senator Aliu Mohammed Gani |
| 5. Senator N. N. Anah | 22. Senator Hamisu Musa |
| 6. Senator Tony Anyanwu | 23. Senator Offia Nwali |
| 7. Senator Suemo-Chia | 24. Senator S. M. Ojukwu |
| 8. Senator Garba Musa Dada | 25. Senator B. C. Okwu |
| 9. Senator Usman Alto Danbatta | 26. Senator John Wash Pam |
| 10. Senator Ibrahim Dimis | 27. Senator A. D. Rufai |
| 11. Senator A. Ebutc | 28. Senator Jibrin Salihu |
| 12. Senator F. J. Ellah | 29. Senator Abubakar Sola Saraki |
| 13. Senator Garba Gada | 30. Senator I. Jalo Waziri |
| 14. Senator Gayus Gilama | 31. Senator Mahmud Waziri |
| 15. Senator George B. Hoomkwap | 32. Senator Thomas Yepwi |
| 16. Senator Ibrahim Kolo | 33. Senator Sabo B. Zuwo |
| 17. Senator M. G. Lawan | |

NOES : 31

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| 1. Senator Mubashir A. O. Abiru | 17. Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura |
| 2. Senator Andrew Abogede | 18. Senator A. A. Durosimi |
| 3. Senator C. O. Adebayo | 19. Senator D. D. Etiebet |
| 4. Senator A. Adegoke | 20. Senator Ayo Fasanmi |
| 5. Senator C. L. Adeoye | 21. Senator C. O. Ilori |
| 6. Senator A. A. Adesanya | 22. Senator Onyeabo Obi |
| 7. Senator O. Adesina | 23. Senator J. A. O. Odcbiyi |
| 8. Senator Adeyiga Omopenu Ajayi | 24. Senator D. O. Oke |
| 9. Senator S. A. Akintoye | 25. Senator J. O. Olu |
| 10. Senator E. I. O. Akpata | 26. Senator Bukar Sanda |
| 11. Senator Joseph O. Ansa | 27. Senator S. A. Shitta-Bey |
| 12. Senator F. O. M. Atake | 28. Senator J. O. Umolu |
| 13. Senator Iliya Galiya Audu | 29. Senator Jaja A. Wachuku |
| 14. Senator Femi Ayantuga | 30. Senator Obi Wali |
| 15. Senator Umaru Lawan Bama | 31. Senator Luka Zanya-Zing |
| 16. Senator George A. Daniel | |

ABSTENTIONS : 2

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| 1. Senator A. A. Ali | 2. Senator D. O. Dafinone |
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Tellers for the Ayes : Senator David Oke

Tellers for the Noes : Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim

Subsection 4, Clause 0, *agreed to*.

Clause 6, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 7, *agreed to*.

Clause 8 : Subsection 2, at the end of line 17, *insert* the following words : "to be laid before each House of the National Assembly and"

Clause 8, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 9 : *Delete* subsection 2.

Clause 9, as amended *agreed to*.

Clause 10, *agreed to*.

Schedule : After the number "4" *insert* the words "Parliamentary Aid" ;

After the number "74", *insert* the word "Commissionaires" ;

After the number "107", *insert* the words "Legal Counsel" and the words "Assistant Legal Counsel" ;

Under "Clinical Section", before the number "200", *insert*

"Chief Medical Officer" ; and after the number "202", *insert* the words "Laboratory Assistant".

Enactment : Lines 1 and 2, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the chair.

Bill *reported* with Amendments ; read the third time and passed.

4. Sitting of the Senate.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 4 be suspended to enable the Senate complete the business under consideration.—(Senator D. D. Etiebet).

Question put, and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That Standing Order 4 be suspended to enable the Senate complete the business under consideration.

5. Formation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resolve that a Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association be formed in the Nigerian National Assembly with effect from 1st January, 1980 and hereby instruct the Clerk of the National Assembly to forward this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the Association for submission to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Senator Onyeabo Obi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resolve that a Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association be formed in the Nigerian National Assembly with effect from 1st January, 1980 and hereby instruct the Clerk of the National Assembly to forward this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the Association for submission to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

6. Membership of the Union of African Parliaments.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in accordance with the provision of Article 4, Section II (Membership) of the Statute of the Union of African Parliaments (UAP), and in view of Nigeria's desire to promote and encourage contacts between African members of Parliaments among themselves as well as between African Members and Members of Parliaments of other continents, towards the strengthening of the role and prestige of the institution of Parliament, as well as the operation of effective representative democracy and the contribution to the fulfilment of the Objectives of the Organization of African Unity, the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resolve to join the Union of African Parliaments and direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to take necessary action to forward this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the Union for transmission through the Executive Committee to the General Assembly of the Union of African Parliaments.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Debate arising ;

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved.—That in accordance with the provision of Article 4, Section II (Membership) of the Statute of the Union of African Parliaments (UAP), and in view of Nigeria's desire to promote and encourage contacts between African members of Parliaments among themselves as well as between African Members and Members of Parliaments of other continents, towards the strengthening of the role and prestige of the institution of Parliament, as well as the operation of effective representative democracy and the contribution to the fulfilment of the Objectives of the Organization of African Unity, the National Assembly

of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resolve to join the Union of African Parliaments and direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to take necessary action to forward this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the Union for transmission through the Executive Committee to the General Assembly of the Union of African Parliaments.

7. Easter Recess, 1980.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do resolve that the 1980 Easter Recess of the Senate shall be for a period of eight working days commencing on 2nd April, 1980 and ending on 11th April, 1980.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising ;

Resolved, That the Motion be referred to the Rules and Business Committee.

8. Development of Bauchi Airport.—On the request of Senator Ibrahim Dimis for the deferment of the Motion, That in view of the fact that the preparation for the Bauchi Airport has been completed and in view of the fact that the Nigeria Airways has been operating an air booking office in Bauchi as far back as June 1978, this Senate call on the President to transfer a mobile control tower to Bauchi Airport as a matter of urgency to enable Nigeria Airways to commence commercial flights to and from Bauchi to other parts of the country with a view to minimising transportation problems encountered by members of the public generally and the following in particular ; the Ashaka Cement Industry, the Gombe Agricultural Project and the Styer Nigeria Limited—all serving the whole nation ; and also the Bauchi Meat Products Company Limited, serving the whole of Africa.

Resolved, That the Motion with the proposed Amendment be *deferred* till Monday, 17th March, 1980.

9. Construction of Federal Roads.—On the request of Senator Ibrahim Dimis, for the deferment of the Motion, That in view of the rapid economic growth between :

- (1) Lafia, Shendam, in Plateau State and Kaltungo in Bauchi State with Jalingo in Gongola State ;
- (2) Wudil-Kafin Hausa in Kano State with Katagum in Bauchi State and Potiskum in Borno State ;
- (3) Bauchi-Dass Tafawa Balewa in Bauchi State and Dawaki in Plateau State ;
- (4) Misau-Azare in Bauchi State and Hadejia in Kano State ;
- (5) Dass-Boto in Bauchi State and Gindiri in Plateau State ;
- (6) Tafawa Balewa-Dull in Bauchi State with Kanam in Plateau State ;
- (7) Ningi-Yadagungume-Tulu-Rishi in Bauchi State with Saminaka in Plateau State,
- (8) Gaji in Bauchi State with Garga in Plateau State, and
- (9) Kyawa in Kano State ; Jama'are Azare in Bauchi State and Potiskum in Borno State.

Resolved, That the Motion with the proposed Amendments be *deferred* till Monday, 17th March, 1980.

10. And it being after 6 p.m. the Senate adjourned without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order 4 (10).

Adjourned accordingly at 7 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 17th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Joint Sitting of the National Assembly** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will address the joint session of both Houses of the National Assembly on the 1980 Budget tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the National Hall.

3. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a message from the Executive President in reply to Senate Resolution No. 22-80 of 27th February, 1980 on the appointment of the Liaison Officers and called upon the Clerk to read the message to the Senate. The message was read as follows :—

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE,
P.M.B. 12571, LAGOS.
10th March, 1980



Secretary to the Government of the Federation

Ref. No. CO. 59515/S. 5/9

The Honourable Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
LAGOS.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT FOR FEDERAL/STATE LIAISON

I have the honour to refer to the motion of 28th February, 1980 passed by the Senate, requesting "material justifying the need for the appointment of State Liaison Officers" to say that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces has instructed me to send, through you, to the Senate, the attached Aide Memoire as the response to the request made in that motion.

(S. A. MUSA)

Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

AIDE MEMOIRE

The Nigerian Executive Presidential system has many advantages, not least of which is responsible and responsive government. The Constitution, by making provisions for the election of the President directly on a nation-wide ticket and limiting his tenure of office to four years, has at once created the need for the President to reach down to every individual in the nation and to do so quickly in order to fulfill those pledges made to the people and for which the people elect the person they consider suitable to fulfill their yearnings.

2. The present Administration has inherited a dependable Civil Service which can be relied upon to collate, analyse, and process materials and data on which policy can be made, but it cannot be relied upon to reach the people quickly or to reach the President directly at all times. The Civil Service is excellent as a nation-wide machine, but for swift and timely action to fulfill his promises to the electorate, the President needs another body of officials close and familiar to him and to the people to give clear direction of policy. These types of officials are available only within a body of persons who understand the importance of the President's commitment to the people, and in the case of the present Administration, the commitment of President Shchu Shagari to peace, unity and stability of Nigeria.

3. It is a very common practice in all Executive Presidential systems that a body of officials move with the President into the President's Office to fulfill such functions which are primarily co-ordinative and supervisory. They are hired on contract for the duration of the President's tenure of office and they fulfill the function of directing the heavy, unwieldy Civil Service machine. They have the direct ear of the President and are part of his Office on the one hand, on the other, they are spread about throughout the nation to monitor the activities of officials who are engaged in carrying out the projects of the Federal Government in fulfilment of the President's commitments to the people. It is this body of people who inject speed and direction into the President's programmes during the short tenure of his office. The vital necessity for the services of such personal assistants to the President would be even more appreciated if it is understood that the first year of the tenure is usually spent in setting up office and the last one in the preparation of the next election, so that the President has, in effect, only two years during which to fulfill these commitments.

4. Section 157 of the 1979 Constitution of the Federal Republic, in providing the power to make certain appointments on the personal staff of the President, has made it clear and possible for the President, to appoint persons to whom he can delegate certain functions of his Office to assist him in the day to day running of government. It is precisely in this vein that the present appointments of "Special Assistants" have been made. These officials are personal representatives of the President and they actually serve in his Office but have been assigned throughout the country to create direct contact between the President and the nation. It is for this purpose that their functions have been styled to include:—

(a) Co-ordination of all activities of the Federal Government Ministries and Departments in the states, through which process the Federal Government would easily discharge its responsibilities under the Constitution ;

(b) Acting as a forum for exchange of opinion and co-operation among Federal officials heading various fields units of the Federal Government Ministries/Departments and parastatals ;

(c) Monitoring progress of Federal projects and sending such reports direct to the President through the Secretary to the Government of the Federation ;

(d) Effect the desired publicity on Federal Government programmes in the States in co-operation with State publicity media, thereby creating awareness of Federal efforts in the States ;

(e) Act as a conduit through which State/Ministries/Departments may reach their counterparts in Lagos for understanding and co-operation ;

(f) Help in drawing Federal Government attention to State Government problems in areas of high priority interest to the State Government, which may not properly be appreciated at the Federal level ; and

(g) Act as a conduit between the State Governors/Government/functionaries on the one hand, and the Federal Government and Federal projects, on the other hand, in the State, as and only when requested by the State,

5. These Special Assistants have been deployed in Anambra, Bauchi, Benue, Bornu, Cross River, Gongola, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Kwara, Niger, Ondo, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers and Sokoto States. Two more Special Assistants to the President will be appointed to Bendel and Ogun States, shortly. Until the Federal Government moves effectively into the Federal Capital Territory at Abuja, there will be none for Lagos State, given the proximity of Lagos to the current temporary seat of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

6. The Senate is therefore invited to distinguish between the title of these officials, namely, "Special Assistants to the President" from their duties, namely, "Federal/State Liaison". Their titles construe the personal nature of their offices while their functions concern part of the responsibilities of the President to the nation, which is his constituency. The entire exercise is a new and necessary innovation by the President on how to organise his own Office to satisfy the requirements of a responsible and responsive government. The Federal Liaison Offices now established in the States reflect the experiment in the new system established by, and in the spirit of the Constitution. Under the circumstances, it would be erroneous to equate the new institutions with anything other than the functional and administrative mechanisms of the Office of the President.

7. Actual practice over the years before the advent of the present regime has shown the glaring necessity for liaison between the Federal and State Governments. The present State Liaison Offices in Lagos had been actively encouraged by former Federal Military Governments and the plan to establish Federal Government Secretariats in all the State capitals was not made by this Administration, but by the former Federal Military Government. Distinguished Senators would agree that the organisation of our former Military regimes, as compared with the present Civilian Administration, was somewhat semi-unitary because of the direct chain of command between the Head of the Federal Military Government who was also Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and the State Military Governors who were also ranking military officers. Yet, the need for Federal/State Liaison was felt deeply enough to establish State Liaison Offices and to plan for Federal Government Secretariats in States ! Indeed, what the present Administration has done in the establishment of Federal Liaison Offices is to fulfill a crying need already heard by previous regimes.

8. From the foregoing, Distinguished Senators should realise the intention behind these appointments as complementary to the responsibilities of State Governments which will help to ensure that the State Governments and enhance our national growth and development. It allows the President and the State Governors to avoid duplication of efforts while creating a positive avenue through which Federal efforts can reach the common man quickly and easily. At the same time, through these Special Assistants, the common man is directly linked with the President.

4. **Communication from Senator J. S. Tarka** :—Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from Senator J. S. Tarka and called upon the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :—

3 Darwin Court,
Gloucester Avenue,
London, NW 1, England

To : Distinguished Senators
of The Senate of The
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Through : The Office of the President of
The Senate

Dear Brother Senators :

How I wish I could say, "My Dear Brother and Sister Senators," all the same we may say this in the next session in keeping with our screening and passage of female Ministers in the President's Cabinet which gives us some cold comfort.

Principally, this letter is to convey my gratitude for your moral support through the various delegations you have sent out here to visit with me. These gestures have enhanced my rapid recovery. For this, and for individual deeds of kindness which have sparked other public support thereby accelerating my recovery, I am most grateful.

This makes me feel like a Senator who cuts across the various barriers across the table. I am deeply touched and I have no words to convey my undying gratitude for all of you and the various staff of the National Assembly. When I am eventually discharged from my occasional but very effective treatment, I will have to take a holiday in an unknown place to have full rest to enhance my energy for my little contribution to the good work of the Senate and be further tamed in order to have all friends and no foes in our distinguished gathering.

Once again, Sirs, Dear Friends, Colleagues, I wish to express my heartfelt good wishes to you and the utmost gratitude for your love and kindness, I remain, yours, body and soul in the comradeship which we all have enjoyed in the short period of our Senatorial service to the nation.

Your humble brother and friend,

DR CHIEF J. S. TARKA

5. **Request for Creation of new States** :—**New Anambra State** :—Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a request from the people of Anambra for the creation of a new State to be known as "New Anambra State". The request was referred to the *Ad hoc* Joint Committee on the creation of more States.

6. **Anioma State** :—Mr President further acquainted the Senate that a request for the creation of a new State to be known as the "Anioma State" had been received from the people of the area. The request was referred to the *Ad hoc* Joint Committee on the creation of more States.

7. **Report from the Committee on Mines and Power on the National Electric Power Corporation. (Amendment) Bill, 1980** :—The Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Power Senator Lawan laid on the Table the report from the Committee on the National Electric Power Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1980. The Bill was ordered to be printed for second-reading on *Monday, 24th March, 1980*.

8. **Army (Amendment) Bill, 1980**,—Ordered to be read a second time on *Thursday, 20th March, 1980*.

9. **Air Force (Amendment) Bill, 1980**,—Ordered to be read a second time on *Thursday, 20th March, 1980*.

10. **Economic Review Panel (Membership) Bill, 1980** :—By leave of the Senate the Economic Review Panel (Membership) Bill was *withdrawn*.—(Sen. M. Abdulkarim).

11. Interim Special Allowance for the Staff of the National Assembly :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the tremendous work output of the staff of the National Assembly since the Assembly commenced sitting on 9th October, 1979, without limit as to hours of work which extend well beyond the normal 3.30 p.m. closing hours in the Civil Service and beyond the normal adjournment of the House of the National Assembly at 6.00 p.m. and often right into mid-night ; and in view of the decision of the Conference of Presiding Officers of the Federal and State Legislatures held on Thursday, 31st January, 1980—that the staff and other employees of the Legislatures should be appropriately remunerated for the onerous duties they perform and the long hours of work they put in—the Senate and the House of Representatives resolve that pending the passing into law of the Bill on Section 47 of the Constitution—

- (i) the staff of the National Assembly be paid interim special legislative allowance from 9th October, 1979, until such time as the National Assembly Service Commission Bill and accompanying regulations are passed ; and
- (ii) the Senate and the House of Representatives appoint a small Committee to determine and approve the interim special legislative allowance to be paid based on the recommendation of the Clerk to the National Assembly.—(Sen. D. O. Dafinone).

Debate Arising :—

Senator Suemo-Chia rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question put accordingly and agreed to.

Resolved nemine contradicente, That in view of the tremendous work output of the staff of the National Assembly since the Assembly commenced sitting on 9th October, 1979, without limit as to hours of work which extend well beyond the normal 3.30 p.m. closing hours in the Civil Service and beyond the normal adjournment of the House of the National Assembly at 6.00 p.m. and often right into mid-night ; and in view of the decision of the Conference of Presiding Officers of the Federal and State Legislatures held on Thursday, 31st January, 1980—that the staff and other employees of the Legislatures should be appropriately remunerated for the onerous duties they perform and the long hours of work they put in — the Senate and the House of Representatives resolve that pending the passing into law of the Bill on Section 47 of the Constitution—

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12. Recognition of Legislators from the Bauchi House of Assembly : Mr President invited attention to the presence in the gallery of Legislators from the Bauchi House of Assembly and on behalf of the Senate welcomed the honourable Members to the Senate.

13. Development of Bauchi Airport : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (28th February, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that the preparation for the Bauchi Airport has been completed and in view of the fact that the Nigeria Airways has been operating an air booking office in Bauchi as far back as June 1978, this Senate call on the President to transfer a mobile control tower to Bauchi Airport as a matter of urgency to enable Nigeria Airways to commence commercial flights to and from Bauchi to other parts of the country with a view to minimising transportation problems encountered by members of the public generally and the following in particular ; the Ashaka Cement Industry, the Gombe Agricultural Projects and the Syer Nigeria Limited—all serving the whole nation ; and also the Bauchi Meat Products Company Limited, serving the whole of Africa.—(Sen. Ibrahim Dimis).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—

Amendment proposed to Senator Dimis Motion as follows :

At the end of the Motion add the following :

- (a) In view of the Commercial Importance of Gusau, its Airport which was opened many years ago should be developed to a modern standard and start flights schedules to other parts of Nigeria.
- (b) The Senate should request the Committee on Transport and Aviation to obtain the programme on the development of Nigerian airports for both present and the future.—(Sen. M. Abdulkarim).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Debate Arising :—

Senator Fasanmi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question put accordingly and agreed to.

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14. **Construction of Federal Roads:** Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the rapid economic growth between:

- (1) Lafia, Shendam, in Plateau State and Kaltungo in Bauchi State with Jalingo in Gongola State;
- (2) Wudil-Kafin Hausa in Kano State with Katagum in Bauchi State and Potiskum in Borno State;
- (3) Bauchi-Dass Tafawa Balewa in Bauchi State and Dawaki in Plateau State;
- (4) Misau-Azare in Bauchi State and Hadejia in Kano State;
- (5) Dass-Doto in Bauchi State and Gindiri in Plateau State;
- (6) Tafawa Balewa-Dull in Bauchi State with Kanam in Plateau State;
- (7) Ningi-Yadunguma-Tula-Rishi in Bauchi State with Saminaka in Plateau State;
- (8) Gaji in Bauchi State with Garga in Plateau State, and
- (9) Kyawa in Kano State; Jama'are Azare in Bauchi State and Potiskum in Borno State,

this Senate request the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to include in the 1980-81 Budget the following roads for construction:—

1. Lafia-Shendam-Kaltungo-Jalingo road.
2. Wudil-Kafin Hausa-Katagum-Potiskum road.
3. Bauchi-Dass-Tafawa Balewa-Dawaki road.
4. Misau-Azare-Hadejia road.
5. Dass-Doto-Gindiri road.
6. Tafawa Balewa-Dull-Kanam road.
7. Ningi-Yadunguma-Tula-Rishi-Rahema-Saminaka road.
8. Gaji-Garga road, and
9. Kyawa-Jama'are-Azare-Potiskum road.—(Sen. Ibrahim Dimis).

On the Motion of Senator Dafinone the Motion was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

15. **Adjournment.**—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 2.30 p.m. Tomorrow.
Adjourned accordingly at 5.15 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 18th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 2.50 p.m. Mr President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Joint Sitting of the National Assembly :** Mr President acquainted the Senate that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria would address the Joint Session of the National Assembly on the 1980 Budget this day at 3 p.m. in the National Hall. Members of the Senate went to the National Hall led by Mr President and having returned at 4.25 p.m. the Senate adjourned till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow.*

Adjourned accordingly at 4.58 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.23 p.m. Mr President took the Chair and read prayers.
2. **Draft Recurrent and Capital Estimates of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria** :—Copy *presented* of the Draft Recurrent and Capital Estimates of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria together with the Appropriation Bill, 1980; to lie upon the Table.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).
3. **Report from the Rules and Business Committee** : The Chairman of the Rules and Business Committee laid on the Table the following reports of the Committee on the procedure to be followed by the Senate in the consideration of the Appropriation Bill, 1980 and the time allocated to the consideration of the Draft Recurrent and Capital Estimates of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1980. Reports to be considered *Tomorrow*.

Suggested Time to be Allotted for Various Stages of the Money Bill

1. (a) Second reading—10 working days.
- (b) Appropriation Committee stage including Sub-Committees—15 working days.
- (c) Compilation of the report of the Sub-committees by the Appropriation Committees—5 working days.
- (d) Committee of Supply,—5 working days.
- (e) Joint conference—5 working days.

Total : = 40 working days.

2. It is being suggested that the Senate should start the second reading of the Appropriation Bill as from Monday, 24th of March, 1980. It is also proposed that the Senate sitting should now start at 10 a.m. (instead of 3 p.m.) and to continue sitting till 6 p.m. with two hours break for lunch between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day except Friday.

It is also being proposed that, the morning hours (10 a.m.—1 p.m.) be used to dispose off the executive bills still unattended to by the Senate.

Procedure on Money Bills (Budget)

1. (a) During each year there shall be introduced into the Senate Appropriation Bill which shall contain the estimated financial requirements for expenditure on revenue account on all the Services of the Government for the Succeeding financial year. The details of these financial requirements shall be contained in the Estimates which shall be presented at the same time.

(b) On presentation, the bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time and a date be fixed for the Commencement of the Second reading.

2. The Rules and Business Committee shall determine the number of days to be allotted for the second reading of the bill. At the hour appointed for the interruption of business on the last of such allotted days, the President shall put the questions necessary to bring the proceedings on the second reading to a conclusion. Provided that the question on second reading may be agreed to on a day earlier than the last day so allotted.

3. During the second reading the debate shall be confined to the financial and economic state of Nigeria and the government financial policy. Detailed items in the estimate may not be debated on second reading.

4. (a) When the bill has been read the second time it shall be committed to appropriation Committee. The Standing Committees of the Senate shall for this purpose be deemed to be sub-Committees and shall consider Estimate for the Ministries, Departments and Agencies which come under their charge.

(b) After consideration, the sub-Committees shall report back to the Appropriation Committee. The Appropriation Committee, after deliberating on the reports of the sub-Committees shall then report to the Senate. The Senate shall there after resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Senate to be known as "Committee of Supply".

5. The President or the Deputy President shall preside over each meeting of the Committee of Supply and the deliberations of the Committee shall be in public.

6. There shall be allotted such number of days as the Business/Rules Committee shall determine for discussion of the Estimates and the Appropriation Bill in the Committee of Supply.

7. The clauses of an Appropriation Bill or of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill shall stand postponed until after the consideration of any schedule or schedules which there may be to such Bill.

8. On consideration of the first schedule the President shall call the title of each Head of Expenditure in turn and shall propose the question "That the sum of.....Naira for Head.....stand part of the schedule".

9. Any Senator may move an amendment to reduce by.....Naira the sum allotted for any Head of Expenditure or in respect of any sub-head included in that Head or any item included in the sub-head.

10. When several such amendments are proposed to the same Head of Expenditure they shall be called in the order in which they appear on the Order Paper and each amendment shall be disposed of before the next is called and debate on each amendment shall be confined to the sub-head or item which is sought to be reduced.

11. At least two clear days' notice of any amendment (whether for increasing or decreasing) shall be required.

12. An amendment to increase shall take precedence over any amendment to decrease any Head, sub-Head or item to which the said amendment to increase relates, and if carried no amendment to decrease the Head, sub-head or item concerned shall be called : Provided that (a) any amendment to increase must if possible be moved to the item or sub-head which it is desired to increase, and

12. (b) an amendment to increase an item if carried shall not prevent the sub-head or Head concerned being reduced below the agreed increase in respect of items or sub-heads other than the item or sub-head which has been increased.

13. After an amendment to a sub-head or item has been disposed of, no amendment or debate on a previous item or sub-head of that Head shall be permitted.

14. When all amendments standing on the Order Paper in respect of a particular Head of Expenditure have been disposed of, the President shall propose the question "That the sum (or reduced or increased sum) of.....Naira for Head.....stand part of the schedule".

15. On the question "That the sum (or the reduced or increased sum) of.....Naira for Head..... stand part of the schedule" debate shall be confined to the policy of the service for which the money is being provided including the revenue for which the service is responsible. On such debates Senators shall not deal with the details of the expenditure but may refer to details of revenue.

16. At the hour appointed for the interruption of business on the last of the days allotted to the consideration of the Appropriation Bill in Committee of Supply, the Chairman shall proceed to put any question on any Heads not yet voted and the questions "That the schedule or schedules stand part of the Bill" and then the question on the postponed clauses of the Bill, no amendment being allowed, other than any amendment consequential on any increase or decrease in the total sum appropriated by any schedule, and such amendment shall be put from the chair without motion made, and no debate shall be allowed on any such question or amendment.

17. On any day upon which any proceedings upon the Appropriation Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under this order, no dilatory motion shall be moved upon such proceedings and the proceedings shall not be interrupted or postponed under any Standing Order.

18. When the Appropriation Bill has passed the Committee of Supply, the Senator in charge shall report it to the Senate, and shall move the third reading forthwith, which motion shall not require to be seconded and shall be decided without amendment or debate and, if decided after the hour appointed for the adjournment of the Senate, the President shall immediately, on that decision being reached, adjourn the Senate without question put.

19. For the purpose of this order any day on which the Appropriation Bill is put down as the first order of the day shall be an allotted day : Provided that the sitting on Friday shall be deemed to be equivalent to half an allotted day.

4. Report of the Rules and Business Committee on 1980 Easter Recess : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do resolve that the 1980 Easter Recess of the Senate shall be for a period of eight working days commencing on 31st March, 1980 and ending on 11th April, 1980.—(*Senator Jibrin Salihu*).

Amendment proposed to the Title of the Motion as follows—

insert the word "1980" between the words "on" and "Easter", and *delete* "1980" at the end in line 2 *insert* the word "Easter" between "1980" and "Recess" (*Senator Malimud Waziri*).

Question, That the Amendment be made put and *agreed to*.

Senator Abba Ali rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Motion, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Senate do resolve that the 1980 Easter Recess of the Senate shall be for a period of eight working days commencing on 31st March, 1980 and ending on 12th April, 1980.—(*S. Res. 31—80*).

5. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Bill, 1980 : The Chairman of the Committee on Petroleum, Senator A. A. Ali circulated the report of the Committee on the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Bill, 1980 together with an Amended copy of the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the original Bill be now read a second time.—(*Sensator A. A. Ali*).

Question, That the Bill be now read a second time put and *agreed to*.

Debate Arising :—

And it being 5.45 p.m. the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

6. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.
Adjourned accordingly at 5.50 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 20th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.08 p.m. Mr President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Report from the Rules and Business Committee** :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do consider the report of the Rules and Business Committee on the procedure to be followed by the Senate in the consideration of the Appropriation Bill, 1980 and the time allotted to the consideration of the Draft Recurrent and Capital Estimates of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1980.—(*Sen J. Salihu*).

Debate Arising :—

Amendment made in paragraph 1 (c) to put the words "Sub-Committees" in bracket.

Another Amendment made in paragraph 1 (d) to delete "5" and substitute "15".

Another Amendment made in paragraph 13, at the end add the following "except with the consent of the Committee of Supply".

Another Amendment made by adding a sub-paragraph 20—"provided that when necessary time allotted for a specific business may be extended".

Question, That the report, as amended, be adopted, put and agreed to.

3. **Report form the Committee of Selections** :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the report of the Committee of Selection be now consider.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising :—

By leave of the Senate, the report was *withdrawn*.

4. **Report from the Committee on Foreign Relations** :—The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations was laid on the Table by the Chairman Senator Jalo Waziri. The report was ordered to be *with-drawn* until it had been printed together with the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committees.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEE

Place : Committee Room 4, Red Brick Building

Date : 21/2/80

Time : 11.15 a.m.

Present :

Senator Usman Alto Dambatta	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chairman
Honourable F. Charles Adigwe	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Honourable E. O. Chukwu	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Honourable Y. I. Amoka	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Honourable Alhaji Iliyasu Hong	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Honourable Alhaji Inuwa Ali	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Senator A. Abogede	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Senator M. U. Lawan	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Honourable O. Odebunmi	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Honourable O. Otegbeye	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Honourable Mohammed Sha'aib Kaugama	..	..	..	..	..	..	Member
Mr B. N. Ogbah	..	..	..	..	..	..	Clerk, Joint House Committee

1. **Opening**.—In his opening speech, the Chairman told the Committee that he had been working hard to see that the necessary facilities were provided before the members moved into the flats. To this end, he had met the Honourable Minister of Housing and Environment (Dr Dosunmu) to see the flats and also to ascertain when the flats would be ready for occupation by members. He told the members that most of the rooms have been carpeted and curtain supplied. From what he saw the installation of telephone was going on rapidly, and it was hoped that the flats would be ready by the end of this month.

2. **List of Flats and Ground Sketch**.—The Chairman tendered the ground sketch of the flats and also the total number of flats. The total number of flats are detailed hereunder :—

Debate Arising :—

Ordered, That the message be returned to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to be signed personally by him and properly addressed to this distinguished Senate.

7. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Bill, 1980 :—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (19th March, 1980), That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator A. A. Ali*).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—

And it being 5.45 p.m. the Debate stood *adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

8. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 10 a.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.50 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 21st March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 10.06 a.m. Mr President took the Chair and read prayers.
2. **Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Bill, 1980** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (19th March, 1980), Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator A. A. Ali*).
Question again proposed:—Debate *resumed* :—Debate *Adjourned* :—
Debate to be *resumed* on Monday, 24th March, 1980.
3. **Sittings of the Senate** :—Motion made, and Question proposed, That on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25 and Wednesday, 26th March, 1980, the Senate shall meet at 3 p.m. and on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March, the Senate shall meet at 10 a.m.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).
Debate Arising :—
Senator Uba Ahmed rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.
Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.
Resolved, That on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, and Wednesday 26th March, 1980 the Senate shall meet at 3 p.m. and on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March, the Senate shall meet at 10 a.m. (*S.Res. 33-80*).
4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on Monday pursuant to Resolution of the Senate *this day*.
Adjourned accordingly at 12.00 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 24th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Army (Amendment) Bill, 1980** reported from Committee on Defence and ordered to be read a second time *this day*.—(Senator J. K. Madawaki).

Bill accordingly read a second time and immediately committed to a Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Amendment proposed in Clause 1, line 8, to delete the word "President" and substitute the word "Minister".—(Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Amendment proposed in line 16 to leave out the words "or any person".—(Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Clause 1, as amended, by the House of Representatives, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Enactment, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendment read the third time and *passed*.

3. **Air Force (Amendment) Bill, 1980** reported from the Committee on Defence and ordered to be read a second time *this day*.

Bill accordingly read a second time and immediately committed to the Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Clause 1, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Enactment, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported without Amendment read the third time and *passed*.

4. **Appropriation Bill, 1980** : By unanimous consent of the Senate the Appropriation Bill, 1980 was *deferred* for consideration on Thursday, 27th March, 1980.

5. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that a Message had been received from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria pursuant to the Order of the Senate on Thursday, 20th March, 1980 and called upon the Clerk to read the Message. The Message was read as follows :



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
STATE HOUSE, LAGOS

21st March, 1980

Ref. No. 59495/S4/67

The President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILL

I have the pleasure to forward the attached supplementary Appropriation Bill for consideration of the National Assembly and subsequent enactment :—

A Bill for an Act to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation of one billion and four hundred and thirty-four million naira (₦1,434,000,000) for the purpose of making further provision for the service of the Federation in respect of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1980 ; and to appropriate that sum for the purposes specified in this Act.

(ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI)
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Debate arising :—

Senator A. Ali rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1980 be read a second time on Wednesday, 26th March, 1980.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1980 be read a second time on Wednesday, 26th March, 1980.—(*S. Res. 34-80*).

Ordered, That the Minister of Finance be invited to the Committee of Supply on Wednesday, 26th March, 1980 to present relevant documents to substantiate the need for the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1980.

6. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Report from the Committee of Selection** :—The following report of the Committee of Selection on the Chairmanship of Standing Committees was laid on the Table by Senator Sola Saraki for consideration.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

The Committee submits for your approval its Report on the Chairmanship of the Standing Committee shown hereunder :

1. Committee on Science and Technology : SENATOR GARBA MATTA
2. Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources : SENATOR MOHAMMADU M. AGWAI
3. Committee on Water Resources : SENATOR I. AUDU
4. Committee on Veteran Affairs and Social Welfare : SENATOR HAMISU MUSA
5. Committee on Mines and Power : SENATOR M. G. LAWAN
6. Committee on Internal Affairs : SENATOR GARBA DADA
7. Committee on Communications : SENATOR OFFIA NWALI
8. Committee on Education : SENATOR A. M. GANI
9. Committee on Public Works : SENATOR T. ANYANWU
10. Committee on Labour : SENATOR J. O. ANSA
11. Committee on Federal Capital Development : SENATOR A. RUFAI
12. Committee on Housing, Urban Development and Local Government : SENATOR A. ZUOFA
13. Committee on Commerce and Industries : SENATOR D. O. DAFINONE
14. Committee on Petroleum and Energy : SENATOR A. A. ALI
15. Committee on Foreign Relations : SENATOR JALO WAZIRI
16. Committee on Defence : SENATOR J. K. MADAKI
17. Committee on Transport and Aviation : SENATOR M. UBA AHMED
18. Committee on Health : SENATOR S. M. OJUKWU
19. Committee on Judiciary : SENATOR N. N. ANAH
20. Committee on Banking and Currency : SENATOR F. J. ELLAH
21. Committee on Appropriation and Finance : SENATOR J. S. TARKA
22. Committee on Public Services : SENATOR D. D. ETIEBET.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
Chairman

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the said report.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Debate arising :—

Senator Saraki rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the said report.—(S. Res. 35-80).

3. **Another Report from the Committee of Selection** : The following report from the Committee of Selection on the membership of the *Ad hoc* Joint Committee on the creation of more States was laid by Senator Sola Saraki for consideration.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

The Committee met on 18th March, 1980 ; deliberated on the membership of the Committee on Creation of States, and resolved as follows :

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| (i) Senator Ibrahim Kolo (Chairman) | (vii) Senator C. L. Adeoye |
| (ii) Senator A. A. Adesanya | (viii) Senator S. M. Ojukwu |
| (iii) Senator Abba Ali | (ix) Senator Offia Nwali |
| (iv) Senator E. O. Akpata | (x) Senator Bukar Sanda |
| (v) Senator Ameh Ebute | (xi) Senator Ahmed Zakari. |
| (vi) Senator Ibrahim Dimis | |

Your approval is therefore required.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
(Chairman).

Amendment proposed in item (iv) to *delete* the name of Senator F. O. Atake and *substitute* the name of Senator E. O. Akpata instead thereof.—(Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Question, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the said report, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Senate doth agree with the Committee in the said report.—(S. Res. 36-80).

4. Recognition of Distinguished Visitors : Mr President acquainted the Senate of the presence in the gallery of the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly (Honourable Oladosu Oshinowo), accompanied by the Serjeant-at-Arms, Lagos State House of Assembly (Mr E. A. Pearse), and on behalf of this Distinguished Senate, welcomed the august Visitors to the Senate.

5. Nigerian National Petroleum Bill, 1980 : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (19th March, 1980), Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(Senator A. A. Ali).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

6. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26th March, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Request for Creation of Ebonyi State** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that a request had been received from the people of the Old Abakaliki, Afikpo, Ezza, Ikwo, Ishielu and Ohaozara Divisions for the creation of a new State to be known as the "Ebonyi State". The request was *referred* to the *Ad hoc* Joint Committee on the creation of more States for consideration.

3. **Supplementary Appropriation (1979-80) Bill** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Supplementary Appropriation (1979-80) Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising :—

And it being 5.45 p.m. the Debate stood *Adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.57 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 9.55 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Death of a Senator**,—Mr President acquainted the Senate of the death of Senator J. S. Tarka and requested the distinguished Senators to join the Members of the House of Representatives in a special joint sitting of the National Assembly in order to pay their last respect to the late distinguished Senator. Members of the Senate went to the National Hall, led by Mr President, and having returned at 11.57 a.m., the Senate *adjourned till 3 p.m. on Monday, 14th April, 1980.*

Adjourned accordingly at 12.16 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 14th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.15 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Adjournment**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do now adjourn till 10 a.m. Tomorrow.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Amendment proposed to *leave out* the word "10 a.m." and *substitute* "3 p.m." instead thereof.—(*Senator A. Adesanya*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.20 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 15th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Resignation of a Senator** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from Senator O. S. Eberewariye informing the Senate of his resignation from the Senate and called on the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :

DR OYIBOSIYA S. EBEREWARIYE

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P.M.B. 5557,
Port Harcourt,
Nigeria.

28th March, 1980

Dear Sir,

This letter follows my previous communication to you about my domestic problems that militate against my continued attendance at the Senate in Lagos.

You remember my admission and receiving an operation in the Lagos University General Hospital in November, 1979. After the operation and my recovery I had to travel to Britain to see my private doctor. I have accepted the advice of my private doctor to take everything easy for some time. I have to keep the doctor's appointment in Britain every four months. I have discussed everything with the President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in details and in confidence.

I therefore hereby beg to relinquish my position in the Nigeria Senate against my will for unsurmountable and obstructing health and domestic reasons.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to all the Senators for their goodwill and cordiality during the short period of acquaintance in the Senate. My Governor and my District have been duly informed and there is no need for fear.

I apologise immensely for this inevitable and unavoidable letter.

Yours sincerely,

DR O. S. EBEREWARIYE

3. **Messages** : Mr President further acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from Mr V. Rouben, Chairman of the Soviet of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. and called upon the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :

Unofficial translation

His Excellency Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Federal Republic of Nigeria.

His Excellency Mr Edwin Ume Ezeoke,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Lagos.

Your Excellencies,

In order to further promote the Soviet-Nigerian relations and to continue direct contacts between our countries' supreme organs of state power, the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposes the National Assembly to exchange official delegations in 1980-1981, and has the honour to invite a Parliamentary Delegation of 7-8 Members from Nigeria to come on an official visit to the Soviet Union in mid-May of 1980 for a period of up to 7 days.

We are certain that the visit of a Delegation of Parliamentarians from the Federal Republic of Nigeria, their meetings and negotiations with the USSR counterparts and acquaintance with life and work of the Soviet people will contribute to strengthening of friendly relations and co-operation between our countries and peoples, to the interests of the world peace.

We would highly appreciate if you, Your Excellencies, could inform us in advance about the composition of the Delegation, the date of its arrival in Moscow as well as of your wishes concerning the programme of the Delegation's stay in the Soviet Union.

Yours faithfully,

Signed :
A. SHITIKOV,
*Chairman of the Soviet of the
Union of the Supreme
Soviet of the USSR*

*Moscow, Kremlin
February 12, 1980.*

Signed :
V. ROUBEN,
*Chairman of the Soviet of
Nationalities of the Supreme
Soviet of the USSR*

Resolved, That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr V. Rouben, Chairman of the Soviet of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. for the kind and friendly gesture which he had demonstrated by extending an invitation for a delegation of this distinguished Senate to visit the Soviet Union.

4. Executive Communication : Mr President further acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from the Executive Office of the President with regard to Resolutions passed by the Senate.

Ordered, That the letter be circulated to Senators as soon as possible.

5. Communication from the House of Representatives : Mr President further acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from the House of Representatives and called upon the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :

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**CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE,
P.M.B. 12572,
LAGOS, NIGERIA**



15th April, 1980

Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

I wish to inform you that the House of Representatives at their sitting held this morning passed unanimously the following Resolution—

“that this Honourable House notes with approval the determination of the Members of the Special Committee on Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to carry out their assignment with thoroughness and despatch, pursuant to House Resolution No. 5 in the Votes and Proceedings

of Tuesday, 15th January, 1980, in the interest of the nation ; agrees that there is need for the investigation to be conducted in an atmosphere seen to be free from any influence or interference whatsoever, and hereby calls upon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to direct that the Chairman and the Members of the Board of the NNPC as is now constituted, the Managing Director, the Chief Accountant, the Chief Internal Auditor be suspended from duty and proceed on compulsory leave with immediate effect, and that all their passports/travelling documents be deposited with the Nigerian Security Organisation (NSO), and that the officials/functionaries should remain within due distance of Lagos so as to be available to give evidence before the Special Committee on NNPC in order to facilitate free investigation into the alleged loss or misappropriation of ₦2.8 billion from the NNPC."

2. It would be appreciated if you would please bring the above quoted Resolution to the attention of the Senate and obtain their concurrence to the terms of the Resolution.

EDWIN UME EZEOKÉ,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

6. Request for Judicial Inquiry into the Alleged Loss of ₦2.8 Billion in the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Account : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the serious form and dimension the scandal of the NNPC missing money is taking, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby calls on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to institute a Judicial Tribunal of Inquiry into the alleged missing ₦2.8 billion from the accounts of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation or any sum so allegedly missing in view of the public outcry on the subject. Furthermore the Senate because of its lack of facilities at present to institute such intricate inquiry, requests the President to set up the inquiry with minimum delay in order to :—

- (a) determine whether the alleged ₦2.8 billion or any money payable to NNPC is so missing ;
 - (b) apportion blame and bring the culprits to book ;
 - (c) recover from any persons whatever figure that is determined to be missing and the interest accruing therefrom ; and
 - (d) send on compulsory leave any public servant or employee of the NNPC whose continuous stay in office during the sitting of the tribunal will be prejudicial to and/or impede the progress of the tribunal.
- (Senator Uba Ahmed).

Amendment proposed after line 7, *insert* a new sub-paragraph (b) to read as follows :

"(b) to determine the extent of any administrative or financial irregularities in the overall operations of the NNPC"—(Senator A. Fasanmi).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 6, after the word "subject", *add* the following :

"and to appoint another reputable firm of Chartered Accountants and charge it with the responsibility of reviewing the working papers of the Auditors of the Corporation and to perform any other checks they consider necessary on the books of the Corporation with a view to confirming or otherwise the alleged loss/misappropriation and submit its findings direct to the Judicial Tribunal of Inquiry."—(Senator Mahmud Waziri).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed after sub-paragraph (d) *add* a new sub-paragraph as follows :

"(e) recommend suitable accounting system by the NNPC to check and prevent any chances of loss in future"—(Senator S. M. Ojukwu).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

And it being near the time for interruption of business, the Senate Leader Dr Sola Saraki moved, That Standing Order 4 (Sitting of the Senate) be suspended to enable the Senate to conclude the debate on the Motion requesting for Judicial Inquiry into the alleged loss of ₦2.8 billion in the NNPC Account.

Question put and *agreed to*.

Standing Order 4 (Sitting of the Senate) accordingly suspended.

Debate *resumed* :—

Senator Hamisu Musa rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate *resumed* :—

Senator Shitta-Bey rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate *resumed* :—Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

7. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 7.25 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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The third part of the document is a financial statement showing the income and expenses of the committee for the year. It includes a breakdown of the various sources of income and the various items of expense, and it shows the balance of the committee's funds at the end of the year.

The fourth part of the document is a list of recommendations made by the committee for the following year. These recommendations cover a wide range of subjects, including the improvement of the committee's organization, the strengthening of its relations with the various departments, and the promotion of the interests of the community.

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Request for the Creation of Port Harcourt State :** Mr President acquainted the Senate that a request had been received from the people of Port Harcourt for the creation of Port Harcourt State. The letter with the accompanying documents was referred to the *Ad hoc* Joint Committee on the Creation of more States.
3. **Executive Communication :** The President of the Senate acquainted the Senate that he had received a Message from Mr President and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. The letter was read as follows :



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

14th April, 1980

I nominate Mr Justice Victor Erereko OVIE-WHISKEY to be the Chairman of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (a) of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

14th April, 1980

I nominate Mr Justice Victor Erereko OVIE-WHISKEY to be a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

The nominations were referred to the Committee on Public Service.

4. Senate Delegation to U.K. Parliament : Mr President further acquainted the Senate that a request had been received from the United Kingdom Parliament for a delegation of Members of the National Assembly to visit the United Kingdom Parliaments on or before 27th April, 1980. The following Senators were nominated to represent the Senate :

- (i) Senator Haruna Musa (NPN)
- (ii) Senator E. O. I. Akpata (UPN)
- (iii) Senator Tony Anyanwu (NPP)
- (iv) Senator Bukar Sanda (GNPP)
- (v) Senator Adamu Gaya (PRP)

5. Request for Judicial Inquiry into the Alleged Loss of ₦2.8 Billion in the NNPC Accounts: Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (15th April, 1980). Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the serious form and dimension the scandal of the NNPC missing money is taking, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby calls on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to institute a Judicial Tribunal of Inquiry into the alleged missing ₦2.8 billion from the accounts of the NNPC or any sum so allegedly missing in view of the public outcry on the subject. Furthermore the Senate because of its lack of facilities at present to institute such intricate inquiry, requests the President to set up the inquiry with minimum delay in order to :—

- (a) determine whether the alleged ₦2.8 billion or any money payable to NNPC is so missing ;
- (b) apportion blame and bring the culprits to book ;
- (c) recover from any persons whatever figure that is determined to be missing and the interest accruing therefrom ; and

(d) send on compulsory leave any public servant or employee of the NNPC whose continuous stay in office during the sitting of the tribunal will be prejudicial to and/or impede the progress of the tribunal.

—(Senator Uba Ahmed).

Question again proposed :— Debate resumed :—

Senator Dafinone rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved nemine contradicente, That in view of the serious form and dimension the scandal of the NNPC missing money is taking, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby calls on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to institute a Judicial Tribunal of Inquiry into the alleged missing ₦2.8 billion from the accounts of the NNPC or any sum so allegedly missing in view of the public outcry on the subject. Furthermore the Senate because of its lack of facilities at present to institute such intricate inquiry, requests the President to set up the inquiry with minimum delay in order to :—

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- (b) apportion blame and bring the culprits to book ;
- (c) recover from any persons whatever figure that is determined to be missing and the interest accruing therefrom ; and

(d) send on compulsory leave any public servant or employee of the NNPC whose continuous stay in office during the sitting of the tribunal will be prejudicial to and/or impede the progress of the tribunal.

—(Sen. Res. 35-80).

6. Appropriation Bill, 1980—Second Reading deferred for consideration at 3 p.m. Tomorrow.— (Senator Sola Saraki).

7. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.33 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 17th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Gift of Books from Australian Parliament** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that the Australian Parliament had donated books to the National Assembly to assist our Members in the performance of their work and on behalf of the Senate he expressed his deep appreciation to the Australian Parliament for its generosity and assistance and directed that the Clerk should convey the appreciation of the Senate to the Australian Parliament.

3. **Nigerian National Petroleum Bill, 1980**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (19th March, 1980.), Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(Senator A. A. Ali).

Question again proposed :— Debate resumed :—

Amendment proposed, That the Debate be now Adjourned for three months until the report of the Presidential Judicial Tribunal of Inquiry into the alleged loss of ₦2.8 billion in the Accounts of the NNPC had been submitted.—(Senator C. O. Adebayo).

Question, That the Debate be *not now* adjourned, put and *agreed to*.

Debate resumed :—

Senator Dafinone rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed :—

Senator Rufai rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed :—

Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, put and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read a second time and *recommitted* to the Committee on Petroleum and Energy.

4. **Request for Boundary Adjustment** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that a request for boundary adjustment had been received for the merger of Ette with Benue State. The request was *referred* to the *Ad hoc* Joint Committee on the Creation of more States.

5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Monday 21st April, 1980 at 10 a.m.*

Adjourned accordingly at 5.20 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 21st April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 10.05 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Suspension of S. O. 26 (1)**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That S. O. 26 (1) (Rules of Debate) be suspended to enable distinguished Senators read their speeches and make meaningful contributions to the Debate on the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill, 1980.—(Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That S. O. 26 (1) be suspended to enable distinguished Senators read their speeches and make meaningful contributions to the Debate on the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill, 1980.—(S. Res. 38-80).

3. **Appropriation Bill, 1980**,—Order for Second Reading read.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second time.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Debate arising :—*Debate Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tommorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22nd April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Senate and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. The letter was read as follows :—

Ref. No. 57760/VII/

16th April, 1980

The Hon. Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Further to my letter No. 57760/Vol. VI/579 of 7th January, 1980, I submit hereunder, after due consultation with the Council of State the following changes in my nomination for membership of the Federal Electoral Commission :—

- (i) Chairman Hon. Justice V. E. Ovie-Whiskey in place of Justice Ighodaro
- (ii) Alhaji Ahmed Kari in place of Alhaji Bello Kirfi
- (iii) Alhaji Muhammadu Nashabaru in place of Alhaji Shehu Ringim
- (iv) Dr Lateef O. Aremu in place of Mr I. O. Adedoyin ; and
- (v) Chief P. G. Warmate in place of Chief D. T. Braide.

2. The other earlier nominations still stand.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*

3. **Prohibition of Certain Public Officers from Maintaining or Operating Foreign Account Bill, 1980**,—Bill entitled Prohibition of Certain Public Officers from Maintaining or Operating Foreign Account Act, 1980, *Presented* by Senator Ayo Fasanmi and Senator M. A. O. Abiru ; read the first time and *ordered* to be printed.

4. **Appropriation Bill, 1980**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—

Debate Adjourned :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.03 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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FOR THE YEAR 1960

OF NIGERIA

REPORT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Consumer Products Protection Bill, 1980**,—Bill entitled "Consumer Products Protection Act, 1980" presented by Senator Nosike Ikpo ; read the first time and *ordered* to be printed.
3. **Nigerian Mining Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1980**,—Reported by Senator Lawan, Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Power and *ordered* to be read a Second time.
Bill accordingly read the second time and *committed* to a Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 4 *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with *Amendments* recommended by the Committee on Mines and Power ; read the third time and *passed*.

4. **Appropriation Bill, 1980**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question again proposed :—Debate *resumed* :—

Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

5. **Letter of Condolence**,—*Ordered*, That a letter of condolence be sent to Senator Sola Saraki, the Senate leader, on the loss he had sustained by the death of his mother.

6. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 10 a.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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STATE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 24th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 10.06 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Count of Senate** : Mr President ordered the Clerk to count the Senate to determine whether a quorum was present. The count having been taken, and 32 Senators being present, the Senate proceeded with the business ordered for the day.

3. **The Nigerian Coal Corporation (Amendment) Bill**,—Reported by Senator M. G. Lawan, Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Power and *ordered* to be read a Second time.

Bill accordingly read the Second time and *committed* to the Committee of the whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Amendment made in line 13 between the words "will" and "enable" *insert* "be useful and will".

Another Amendment made in line 14, to *add* at the end the following "provided that one of the seven persons to be appointed shall come from one of the main areas of the Corporation's activities".

Another Amendment made in line 15 to *delete* "sub-paragraph b".

Another Amendment made in lines 17 and 18 to *delete* "c" and "d" and *substitute* "b" and "c" respectively, instead thereof.

Clause 1, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with *Amendments*, read the Third time and *passed*.

4. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Fourth Allotted Day)**—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second time.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Question again proposed :— Debate *resumed* :—

Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed on *Monday, 28th April, 1980*.

5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Monday, 28th April, 1980 at 3 p.m.*

Adjourned accordingly at 11.50 a.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDA

1. *In the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 21st April, 1980* under item 3—Appropriation Bill, 1980, *insert* "(First Allotted Day)" after "1980".
2. *In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 22nd April, 1980* under item 4—Appropriation Bill, 1980, *insert* "(Second Allotted Day)" after "1980".
3. *In the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 23rd April, 1980* under item 4—Appropriation Bill, 1980, *insert* "(Third Allotted Day)" after "1980".

On this day, I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document on file in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original document on file in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Special Agent in Charge

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 28th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.02 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Senate and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. The letter was read as follows :—



THE STATE HOUSE

18th April, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate ALHAJI USMAN BICHI as member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part 1 of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in place of ALHAJI MANSOUR KANKAROFI.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*

3. Notice taken of the invitation extended to distinguished Senators to attend the opening session of the Organisation of African Unity Heads of State meeting holding at the National Arts Theatre, Iganmu, Lagos.

Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow at 3 p.m.*—(*Senator Ayo Fasanmi*).
Adjourned accordingly at 3.10 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **The National Electric Power Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1980**—Report from the Committee on Mines and Power and Second Reading deferred till *Tomorrow*.

3. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Sixth Allotted Day)**—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question again proposed :— Debate *resumed* :—

Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

4. **Adjournment**,—Notice was taken of the invitation extended to the distinguished Senators to attend the closing session of the First Economic Summit of the Organisation of African Unity at 5 p.m. today :

Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow* at 3 p.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.28 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF THE
INVESTIGATOR

TO THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DATE OF REPORT: _____

REPORT MADE AT: _____

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CHARACTER OF CASE: _____

NAME OF SUBJECT: _____

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Detailed description of the investigation, including the date, time, and location of the investigation, the names of the individuals involved, and the results of the investigation.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RENTAL OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30th April, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.00 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **The National Electric Power Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1980**,—Reported by Senator M. G. Lawan, Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Power and *ordered* to be read a second time. Bill accordingly read the second time and *committed* to the Committee of the Whole Senate.

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 :—

Amendment proposed in line 12, to *leave out* from the word “seven” to the word “President” in line 13, and *substitute* the following instead thereof :—

“Nineteen persons, representing the nineteen States of the Federation, nominated by their respective governments with the concurrence of the Minister and the approval of the President”.—(*Senator A. Fasanmi*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed in line 18 to *leave out* the words “his representative” and *substitute* the following instead thereof :—

“in his absence, the Director, Electrical Inspectorate Services, Federal Ministry of Mines and Power”.—(*Senator M. G. Lawan*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Clause 1, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendment, read the third time and *passed*.

3. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Seventh Allotted Day)**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question again proposed :— Debate *resumed* :—

Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

4. **Adjournment**,—And it being after 6 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order 4 (10) till *Tomorrow at 10 a.m.*

Adjourned accordingly at 6.06 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 1st May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 10.13 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Seventh Allotted Day)**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).
Question again proposed :— Debate resumed :—
Debate Adjourned :—
Debate to be resumed on *Monday, 5th May, 1980*.
3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Monday, 5th May, 1980 at 10 a.m.*
Adjourned accordingly at 5.57 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDA

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 29th April, 1980:

1. In line 1, delete "Sixth" and substitute "Fifth".

In the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 30th April, 1980:

2. In line 1, delete "Seventh" and substitute "Sixth".

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 5th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 10.07 a.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Recognition of a Distinguished Visitor**,—Mr President invited the attention of the Senate to the presence in the gallery of the Honourable Speaker of the Kwara State House of Assembly, Alhaji Shehu Usman, and on behalf of the Senate welcomed the august visitor to the Senate.
3. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Eighth Allotted Day)**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).
Question again proposed :—*Debate resumed* :—
Debate Adjourned :—
Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.
4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow* at 3 p.m.
Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Absence of Mr President**,—Mr President acquainted the Senate that he would be leading the Nigerian Delegation to Yugoslavia tonight for the funeral of the late President Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia.

3. **Message of Condolence**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Message of condolence be sent to His Excellency, Mr Draza Markovic, the President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia tendering to His Excellency and the entire Members of the Assembly, the deep sympathy of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the loss they had sustained by the death of President Josip Broz Tito.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, nemine contradicente,—That a Message of condolence be sent to his Excellency, Mr Draza Markovic, the President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia tendering to His Excellency and the entire Members of the Assembly the deep sympathy of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the loss they had sustained by the death of President Josip Broz Tito.—(*J. Res. 3-80*).

4. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Nineth Allotted Day)**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question again proposed :—Debate *resumed* :—

Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow* at 3 p.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 6 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.
2. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Tenth Allotted Day)**,—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).
Question again proposed :—*Debate Resumed* :—
Debate Adjourned :—
Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.
3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow* at 3 p.m.—
Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 8th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.
2. **Report from the Committee on Foreign Relations :** The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations laid on the Table, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Report of Deliberations on the Arrest, Detention, Trial and Conviction of Lt-Col. Alfred Gorn in Israel. Report to be considered on *Wednesday, 14th May, 1980.*
3. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Eleventh Allotted Day),**—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (*21st April, 1980*),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).
Question again proposed :—*Debate Resumed* :—
Debate Adjourned :—
Debate to be resumed on *Monday, 12th May, 1980.*
4. **Adjournment,**—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Monday, 12th May, 1980 at 3 p.m.* and that Committees do meet *Tomorrow, Friday 9th May, 1980.*
Adjourned accordingly at 5.53 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 12th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Report of the Rules and Business Committee.**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate approves the Report of the Rules and Business Committee which makes allocation of the various Heads of the Recurrent and Capital Estimates of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1980 to the Standing Committees as published in the Supplement to the Order Paper and requests that the Standing Committees do submit their reports to the Senate in accordance with the time-table set out in the said report.—(*Senator Fibrin Salihu*).

Amendment proposed in line 4, to delete the word "Senate" and substitute the words "Appropriation and Finance Committee".—(*Senator Fibrin Salihu*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed in the Supplement to Order Paper to reduce the number of working days allotted to each group from "five" to "three" as follows :—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

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<i>Group I : (May 13-15, 1980)</i>		
1. Agriculture	002500000009	Ministry of Agriculture
2. Defence	003001000007	Ministry of Defence
3. Health	003600000008	Ministry of Health
4. Public Works	005100000006	Ministry of Works and Survey
5. Science and Technology	004400000007	Ministry of Science and Technology
6. Appropriation and Finance	003700000008	Ministry of Finance
	002600000009	Audit Department
	003100000008	National Planning
7. Internal Affairs	003900000008	Ministry of Internal Affairs
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<i>Group II : (May 16-20, 1980)</i>		
1. Public Services	021000000009	Presidency
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	005200000006	FEDECO
2. Judiciary	004100000007	Ministry of Justice
	004000000006	Judicial Service Commission
3. Labour	004200000008	Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity
4. Transport and Aviation	004900000007	Ministry of Transport
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5. Commerce and Industries	004800000007	Ministry of Commerce
	003700000008	Ministry of Industries
6. Veteran Affairs and Social Welfare	003800000008	Ministry of Social Development, Youth, Sports and Culture
7. Rules and Business	002000000008	National Assembly

Group III : (May 21-23, 1980)

Committee	Head	Ministry/Department
1. Communications	002900000009	Ministry of Communications
2. Education	003200000008	Ministry of Education
3. Foreign Relations	003400000008	Ministry of External Affairs
4. Mines and Power	004300000000	Ministry of Mines and Power
5. Housing, Urban Development and Local Government	004500000007	Ministry of Housing and Environment
6. Water Resources	005000000008	Ministry of Water Resources
7. Federal Capital Development	003300000008	Federal Capital Territory
8. Public Petitions	004600000007	Public Complaints Commission

Debate arising :—

Senator Mahmud Waziri rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Question, That the Amendment be made put, the Senate *divided* :—

AYES : 30

NOES : 20

ABSTENTIONS : NIL

AYES : 30

1. Senator Basil C. Okwu
2. Senator M. Uba Ahmed
3. Senator Ahmadu D. Rufai
4. Senator David O. Dafinone
5. Senator Andrew Abogede
6. Senator Ameh Ebute
7. Senator Idrisa Kadi
8. Senator Ja' Afar J. Mangga
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26. Senator Jibrin Salihu
27. Senator Muhammed M. Agwai
28. Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim
29. Senator Garba Kware
30. Senator Hassan Zuru

NOES : 20

1. Senator Nosike Ikpo
2. Senator John O. Umolu
3. Senator Mohammed Girgiri Lawan
4. Senator Luka Zanya Zing
5. Senator Emeka Patrick Echeruo
6. Senator Jaja Anucha Wachuku
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11. Senator Sikiru A. Shitta-Bey
12. Senator Abraham Aderibigbe Adesanya
13. Senator Daniel A. Ladega
14. Senator Jonathan A. O. Odebiyi
15. Senator Kunle Oyeru
16. Senator Ayo Fasanmi
17. Senator Emmanuel K. Ogunleye
18. Senator Ademola Adegoke
19. Senator C. 'Laogun Adeoye
20. Senator C. O. Ilori

Teller for the AYES : Senator C. O. Ilori.

Teller for the NOES : Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim.

Main Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That this Senate approves the Report of the Rules and Business Committee which makes allocation of the various Heads of the Recurrent and Capital Estimates of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1980, to the Standing Committees as published in the Supplement to the Order Paper and requests that the Standing Committees do submit their reports to the Appropriation and Finance Committee in accordance with the time-table as amended and as set out in the said report.—(S. Res. 39-80).

3. Sittings of the Senate : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this day notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate), the Senate shall sit till 6.30 p.m. (*Senator M. Abdulkarim*).

Questions put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That this day notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate), the Senate shall sit till 6.30 p.m.—(*Se. Res. 40-80*).

4. Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Twelfth Allotted Day),—Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (21st April, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question again proposed :— Debate *Resumed* :—

Question, That the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read a Second Time and *committed* to Standing Committees, pursuant to Senate Resolution 39-80.

5. Adjournment,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Debate Arising :—

And it being after 6 p.m., Mr Deputy President adjourned the Senate without Question put pursuant to resolution of the Senate *this day*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.15 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.06 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.
2. **Reports of the Auditor-General**—Copy *presented* of the Report of the Auditor-General of the Federation on the Accounts of the Government of the Federation of Nigeria for each of the years ended 31st March, 1975, 1976 and 1977 to lie upon the Table. On the Motion of Senator Saraki the Reports were *referred* to the Public Accounts Committee.
3. **Appropriation Bill, 1980**—Committed to Standing Committees Group I—(*Monday, 12th May, 1980*).
4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow at 3 p.m.*
Adjourned accordingly at 3.30 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Appropriation Bill, 1980**—Committed to Standing Committees Group I—(Monday, 12th May, 1980) as follows :—

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Head of Estimate</i>	<i>Ministry/Department</i>
Agriculture	25	Agriculture
Defence	30	Defence
Health	36	Health
Public Works	51	Works and Survey
Science and Technology.. .. .	44	Science and Technology
Appropriation and Finance	35	Finance
Audit	26	Audit
National Planning	31	National Planning
National Assembly	20	National Assembly
Internal Affairs	39	Internal Affairs
	23	Police
	24	Police Service Commission

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow at 3 p.m.* and That Standing Committees do continue with the consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.40 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Report of the Committee on Public Service** : The Chairman of the Committee on Public Service, Senator D. D. Etiebet laid on the Table the reports of that Committee on the nominations of Members of the Federal Electoral Commission and of the Code of Conduct Bureau. It was *ordered* that the Reports be considered on *Monday, 19th May, 1980*.
3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn and That Standing Committees do continue with the consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.
Senate to resume sitting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 19th May, 1980.
Adjourned accordingly at 3.15 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

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The seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is a symbol of the unity and integrity of the nation. It is a representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which was established on October 1, 1960. The seal is a circular emblem with a central design. The design is a stylized representation of the Nigerian flag, which consists of three vertical stripes of green, white, and green. The central emblem is surrounded by a wreath of cotton and cocoa, which are the two main crops of Nigeria. The words "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA" are inscribed around the perimeter of the seal.

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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 19th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.28 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Appropriation Bill, 1980**—Committed to Standing Committee Group II—(Friday, 16th May, 1980) : Motion made and Question proposed, That Senate Resolution 39-80 be amended to enable two extra working days to be allotted to each Group of Standing Committees for the consideration of the Appropriation Bill, 1980.—(*Senator D. O. Dafinone*).

Debate *Arising* :— Debate *Adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn and that Standing Committees do continue with the consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.

Senate to resume sitting at 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 12th May, 1980

Under Standing Committees in Group II include :

Committee on Petroleum and Energy—Head 225—Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 20th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.17 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Membership of the Public Enlightenment Commission:** Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate approves the following report of the Committee of Selection on the Membership of the Public Enlightenment Committee :

Committee on Public Enlightenment :

- (i) Senator Abba Ali (Chairman)
- (ii) Senator Iliya G. Audu
- (iii) Senator Amatari Zuofa
- (iv) Senator Mohammed G. Lawan
- (v) Senator Sikiru A. Shitta-Bey
- (vi) Senator Olalere Adesina
- (vii) Senator C. O. Adebayo
- (viii) Senator G. B. Hoomkwap
- (ix) Senator Onyeabo Obi
- (x) Senator Ja' Afar Mangga
- (xi) Senator Adamu Gaya—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Senate approves the following report of the Committee on Selection on the Membership of the Public Enlightenment Committee :

Committee on Public Enlightenment :

- (i) Senator Abba Ali (Chairman)
- (ii) Senator Iliya G. Audu
- (iii) Senator Amatari Zuofa
- (iv) Senator Mohammed G. Lawan
- (v) Senator Sikiru A. Shitta-Bey
- (vi) Senator Olalere Adesina
- (vii) Senator C. O. Adebayo
- (viii) Senator G. B. Hoomkwap
- (ix) Senator Onyeabo Obi
- (x) Senator Ja' Afar Mangga
- (xi) Senator Adamu Gaya—(*Senate Res. 41-80*).

3. **Membership of the Public Accounts Committee :** Motion made and Question proposed, That the Senate approves the following report of the Committee of Selection on the Membership of the Public Accounts Committee :

Public Accounts Committee :

- (i) Senator D. O. Dafinone
- (ii) Senator Andrew Abogede
- (iii) Senator Victor Akan
- (iv) Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura
- (v) Senator J. O. Umolu
- (vi) Senator Ayoola Adeleke
- (vii) Senator E. P. Echeruo
- (viii) Senator Garba Matta
- (ix) Senator Bukar Sanda
- (x) Senator Ibrahim Barau
- (xi) Senator Nosike Ikpo—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Amendment proposed to *delete* the word "Chairman" shown against the name of Senator Nosike Ikpo.—(Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question, That the word proposed to be left out be left out, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Senate approves the following report of the Committee of Selection on the Membership of the Public Accounts Committee :

Public Accounts Committee :

- (i) Senator D. O. Dafinone
- (ii) Senator Andrew Abogede
- (iii) Senator Victor Akan
- (iv) Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura
- (v) Senator J. O. Umolu
- (vi) Senator Ayoola Adeleke
- (vii) Senator E. P. Echeruo
- (viii) Senator Garba Matta
- (ix) Senator Bukar Sanda
- (x) Senator Ibrahim Barau
- (xi) Senator Nosike Ikpo—(Senate Res. 42-80).

4. Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Eighteenth Allotted Day)—Committed to Standing Committee Group II—(Friday, 16th May, 1980) as follows :

Group II : (May 16-22, 1980)

1. Chairmen of Committees	.. .. .	Room A1	.. .. .	9.00 a.m.
2. Public Works	.. .. .	Room A1	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
3. Judiciary	.. .. .	Room A2	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
4. Labour	.. .. .	Room A3	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
5. Transport and Aviation	.. .. .	Room B1	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
6. Commerce and Industries	.. .. .	Room B2	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
7. Veteran Affairs and Social Welfare	.. .. .	Room B3	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
8. Internal Affairs	.. .. .	Senate Committee Room	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
9. Public Services	.. .. .	Senate Chamber	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.
10. Federal Capital Development	.. .. .	Room D3	.. .. .	10.00 a.m.

5. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn and that Standing Committees do continue with the consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.

Senate to resume sitting at 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.40 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21st May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Count of the Senate** : Mr President ordered the Clerk to count the Senate to determine whether a quorum was present. The count having been taken, and 35 Senators being present, the Senate proceeded with the business ordered for the day.

3. **Membership of the Federal Electoral Commission** : Whereas under Section 141 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr President is empowered to appoint the Chairman and Members of any body established by the Constitution including the Chairman and Members of the Federal Electoral Commission before the appointments are confirmed by the Senate. And whereas Mr President has not complied with the said provision of the Constitution in the communications which he submitted to the Senate on 14th April, 1980 on the Membership of the Federal Electoral Commission it was resolved that the communications be returned to Mr President to enable him to comply with the requirement of the Constitution.—(S. Res 43-80).

4. **Membership of the Code of Conduct Bureau** : Whereas under Section 141 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr President is empowered to appoint the Chairman and Members of any body established by the Constitution including the Chairman and Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau before the appointments are confirmed by the Senate. And whereas Mr President has not complied with the said provision of the Constitution in the communications which he submitted to the Senate on 7th January, 1980 in which he nominated the Chairman and Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau, it was resolved that the communications be returned to Mr President to enable him to comply with the requirement of the Constitution.—(S. Res. 44-80).

5. **Land Acquisition in Lagos** : Motion made and Question proposed, That in view of Lagos metropolis' strategic position and dual role as the Federal and Commercial Capital of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the then Military Government voted large sum of money from the funds of the Federal Government to develop Lagos, as well as recover from the sea large area of land for the purpose of providing accommodation and infrastructural facilities for the various ethnic groups that reside in Lagos. After heavy expenditure by the said Federal Government, large areas of land that remained unutilized were handed over to Lagos State Government for its own use and provision of complimentary facilities for the indigenes of Lagos.

However, recent events as revealed by detailed research, have shown that the privilege given to Lagos State Government have been abused by fraudulent allocation of the much needed land.

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is hereby called upon to resolve and it is hereby resolved that a Bill should be enacted to amend the Land Use Decree with the view of giving the Federal Government the power and rights to re-acquire the land so fraudulently given out.—(Senator Uba Ahmed).

Motion, by leave, *withdrawn*.

6. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Eighteenth Allotted Day)**—Committed to Standing Committees Group III—(Wednesday, 21st May, 1980) as follows :—

Committee	Head of Estimate	Ministry/Department
1. Communications	29	Ministry of Communications
2. Education	32	Ministry of Education
3. Foreign Affairs	34	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4. Mines and Power	43	Ministry of Mines and Power
5. Housing, Urban Development and Local Government	45	Ministry of Housing and Environment
6. Water Resources	50	Ministry of Water Resources
7. Federal Capital Development	33	Federal Capital Territory
8. Public Petitions	46	Public Complaints Commission
9. Petroleum and Energy	(Capital)	Presidency—(Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Pages 494-496 ; 499-500)
10. Banking and Currency	(Capital) 247 248	Ministry of Finance

7. **Adjournment.**—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn and that Standing Committees do continue with the consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.

Senate to resume sitting at 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.28 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22nd May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.08 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Seminar for Members of the National Assembly** : Mr President acquainted the Senate of the Seminar arranged for the National Assembly, the Judiciary and the Executive Arms of Government on some aspects of the Nigerian Constitution, under the auspices of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru (in collaboration with B and C International, North Carolina), scheduled for 26th May, 1980 at the Institute of Internal Affairs to which distinguished Senators had been invited.
3. **Messages**,—Mr President further acquainted the Senate that he had received a letter from the President of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, and called upon the Clerk of the Senate to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :—

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AMBASSADOR
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
LAGOS

May 9th, 1980

Excellency,

It is my pleasure to convey an invitation on behalf of the President of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for a Parliamentary Delegation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to visit the People's Republic of Bulgaria at a convenient time this year.

I am convinced that there are issues of bilateral interest that could be discussed at a Parliamentary level and would further contribute to the strengthening of the all-sided co-operation between our two traditionally friendly countries.

Allow me to ask Your Excellency to consider the possibility of leading the Parliamentary Delegation personally to Bulgaria.

Please accept Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) A. K. ATANASSOV

His Excellency
DR JOSEPH WAYAS
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Lagos

Resolved, That a letter of appreciation be sent to the President of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for his kind gesture in sending an invitation to the Senate to visit the People's Republic of Bulgaria. (S. Res 45-80).

4. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Nineteenth Allotted Day)**—Committed to Standing Committees Group III—(Wednesday, 21st May, 1980) as follows :—

Committee	Head of Estimate	Ministry/Department
1. Communications	29	Ministry of Communications
2. Education	32	Ministry of Education
3. Foreign Affairs	34	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4. Mines and Power	43	Ministry of Mines and Power
5. Housing, Urban Development and Local Government	45	Ministry of Housing and Environment
6. Water Resources	50	Ministry of Water Resources
7. Federal Capital Development	33	Federal Capital Territory
8. Public Petitions	46	Public Complaints Commission
9. Petroleum and Energy	(Capital)	Presidency—(Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Pages 494-496 ; 499-500)
10. Banking and Currency	(Capital) 247 248	Ministry of Finance

5. **Adjournment.**—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Monday, 26th May, 1980 at 3 p.m.* while Committees continue with the consideration of the Estimates *Tomorrow, Friday, 23rd May, 1980.*

Adjourned accordingly at 3.33 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 26th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Twentieth Allotted Day)—Committed to Standing Committee Group III (Wednesday, 21st May, 1980) as follows :—

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Head of Estimate</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Ministry/Department</i>
1. Education	32	27-5-80	Ministry of Education
2. Foreign Relations	34	27-5-80	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3. Mines and Power	43	—	Ministry of Mines and Power
4. Public Petitions	46	—	Public Complaints Commission
5. Petroleum and Energy	(Capital)	—	Presidency—(Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, pages 494-496 ; 499-500)
6. Banking and Currency	247 248	—	Ministry of Finance
7. Judiciary	53-56	—	Judiciary

3. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow* at 3 p.m. while Standing Committees continue with consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.16 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. Report of the Senate Delegation to the Senate of the United States of America: Copy presented of the Report of the Senate Delegation to the Senate of the United States of America from 23rd February to 3rd March, 1980; to lie upon the Table.
3. Appropriation Bill, 1980—Committed to Standing Committees on *Monday, 12th May, 1980.*
4. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow* at 3 p.m. while Standing Committees continue with the consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.15 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Appropriation Bill, 1980**—Committed to Standing Committees on *Monday, 12th May, 1980.*
3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till *Tomorrow* at 3 p.m. while Standing Committees continue with the consideration of the Estimates pursuant to Senate Resolution 39-80 of 12th May, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.42 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 29th May, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.12 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Recognition of a Distinguished Visitor** : Mr President acquainted the Senate of the presence in the gallery of His Highness Oba E. A. Ipinlaiye II, the Oloje of Igbasi, Akoko Division of Ondo State and on behalf of the Senate welcomed His Highness and his entourage to the Senate.

3. **Report from the Rules and Business Committee** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate do receive and approve the Report of the Rules and Business Committee on the allocation of time for the consideration of the remaining stages of the 1980 Budget and the period of recess for the Senate as set out in the said Report.—The Report reads as follows :—

“The Rules and Business Committee met on Wednesday, 28th May, 1980 to work out a Calendar for the consideration of the next stages of the Budget, namely, the submission of Reports of the various Standing Committees which had been constituted into Sub-Committees of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance.

2. The Committee deliberated exhaustively on the matter and agreed to submit the following recommendations to the Senate :—

- (i) That the Reports of Standing Committees (Sub-Committees of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance) which are now ready should be submitted to the Main Committee on Appropriation and Finance.
- (ii) That the Committee on Appropriation and Finance be allowed five working days—2nd-9th June, 1980, to collate and co-ordinate those reports for presentation to the Senate and that the reports be circulated to Senators with any comments which the Committee on Appropriation might wish to make.
- (iii) That the Chairmen of Standing Committees that examined the various Heads of the Estimates, may, with the consent of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance present the reports of their Committees in Committee of Supply.
- (iv) That the Senate should resolve itself into Committee of Supply from 16th to 24th June, 1980.

3. **Recess** : The Committee recommended that the Senate should proceed on recess as follows :—

- (i) Monday, 21st July to Friday, 29th August, 1980 ; and
- (ii) Thursday, 2nd October to Wednesday, 8th October, 1980.

The Senate will thus have a total of 35 working days including Fridays as holidays”.—(*Senator Jubrin Salihu*).

Debate Arising :—

Amendment proposed in paragraph 2, item (ii), to amend “five days” to read “two days—2nd and 3rd June”, and in item (iv) “Committee of Supply to commence from 4th June, 1980”.—(*Senator D. Oke*).

Debate Arising :—

Senator Umolu rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Question, That the Appropriation Bill be passed by the Senate on 11th June, 1980, put and *negatived*.

Another Question, That the Appropriation Bill be passed on 9th June, 1980, put and *negatived*.

Another Question, That Senator Oke’s Amendment be adopted, put and *agreed to*.

Recess : The Committee’s recommendation that the Senate should proceed on recess from Monday, 21st July to Friday, 29th August, 1980 ; and from Thursday, 2nd October to Wednesday, 8th October, 1980, was *deferred* for consideration in future.

Resolved,—3 (i) That the Reports of Standing Committees (Sub-Committees of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance) which are now ready should be submitted to the Main Committee on Appropriation and Finance ;

- (ii) that the Committee on Appropriation and Finance be allowed two working days—2nd and 3rd June, to collate and co-ordinate those reports for presentation to the Senate and that the reports be circulated to Senators with any comments which the Committee on Appropriation may wish to make ;

(iii) that the Chairmen of Standing Committees that examined the various Heads of Estimates may, with the consent of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance, present the reports of their Committees in the Committee of Supply ;

(iv) that the Senate should resolve itself into Committee of Supply from Wednesday, 4th June, 1980.
—(S. Res. 46-80).

4. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till Monday, 2nd June, 1980 at 3 p.m., while Standing Committees continue with the consideration of the Estimates on Friday, 30th May, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.25 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 2nd June 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Message of Condolence.**—Motion made, and Question proposed. That this Senate do send a Message of Condolence to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the F.27 air disaster of 26th May, 1980 and at the same time express their deep sympathy to the families of the seventeen people who lost their lives in the disaster.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising :—

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved,—That this Senate do send a Message of Condolence to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the F.27 air disaster of 26th May, 1980 and at the same time express their deep sympathy to the families of the seventeen people who lost their lives in the disaster. (S. Res. 47-80).

3. **Adjournment.**—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.45 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 3rd June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Death of Mr Kofi Sappor** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received an exceedingly moving telegram from one George Sappor of Ibadan. He read the telegram as follows :—

“DR WAYAS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAGOS

MY SON KOFI SAPPOR A FINALIST UNDERGRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IFE ILE-IFE WAS KILLED IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT IN THE CAMPUS ON THE 8TH MAY 1980. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR ONWUMECHILLI AND THE DIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER AT THE ILE-IFE ARE NOT UP TO THEIR TASK. THE UNIVERSITY AT THE END OF JUNE WOULD BE GOING ON A LONG VACATION. FOR GOD'S SAKE HELP ME.

GEORGE SAPPOR POST OFFICE BOX 257 IBADAN”

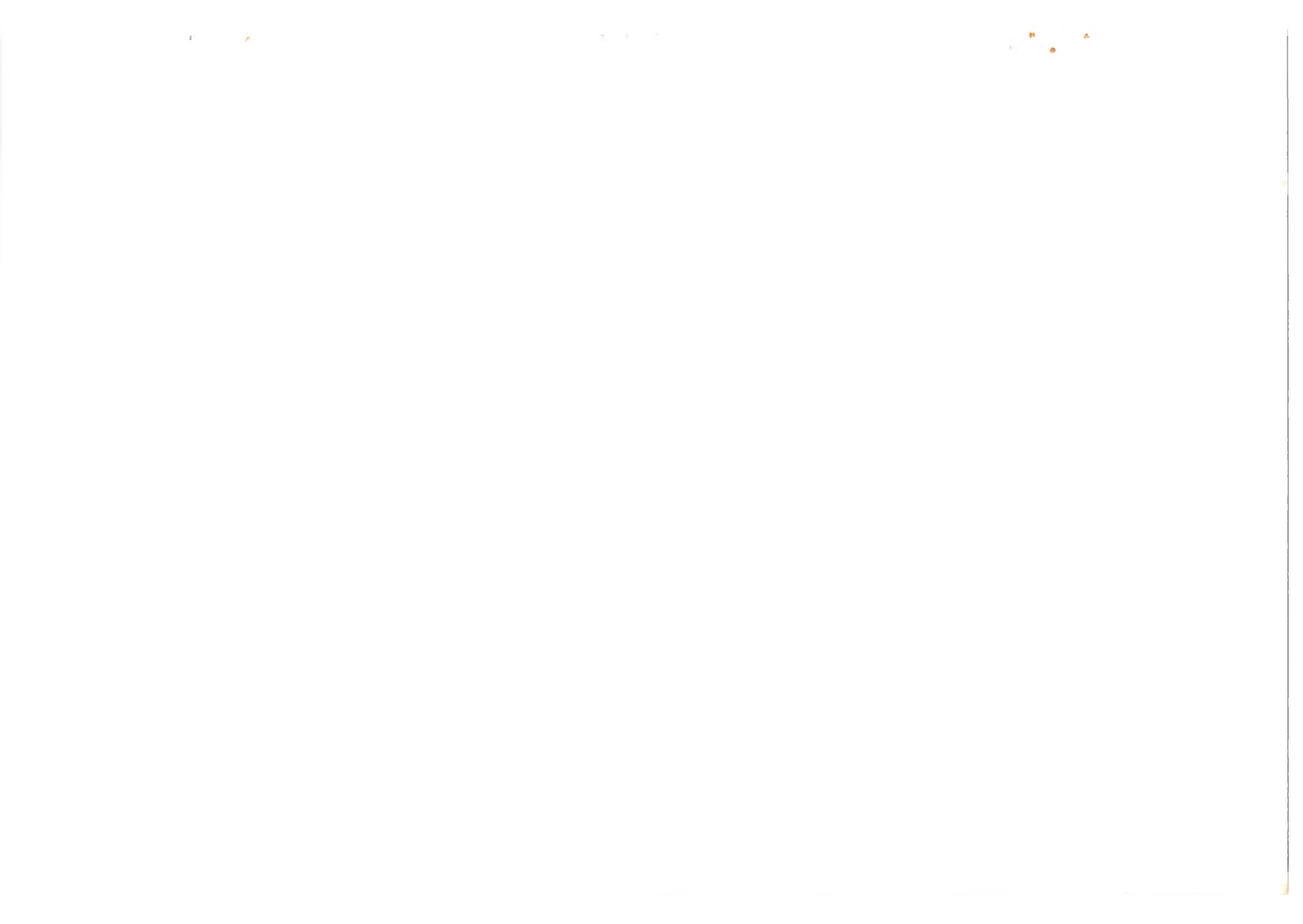
Referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

3. **Bills Returned From the House of Representatives with Amendments** : Consideration of the following Bills returned from the House of Representatives with Amendments were *deferred until Tomorrow* :—

1. National Assembly Service Commission Bill, (S.1-80E) ;
 2. National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 1980 (S.8-80E) ;
 3. Securities and Exchange Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1980 (S.9-80E) ;
 4. Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1980 (S.12-80E) ;
4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.45 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 4th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **National Assembly Service Commission Bill (S.1-80E)**,—Returned from the House of Representatives with Amendments, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (7) and (8) and committed to the Committee of the Whole Senate.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

House of Representatives Amendment No. 1 : Page C.2, Clause 2 (1), lines 7 and 8, *insert* the following words :

“The Clerk to the National Assembly shall be a Member of the Commission with no voting rights.”

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

House of Representatives Amendment No. 2 : Page C.5, lines 1 and 2, *leave out* the words “from time to time,” and *insert* the words “subject to the approved provisions in the Estimates”.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

House of Representatives Amendment No. 3 : Page C.5, lines 9, 10 and 11, *delete* from figure “(2)” to the word “SCHEDULE”.

Ordered, That since Amendment No. 3 is consequential to Amendment No. 2, the differences be resolved in a Conference Committee.

House of Representatives Amendment No. 4 : Page C.12, under the heading “Clinical Section” *insert* :

“211. Record Officers

212. Typists

213. Clerks

214. Messengers”.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

House of Representatives Amendment No. 5 : *Insert* a new Section, namely :

“‘Primary School Section’, and *insert* under the Section the following items :

215. Headmaster/Headmistress

216. Assistant Headmaster/Headmistress

217. Class Teachers

218. Clerical Officers/Accounts Clerks

219. Typists

220. Messengers

221. Security Men.”

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Ordered—That the Bill as reported with amendments be recommitted to a Conference Committee of equal membership between the Houses of the National Assembly—the Senate and the House of Representatives.

3. **National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 1980**,—Returned from the House of Representatives with Amendments, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (7) and (8) and committed to the Committee of the Whole Senate.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Ordered,—That the Bill from the House of Representatives be recommitted to a Conference Committee of equal membership between the Houses of the National Assembly : the Senate and the House of Representatives.

4. Securities and Exchange Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1980.—Returned from the House of Representatives with an Amendment, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (7) and (8) and committed to the Committee of the Whole Senate.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Ordered.—That the Bill from the House of Representatives be recommitted to a Conference Committee of equal membership between the Houses of the National Assembly : the Senate and the House of Representatives.

5. Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1980.—Returned from the House of Representatives with Amendments, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (7) and (8) and committed to Committee of the Whole Senate.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Ordered.—That the Bill from the House of Representatives be recommitted to a Conference Committee of equal membership between the Houses of the National Assembly : the Senate and the House of Representatives.

6. Report from the Committee on Appropriation and Finance : The Chairman of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance laid on the Table the Report from the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on the Recurrent and Capital Estimates of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Report *referred* to the Committee of Supply.

7. Appropriation Bill, 1980.—A Bill for an Act to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation of Nine Billion and Forty Million Naira (₦9,040,000,000) for the service of the Federation for the period of nine months commencing on 1st April and ending on 31st December, 1980. Bill with the Report from the Committee on Appropriation and Finance committed to the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

HEAD 35—MINISTRY OF FINANCE

₦94,722,000 for Head 35—Ministry of Finance—*agreed to*.

HEAD 31—MINISTRY OF NATIONAL PLANNING

₦49,968,000 for Head 31—Ministry of National Planning—*agreed to*.

HEAD 26—FEDERAL AUDIT

₦3,143,550 for Head 26—Federal Audit—*agreed to*.

HEAD 34—MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

₦72,845,000 for Head 34—Ministry of External Affairs—*agreed to*.

HEAD 33—FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

₦128,799,000 for Head 33—Federal Capital Territory—*agreed to*.

Question, That Head 246 item 995 on page 563 of the draft Estimates, reflected under the Executive Office of the President, be transferred to the Federal Capital Territory.

Question *resolved* in the affirmative.

HEAD 29—MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

₦671,466,000 for Head 29—Ministry of Communications.

Amendment proposed to *reduce* Head 29 by ₦10.—(*Senator Ayo Fasanmi*).

By leave of the Senate, the Amendment was *withdrawn*.

Amendment proposed to *reduce* Head 29 by ₦1,000.—(*Senator J. O. Umolu*).

By leave of the Senate, the Amendment was *withdrawn*.

₦671,466,000 for Head 29—Ministry of Communications—*agreed to*.

HEAD 36—MINISTRY OF HEALTH

₦226,880,000 for Head 36—Ministry of Health—*agreed to*.

Then the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

Mr President resumed the Chair. Committee report progress ; to sit again *Tomorrow*.

8. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.52 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 5th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.00 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Second Allotted Day)**,—Considered in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

HEAD 38—MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, YOUTHS, SPORTS AND CULTURE

Question proposed, That ₦86,947,000 for Head 38—Ministry of Social Development, Youths, Sports and Culture stand part of the Schedule.

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed, That 20 per cent reserved expenditure shown in the Draft Estimates be waived in favour of the Ministry of Social Development, Youths, Sports and Culture to enable that Ministry to meet the expenses of the Olympic Games 1980.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

₦86,947,000 for Head 38—Ministry of Social Development, Youths, Sports and Culture—*agreed to*.

HEAD 50—MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

₦541,752,000 for Head 50—Ministry of Water Resources—*agreed to*.

HEAD 25—MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Question proposed, That ₦351,106,000 for Head 25—Ministry of Agriculture stand part of the Schedule.

Amendment proposed to *delete* items :

- (1) 301 Integrated Rural Developments (10 new ones) ₦17,700,000 ;
- (2) 392 Strategic Grain Storage Programme ₦1,500,000
- (3) 02210700 1113 Large Scale Mixed Farms IH₃ Establishment of Crop Farms ₦14,050,000 ;
- (4)1121 Large Scale Food Crop Farms ₦1,157,000.

because they are contrary to the spirit and intendment of Section 4 of the Constitution and, therefore, the agencies should be specified or the items transferred as grants to the States.—(Senator Kunle Oyero).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

₦351,106,000 for Head 25—Ministry of Agriculture—*agreed to*.

HEAD 32—MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

₦1,141,930,607 for Head 32—Ministry of Education—*agreed to*.

HEAD 48—MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

₦13,498,080 for Head 48—Ministry of Commerce—*agreed to*.

HEAD 44—MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

₦47,708,000 (Recurrent Expenditure), and ₦40,500,000 (Capital Expenditure, shown at page 562 of Draft Estimates), totalling ₦88,208,000 for Head 44—Ministry of Science and Technology—*agreed to*.

HEAD 46—PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

₦3,578,000 for Head 46—Public Complaints Commission—*agreed to*.

HEAD 247—EXTERNAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ; AND HEAD 248—LOANS ON LENT TO STATES

₦168,400,000 for Head 247—External Financial Obligations ; and ₦367,969,000 for Head 248—Loans on Lent to States—*agreed to.*

HEAD 37—MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

₦8,326,000 for Head 37, Recurrent Expenditure ; and ₦782,069,000 for Head 226, Capital Expenditure—*agreed to.*

Then the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

Mr President resumed the Chair. Committee report progress ; to sit again on Monday, 9th June, 1980.

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on *Monday*, 9th June, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDA

In Votes and Proceedings of 4th June, 1980

In page 308, under HEAD 31—MINISTRY OF NATIONAL PLANNING, *leave out* "₦49,968,000" and *insert* "₦42,968,000". In the same page 308, under HEAD 29—MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, *leave out*, "₦671,466,000" and *insert* "₦572,466,000".

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 9th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President informed the Senate that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had sent some correspondence to the Senate and called upon the Clerk to read the letters. They were read as follows :—



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Mr Justice Victor Erereko OVIE-WHISKEY as Chairman of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (a) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Mr Justice Victor Erereko OVIE-WHISKEY as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Aminu SALIHU, O.O.N. (Kaduna) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Mr N. A. ADUMANU (Imo) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Surveyor Robinson Frank UKO (Cross River) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Mrs E. O. PAM as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (c) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Dr Latif Oladepo AREMU (Oyo) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Alhaji Ahmed KARI (Bauchi) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Alhaji Muhammadu NASHABARU (Kano) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Chief P. G. WARMATE (Rivers) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Chief J. B. C. ANYAEGBUNA (Anambra) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Mrs Ethel ONWU (Anambra) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Brigadier I. N. OBEYA (Benue) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Alhaji Liman UMARU (Kwara) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Dr (Mrs) S. A. MABADEJE (Lagos) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Zubairu DANBATA (Kano) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Mrs Hasu Iro INKO (Kaduna) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji M.-B. IBRAHIM (Plateau) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Dr Kola IKUSEMIJU (Ondo) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Mustapha UMARA (Borno) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Umaru AUDI (Niger) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Garba JABO (Sokoto) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Isa KAITA as Chairman of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Mr Boniface Chibunna Nwakanna as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Hassan Lemu as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Mr Agan Dankaro as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Rev. Akpan-UKPONG as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Alhaji Isa IKO (Mutawallin Zuru) as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Mrs F. M. SOWOLE as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

3rd June, 1980

I appoint Alhaji Madu MAIBE as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Zubairu MAHMUD as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Mr Moses Olarenwaju EGUNDEYI as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with Paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Alhaji Usman BICHI as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with Paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I appoint Chief A. B. BATUBO as a member of the Code of Conduct Bureau in accordance with paragraph 15 (2) of Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

3. **Message from the House of Representatives :** Mr President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives and directed the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. The letter was read as follows :—

Telegrams : CLERKNAS
Cables : NASLAG
Telephones : 632503
635001
635020
635040
635060



Ref. S/NA/DC. 13/62
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE
P.M.B. 12572,
LAGOS, NIGERIA.

9th June, 1980

A. A. Coker Esq.,
Clerk of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

APPROPRIATION BILL 1980

I wish to inform you that the House of Representatives completed their consideration of the 1980 Appropriation Bill on the 26th May, 1980, and passed the Bill with some amendments.

2. I attach herewith a summary of the decisions taken by the House in respect of the Various Heads of the Estimates indicating the Heads and sub-heads that were amended and those that were passed without any amendments.

3. I also attach hereto a printed booklet showing only the amended pages of the Draft Estimates. You should please bring the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the attention of the Senate for their concurrence. If necessary, a joint conference may have to be arranged to reconcile any differences arising from the decisions of the Houses on the 1980 Appropriation Bill.

B. I. OLINMAH,
Clerk of the House of Representatives

4. Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Third Allotted Day)—Considered in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

HEAD 45—MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

₦501,237,000 for Head 45—Ministry of Housing and Environment—*agreed to.*

HEAD 53—JUDICIARY

₦870,170 for Head 53—Judiciary—*agreed to.*

HEAD 41—MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

₦3,502,000 for Head 41—Ministry of Justice—*agreed to.*

HEAD 42—MINISTRY OF EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND PRODUCTIVITY

₦13,624,000 for Head 42—Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity—*agreed to.*

HEAD 51—MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SURVEY

₦1,068,989,000 for Head 51—Ministry of Works and Survey—*agreed to.*

HEAD 27—MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

₦181,599,000 for Head 27—Ministry of Civil Aviation—*agreed to.*

HEAD 43—MINISTRY OF MINES AND POWER

₦484,088,000 for Head 43—Ministry of Mines and Power—*agreed to.*

HEAD 39—MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Question proposed, That ₦68,215,000 for Head 39—Ministry of Internal Affairs—stand part of the Schedule.

Amendment proposed, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee for an increase of ₦8,851,000 to the Ministry of Internal Affairs for Civil Registration be approved.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

₦77,215,000 for Head 39—Ministry of Internal Affairs—*agreed to*.

HEAD 47—FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

₦3,822,000 for Head 47—Federal Civil Service Commission—*agreed to*.

HEAD 52—FEDERAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

₦9,907,000 for Head 52—Federal Electoral Commission—*agreed to*.

HEAD 255—NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

₦921,480,000 for Head 255—Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation—*agreed to*.

HEAD 23—POLICE

₦273,895,000 for Head 23—Police—*agreed to*.

HEAD 21—PRESIDENCY

₦677,493,071 for Head 21—Presidency.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That debate on Head 21 Presidency—be deferred till *Tomorrow*.—(Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That debate on Head 21—Presidency—be deferred till *Tomorrow*.

Then the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

Mr President resumed the Chair. Committee report progress ; to sit again *Tomorrow*.

5. *Adjournment*.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.36 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDA

In Votes and Proceedings of 5th June, 1980

In page 309, under HEAD 50, MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, leave out "₦541,752,000" and insert "₦541,738,880".

In the same page 309, under HEAD 48, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, leave out "₦13,498,080" and insert "₦12,979,000".



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 10th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Proposed New Cross River State** : Mr President acquainted the Senate of the receipt of a correspondence from the people of Oron Local Government Area in the Cross River State requesting to be included in the proposed New Cross River State.

The request was *referred* to the Committee on Creation of New States.

3. **Appropriation Bill, 1980 (Fourth Allotted Day)**—Considered in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

HEAD 49—FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

₦15,132,000 for Head 49—Federal Ministry of Transport—*agreed to*.

HEAD 40—JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

₦22,000 for Head 40—Judicial Service Commission—*agreed to*.

HEAD 24—POLICE FORCE SERVICE COMMISSION

₦439,000 for Head 24—Police Force Service Commission—*agreed to*.

HEAD 30—FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

₦989,392,666 for Head 30—Federal Ministry of Defence—*agreed to*.

HEAD 53—JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

₦7,481,500 for Head 30—Judicial Department—*agreed to*.

Amendment proposed, to the Vote for Supreme Court, at page 449 of the Draft Estimates, Item 163—Library upkeep—That the sum of ₦54,000 shown be increased to ₦114,000.—(*Senator F. O. M. Atake*).
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

₦7,541,500 for Head 53—Judicial Department—*agreed to*.

The Estimates for the Consolidated Revenue Fund Charges under Head 53 on pages 458 to 466 were *approved*.

Also approved were the Votes for Contingencies under Head 55 at page 470 amounting to ₦150,000,000.

4. **Suspension of Standing Order**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 4 (Sitting of the Senate) be suspended to enable the Senate to complete its business under consideration.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

HEAD 21—PRESIDENCY

Question proposed, That ₦527,493,071 for Head 21—Presidency—stand part of the Schedule.

Amendment proposed, That ₦1,630,390 for maintenance and running costs of Federal Secretariat in the States be *deleted*.—(*Senator Ayo Fasanmi*).

Debate arising :—

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and the Senate divided.

AYES : 41 NOES : 39 ABSTENTION : 1

Question, That the Amendment be made accordingly *agreed to*.

AYES : 41

1. Senator E. I. O. Akpata
2. Senator F. O. M. Atake
3. Senator Nosike Ikpo
4. Senator J. O. Umolu
5. Senator U. L. Bama
6. Senator Idrisa Kadi
7. Senator Bukar Sanda

8. Senator Mahmud Waziri
9. Senator E. P. Echeruo
10. Senator E. E. Emezie
11. Senator Jaja A. Wachuku
12. Senator Bello Bakori
13. Senator Ibrahim Barau
14. Senator Usinan Alto Danbatta

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| 15. Senator Ahmed Zakari | 29. Senator E. K. Ogunleye |
| 16. Senator C. O. Adebayo | 30. Senator D. O. Oke |
| 17. Senator Justus O. Olu | 31. Senator M. A. E. Olaniran |
| 18. Senator M. U. Adiru | 32. Senator Ademola Adegoke |
| 19. Senator Obafemi Ayantuga | 33. Senator C. 'Laogun Adeoye |
| 20. Senator A. A. Durosimi | 34. Senator Ayoola Adeleke |
| 21. Senator Sikiru A. Shitta-Bey | 35. Senator Olalere Adesina |
| 22. Senator A. A. Adesanya | 36. Senator C. O. Ilori |
| 23. Senator D. A. Ladega | 37. Senator G. B. Hoomkwap |
| 24. Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi | 38. Senator Garba Matta |
| 25. Senator Kunle Oyero | 39. Senator John Wash Pam |
| 26. Senator Samuel O. Sogbein | 40. Senator F. J. Ellah |
| 27. Senator S. A. Akintoye | 41. Senator Obi Wali |
| 28. Senator Ayo Fasanmi | |

NOES : 39

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| 1. Senator N. N. Anah | 21. Senator Y. A. Daura |
| 2. Senator Offia Nwali | 22. Senator J. K. Madaki |
| 3. Senator B. C. Okwu | 23. Senator Isa Obaro |
| 4. Senator M. Uba Ahmed | 24. Senator A. M. Gani |
| 5. Senator Ibrahim Dimis | 25. Senator A. Sola Saraki |
| 6. Senator A. D. Rufa'i | 26. Senator G. M. Dada. |
| 7. Senator I. Jalo Waziri | 27. Senator Ibrahim Kolo |
| 8. Senator D. O. Dafinone | 28. Senator Abubakar Magaji |
| 9. Senator Andrew Abogede | 29. Senator Abdullah Mu'azu |
| 10. Senator A. A. Ali | 30. Senator Jibrin Salihu |
| 11. Senator Suemo-Chia | 31. Senator M. M. Agwai |
| 12. Senator Ameh Ebute | 32. Senator Thomas Yepwi |
| 13. Senator M. G. Lawan | 33. Senator C. N. Nuniel |
| 14. Senator Victor Akan | 34. Senator Amatori Zuofa |
| 15. Senator J. O. Ansa | 35. Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim |
| 16. Senator D. D. Etiebet | 36. Senator Garba Gada |
| 17. Senator Iliya Galiya Audu | 37. Senator Garba Kware |
| 18. Senator Tony Anyanwu | 38. Senator Haruna Muza |
| 19. Senator S. M. Ojukwu | 39. Senator Hassan Zuru |
| 20. Senator Abba Ali | |

ABSTENTION : 1

Senator Onyeabo Obi

Teller for the AYES : Senator Victor Akan

Teller for the NOES : Senator D. O. Oke

₦525,862,681 for Head 21—Presidency—*agreed to*.

HEAD 20—NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

₦72,778,140 for Head 20—National Assembly—*agreed to*.

5. Report of the Joint Committee on Renumerations,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Report of the Joint Committee on Renumerations be adopted in order that the relevant figures therein may be reflected in the revised Estimates, 1980.

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Report of the Joint Committee on Renumerations be adopted in order that the relevant figures therein may be reflected in the revised Estimates, 1980.

Schedule *agreed to*.

Clause 1 *agreed to*.

Clause 2 as amended *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported, with Amendments.

Bill read the third time and *passed*.

6. And it being after 6 p.m. the Senate adjourned without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order 4 (10).

Adjourned accordingly at 6.33 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Airports in Other State Capitals** : Motion made, and Question proposed; That it be resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

(a) That out of the savings achieved by Senate on the 1980 Draft Estimates, an amount of N70m. be set aside for Subhead 375 under Air Transport System—"Airports in Other State Capitals"—i.e., Bauchi, Makurdi, Owerri, Akure, Minna and Abeokuta ; and

(b) That the Appropriation Bill, 1980 be amended to reflect this change.—(Senator D. O. Oke, Senator E. P. Echeruo, Senator A. D. Rufai and Senator G. M. Dada).

Ordered, That the Motion be *deferred* until Wednesday, 18th June, 1980, pursuant to Standing Order 19.

3. **Federal Universities in Other States** : The Motion "That be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved That out of the total amount so far saved by the Senate from the 1980 Estimates, the sum of N105,000,000 should be appropriated under Head 233 for the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to be used at the rate of N15,000,000 per State to commence the establishment during this Financial Year of a Federal University in each of the following States which do not already have Universities : Benue, Bauchi, Gongola, Imo, Ogun, Ondo and Niger.—(Senator S. A. Akintoye, Senator E. P. Echeruo and Senator Uba Ahmed).

Ordered, That the Motion be *deferred* until Wednesday, 18th June, 1980.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.08 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 12th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.23 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President informed the Senate that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had sent some correspondence to the Senate and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. It was read as follows :—



THE STATE HOUSE

3rd June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

I appoint Mr O. I. AFE (Bendel) as a member of the Federal Electoral Commission in accordance with sub-paragraph 5 (b) of Part I (c) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

The letter was referred to the Committee on Public Services.

3. **Membership of Conference Committees** : In order to resolve the Amendments made to the Bills hereunder stated, the following Senators were nominated as Members of the Conference Committees, pursuant to Section 58 (3) of the Constitution :

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMISSION BILL, 1980 (S.1-80E)

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Senator I. Dimis | 7. Senator J. O. Olu |
| 2. Senator D. D. Etiebet | 8. Senator Offia Nwali |
| 3. Senator M. G. Dada | 9. Senator F. J. Ellah |
| 4. Senator Iliya Audu | 10. Senator B. Kajal |
| 5. Senator Femi Ayantuga | 11. Senator Usman Alto Danbatta |
| 6. Senator A. A. Adesanya | |

NATIONAL INSURANCE CORPORATION OF NIGERIA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1980 (S.8-80E)

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| 1. Senator C. N. Nunieh | 7. Senator E. K. Ogunleye |
| 2. Senator Abubakar Magaji | 8. Senator Bukar Sanda |
| 3. Senator Suemo-Chia | 9. Senator E. P. Echeruo |
| 4. Senator Ahmadu A. Ali | 10. Senator N. N. Anah |
| 5. Senator Olalere Adesina | 11. Senator Hamisu Musa |
| 6. Senator D. A. Ladega | |

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1980 (S.9-80E)

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Senator D. O. Dafinone | 7. Senator Nosike Ikpo |
| 2. Senator Yusuf A. Daura | 8. Senator Umara Lawan Bama |
| 3. Senator Isa Obaro | 9. — |
| 4. Senator A. Zuofa | 10. — |
| 5. Senator A. A. Durosimi | 11. Senator Ahmed Zakari |
| 6. Senator J. O. Umolu | |

NIGERIA REINSURANCE CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1980 (S.12-80E)

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| 1. Senator Jalo Waziri | 7. Senator D. A. Ladega |
| 2. Senator Arneh Ebute | 8. Senator E. K. Ogunleye |
| 3. Senator A. D. Rufai | 9. --- |
| 4. Senator A. Abogede | 10. --- |
| 5. Senator G. A. Daniel | 11. Senator Ibrahim Barau |
| 6. Senator Olalere Adesina | |

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Senator John Wash Pam | 7. Senator Nosike Ikpo |
| 2. Senator Sola Saraki | 8. Senator A. A. Durosimi |
| 3. Senator Arneh Ebute | 9. Senator B. C. Okwu |
| 4. Senator D. O. Dafinone | 10. Senator Obi Wali |
| 5. Senator Jalo Waziri | 11. Senator Usman Alto Danbatta |
| 6. Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi | 12. Senator Mahmud Waziri |

4. **The Nigerian Council for Management Development (Amendment) Bill, 1980 (S.17-80E),—** Bill entitled the Nigerian Council for Management Development (Amendment) Bill, 1980; presented by Senator Sola Saraki; read the first time, and to be read a second time on *Tuesday, 17th June, 1980.*

5. **Adjournment,—Resolved,** That this Senate do now adjourn till *Monday, 16th June, 1980* at 3 p.m.
Adjourned accordingly at 5.03 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 16th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.06 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Banking (Agricultural Loans) Bill, 1980 S.9-80P**—A Bill for an Act for the provision of prescribed minimum compulsory financial aid by licenced Banks to persons, institutions and organisations for medium and long term investments in agricultural projects; *presented* by Senator Victor Akan; read the first time, and to be read a second time on a date to be indicated by the Rules and Business Committee.
3. **National Dock Labour Board (Amendment) Bill (S.4-80E)**—Report from the Committee on Labour on the Bill for an Act to make provision for the number of persons to constitute membership of the National Dock Labour Board; *presented* by Senator J. O. Ansa; read the second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole Senate.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

It being clear that the Committee on Labour based their report on the original proposal from the Executive, the Committee reported progress.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

The Bill was accordingly returned to the Committee on Labour for reconsideration.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.22 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **The Nigerian Council for Management Development (Amendment) Bill, 1980 (S.17-80E)** : Bill from the House of Representatives without Amendment,—Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

Debate arising :—

Senator A. M. Gani-rose in his place and ~~claimed to move~~, That the Question be now put. Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Bill was accordingly read a second time, and immediately *committed* to the Committee of the whole Senate.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Clause 1 : Amendment made—line 10, sub-paragraph (b), after the word “of” *insert* a comma.

Another Amendment made—line 12, *delete* the words “his individual”.

Another Amendment made—line 12, *delete* the word “chosen” and *insert* the word “recommended” instead thereof.

Clause 1 as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the chair.

Bill *reported* with Amendments ; read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Conference Committee of equal membership between the Houses of the National Assembly : the Senate and the House of Representatives.

3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m.—*Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.25 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Monday 16th June, 1980

Paragraph 2, Line 1, after the date “1980”; *insert* an opening bracket “(” ; then *delete* the number “S.9” and *insert* the number “S.10” instead thereof.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.15 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Airports in Other State Capitals:** Motion, That it be resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :
 - (a) That out of the savings achieved by Senate on the 1980 Draft Estimates, an amount of ₦70 million be set aside for Sub-head 375 under Air Transport System—"Airports in Other State Capitals"—i.e., Bauchi, Makurdi, Owerri, Akure, Minna and Abeokuta; and
 - (b) That the Appropriation Bill, 1980, be amended to reflect this change.—(*Senator David O. Oke, Senator E. P. Echeruo, Senator A. D. Rufai and Senator G. M. Dada*).Motion by leave *deferred* until Monday, 23rd June, 1980.
3. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till Monday, 23rd June, 1980, at 3 p.m. *Adjourned accordingly at 3.35 p.m.*

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 23rd June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Airports in Other State Capitals**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That it be resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

(a) That out of the savings achieved by Senate on the 1980 Draft Estimates, an amount of ₦70 million be set aside for Sub-head 375 under Air Transport System—"Airports in Other State Capitals"—i.e., Bauchi, Makurdi, Owerri, Akure, Minna and Abeokuta ; and

(b) That the Appropriation Bill, 1980, be amended to reflect this change.—(*Senator David Oke, Senator Emeka P. Echeruo, Senator A. D. Rufai and Senator G. M. Dada*).

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed to the Motion on Airports in Other State Capitals :

1. That the heading of the Motion be amended by deleting the colon sign appearing at the end of the heading and adding the following words thereto : "and other approved locations."

2. That the present text of paragraph (a) of the Motion be deleted and replaced by the following text :

(1) that the words "Airports in Other State Capitals" appearing against classification Code No. 023102000375 as in the Amended Draft Estimates 1980 be amended to read "Airports in other approved locations".

(2) That out of the savings made on the Amended Draft Estimates 1980, an amount of ₦70 million be set aside for the item referred to in paragraph (1) above namely—

(a) Airports in State Capitals—Bauchi, Makurdi, Owerri, Akure, Minna and Abeokuta.

(b) Airports in other locations approved or recommended by Senate Resolutions, namely—Onitsha (Senate Resolution 24-80), etc.

3. That paragraph (b) of the original Motion should be renumbered as (3).—(*Senator Onyeabo Obi and Senator N. N. Anah*).

Debate arising :—

Notice taken of the provisions of Standing Order 26 (4) ; *Ordered*, That debate on the Motion as well as on the Amendment be discontinued.

The Motion was accordingly *withdrawn*.

3. **Stoppage of Superstitious Ritual Sacrifice of Twins, Triplets, etc.**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That pursuant to Sections 4 (2), 30 and Item 57 (a) on the Exclusive Legislative List of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, the Senate do call on all the State Governments of the Federation and their law enforcement agents to ensure and assure the observance of Section 30 of the said Constitution by preventing and stopping forthwith the superstitious ritual sacrifice of twins, triplets and/or other multiple births of humans in their areas of authority particularly in Ezeagu Village of Ishielu Local Government Area of Anambra State.—(*Senator M. A. O. Abiru*).

Debate Arising :—

Amendment proposed to the Motion on Stoppage of Superstitious Ritual Sacrifice of Twins, Triplets, etc. :

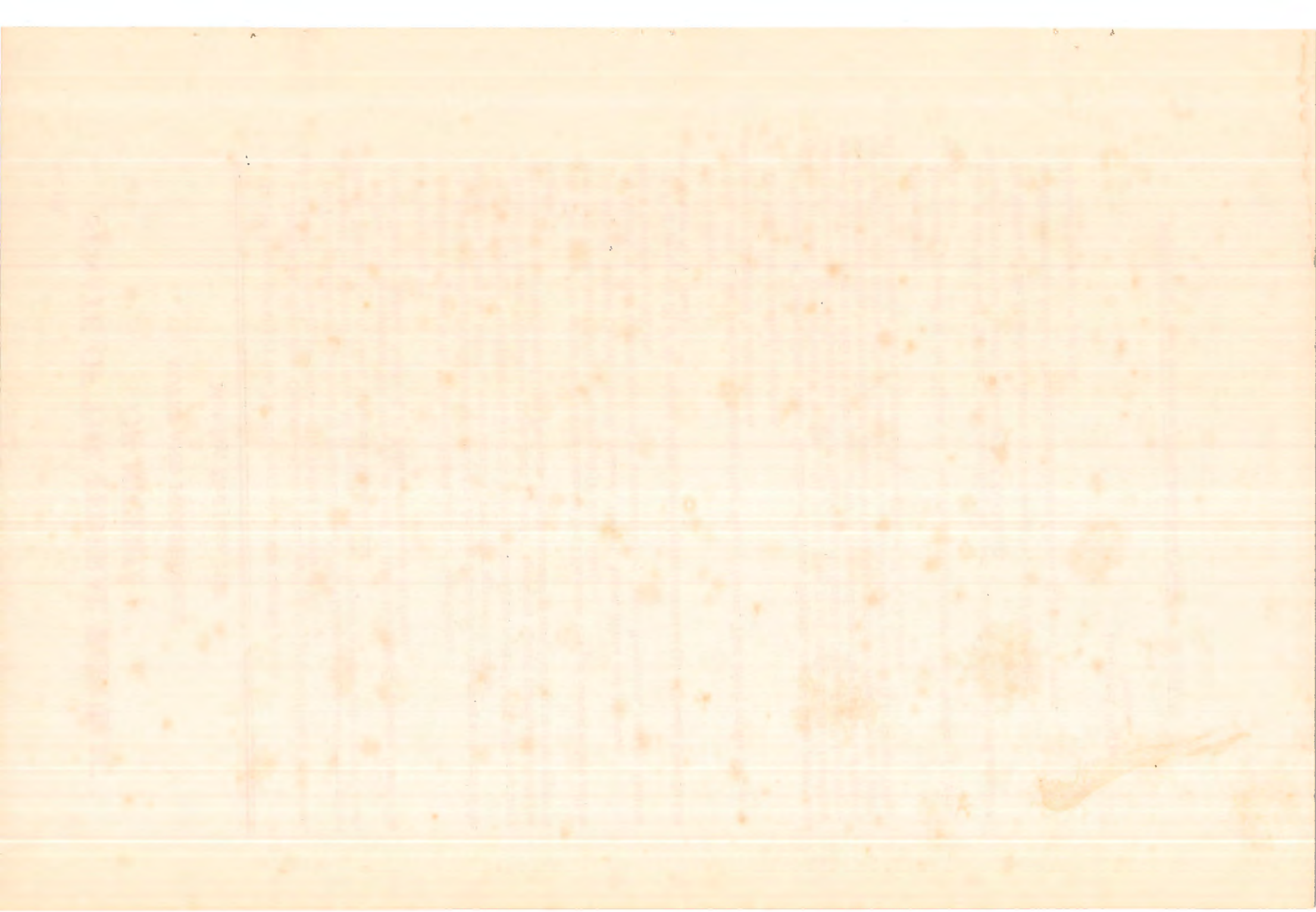
Line 4, after the word "sacrifice", *take away* from the word "sacrifice" to the end, and *substitute* "killings of people in the country".—(*Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi*).

The Motion and the Amendment thereto were *withdrawn* by leave of the Senate.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.46 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 24th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.18 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a correspondence from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Senate and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. The letter was read as follows :—

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
STATE HOUSE
LAGOS, NIGERIA

23rd June, 1980

The Hon. Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Belewa Square,
Lagos.

USE OF NIGERIAN TROOPS OUTSIDE NIGERIA

In response to the United Nations Organisation Secretary-General's formal request for a contingent of 700 troops to aid the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Lebanon, the then Federal Military Government agreed to send troops accordingly. The first batch (NIBATT I) left for Lebanon in April, 1978. The current batch (NIBATT V) completed its movement to Lebanon on the 8th of June, 1980.

2. My Administration will continue to honour this commitment and in accordance with Section 5 (3) (b) of Part II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I submit to Senate for retrospective approval that members of the Nigerian Armed Forces be deployed to the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Lebanon for as long as it is so required by the United Nations.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

On a Motion by Senator Jaja Wachuku, the letter was referred to the Joint sitting of the Committees on Foreign Relations and Defence for in-depth study and recommendation to the Senate.

3. **National Assembly Delegation to the Soviet Union** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that a delegation of the National Assembly would be proceeding to the Soviet Union tomorrow, and that the following Senators would be members of the Delegation :

Senator A. D. Rufai (Leader)
Senator Garba Matta
Senator Luka Zanya Zing
Senator Ahmed Zakari
Senator Umaru Lawan Bama.

4. **Federal Universities in Other States**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That it be resolved, and it is hereby resolved by this Senate that out of the total amount so far saved by the National Assembly from the 1980 Estimates, the sum of ₦105 million should be appropriated under Head 233 for the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to be used at the rate of ₦15 million per State to commence the establishment during this Financial Year of a Federal University in each of the following States which do not already have Universities : Benue, Bauchi, Gongola, Imo, Ogun, Ondo and Niger.—(Senator S. A. Akintoye, Senator E. P. Echeruo and Senator Uba Ahmed).

Debate arising :—

Question, That the Motion be *deferred* to a later date, *resolved* in the affirmative.

5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.25 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

ANNALS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Volume 1, Number 1

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The Bureau is organized into several divisions, each of which is responsible for a specific function. The divisions are: Administration, Criminal Investigation, Identification, Inspection, Intelligence, and Training.

The Bureau is headed by the Director, who is appointed by the President. The Director is assisted by the Deputy Director and the Chief of the Bureau. The Bureau is also organized into several offices, each of which is responsible for a specific function.

The Bureau is authorized to employ such personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions. The Bureau is also authorized to purchase such supplies and services as may be necessary to carry out its functions.

The Bureau is authorized to receive such funds as may be necessary to carry out its functions. The Bureau is also authorized to receive such gifts as may be necessary to carry out its functions.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 25th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Eradication of Cholera.**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that Cholera is a deadly disease and in view of the fact that outbreak of the disease has been reported in some parts of the Federal Republic of Nigeria namely: Anambra, Gongola and Imo States, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that the Senate pray the Executive:

(a) to mobilize all necessary forces immediately to assist the states where the outbreak of Cholera has occurred to eradicate the disease; and

(b) to take all necessary steps to ensure that the disease is completely eradicated throughout the Federation of Nigeria.—(Senator S. M. Ojukwu, Senator B. C. Okwu).

Debate arising:—

Senator Ibrahim Dimis rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved.—That in view of the fact that cholera is a deadly disease and in view of the fact that outbreak of the disease has been reported in some parts of the Federal Republic of Nigeria namely: Anambra, Gongola and Imo States, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that the Senate pray the Executive:

(a) to mobilize all necessary forces immediately to assist the states where the outbreak of Cholera has occurred to eradicate the disease; and

(b) to take all necessary steps to ensure that the disease is completely eradicated throughout the Federation of Nigeria.

3. **Establishment of a Senate Standing Committee on National Disaster.**—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the frequent though unpredictably sudden occurrence of natural disasters resulting in losses of lives and property in many parts of Nigeria in the recent past, and in view of the fact that such natural disasters resulting from storms, draught, oil spillage, earth movement, etc. are bound to occur and recur suddenly from time to time, and in view of the fact that such disasters often cut across the lines of responsibility of existing Senate Committees, we call on the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to:—

(1) immediately establish a Standing Committee on National Disasters whose duty it will be to visit or organize visits to disaster scenes as soon as reports are received and to make on-the-spot assessment of the nature and degree of damage done; and

(2) make definite recommendations to Senate on the nature and extent of relief required.

Senate is further called upon to:—

(a) make reasonable provision for National Disasters in the Current Estimates; and

(b) direct the Committee, as soon as it is established, to visit the scenes of the recent flood disaster in Benue State and make necessary recommendations to Senate.—(Senator Tunji Adebayo, Senator Andrew Abogede).

Debate arising:—

Amendment proposed:

Line 12, sub-paragraph (a), *delete* the words “the Current”, and *insert* the words “figure Budgetary”; and after the word “Estimates”, *insert* the words “of the Federal Republic of Nigeria”.—(Senator D. O. Oke).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Debate resumed:—

Senator Ibrahim Dimis, rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate arising:—

Amendment proposed:

Line 13, paragraph (b), *delete* the word “disaster”, and *substitute* the word “disasters”. And, line 14, sub-paragraph (b), after the word “Benue” *insert* “Imo and other”; also *delete* the word “State” and *substitute* “States”.

Senator E. K. Ogunleye rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question as amended, put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in view of the frequent though unpredictably sudden occurrence of natural disasters resulting in losses of lives and property in many parts of Nigeria in the recent past, and in view of the fact that such natural disasters resulting from storms, draught, oil spillage, earth movement, etc. are bound to occur and recur suddenly from time to time, and in view of the fact that such disasters often cut across the lines of responsibility of existing Senate Committees, we call on the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to :—

(1) immediately establish a Standing Committee on National Disasters whose duty it will be to visit or organize visits to disaster scenes as soon as reports are received and to make on-the-spot assessment of the nature and degree of damage done ; and

(2) make definite recommendations to Senate on the nature and extent of relief required.

Senate is further called upon to :—

(a) make reasonable provision for National Disasters in future Budgetary Estimates of the Federal Republic of Nigeria ; and

(b) direct the Committee, as soon as it is established, to visit the scenes of the recent flood disasters in Benue, Imo and other States and make necessary recommendations to Senate.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.43 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 26th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.08 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Count of the Senate:** Mr President ordered the Clerk to count the Senate to determine whether a quorum was present. The count having been taken, and only 17 Senators being present, the Senate stood adjourned till 3 p.m. on Monday, 30th June, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.17 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 30th June, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.03 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Recognition of Leaders from Anambra State** : Mr President invited the attention of the Senate to the presence in the Gallery of respectable Leaders and eminent Chiefs from Anambra State led by Chief Z. C. Obi, and on behalf of the Senate welcomed the distinguished visitors to the Senate.

3. **Report of the Conference on the Appropriation Bill, 1980** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that in view of the fact that this Senate had read the Appropriation Bill, 1980 the third time ; in view of the fact that the Conference Committee had reconciled the disagreements separately recorded by both the Senate and the House of Representatives ; and, above all, in view of the fact that the Appropriation Act 1980 was assented to this day by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, formal presentation of a Report of the Conference on the Appropriation Bill, 1980 had been overtaken by events.

4. **Protection of Local Industries**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that local Industries are not protected enough as regarding the conservation of the much needed foreign exchange reserves, the Senate hereby call on the Federal Government :

(1) to direct all Government contractors to make as much use as possible of all available locally manufactured materials ; for example, paints, and other building materials and only when there is satisfactory evidence that they are not available should they be allowed to import such items into the country ;

(2) to incorporate into the school curriculum a scheme to inculcate in every Nigerian, a sense of the "Dignity of Labour" and in respect of members of the public, a "Public Enlightenment Service" through cinema, television, radio and other avenues of the mass-media.—(*Senator Ademola Adegoke*).

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed :

Line 1 of Sub-paragraph (1), *take away* the words "Government Contactors", and *insert* the word "Nigerians" instead thereof.

Line 2 of the same Sub-paragraph (1), *take away* the words, "for example, paints and other building materials".—(*Senator Ayo Fasanmi*).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Debate arising :—

Senator Fasanmi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly, and *negatived*.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourned till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 1914

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Very truly yours,

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 1st July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a message from the Chairman of the Peoples's Redemption Party, Mallam Aminu Kano, and called on the Clerk to read it. The letter was read as follows :

PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION PARTY (P.R.P.)

Motto : (Loyal Service & Discipline)

(JAM'IYYAR CETON AL'UMMA)

Telephone 5691

Ref :

The President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
75, IBRAHIM TAIWO ROAD,
P.O. BOX 744,
KANO—NIGERIA.
Date 30th June, 1980.

Following the interview and press statement of Senators Ibrahim Bara'u and Adamu Gaya in which they publically disassociate themselves from one of the decisions of our National Directorate session just held in Kano, I hereby suspend them from the party's membership pending their trial respective State Directorate of the party.

I wish to point out that they should be suspended from all standing committee of the House pending the decision of the Directorate.

I am sorry to bother you with this kind of request but I am determined to go down the ladder to impose discipline in the party.

MALLAM AMINU KANO,
National President, PRP

Mr President also acquainted the Senate that he had received a correspondence from the Governor of Imo State, Mr Sam Mbakwe, and called on the Clerk to read the letter. It read as follows :—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Telegrams : EXECUTIVE OWERRI

Your ref.....

Our ref GH/PS/S.160/87



IMO STATE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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27th June, 1980.

Dr Joseph Wayas
President of the Senate
Senate Building
National Assembly
Lagos

Secret

Dear President,

Please convey my congratulations to the distinguished Senators for the two motions which they have recently passed, namely, on the outbreak of cholera in some States of the country, and on the need for a disaster fund to be provided by the Federal Government. I am very much encouraged by these two motions. The people in the States and who are often from the remote areas of the country, feel very happy when the highest Legislature of the land takes note of these things.

2. The Imo State Government is launching, on the 11th of July, 1980, a Natural Disaster Relief Fund in the State capital. We have called on all our citizens to come, and show practical demonstration of their concern for their fellow citizens, who wake up to find their homes, their farm lands, their school, their markets gone. A way must be found to give succour to these unfortunate Nigerian citizens, that is why I find solace in the two motions you have passed in the Senate, and I hereby on behalf of the people and Government of Imo State, invite you, Mr President, and Honourable distinguished Senators to the Launching which, from all indications, is going to attract so many Nigerian citizens.

3. Please give my special regards to my friend, Senator B. C. Okwu, who has been attacking me in the Senate in my absence. When he comes to Imo State I will attack him back. I only asked party members in Nigerian Peoples Party (I never mentioned him) to stick to their party, and toe its line or resign. Inform him he will never see the Senate again in 1983 if he is not with N.P.P.

4. Please bring this my letter of congratulations to the notice of the Honourable distinguished Senators.

Yours sincerely,
SAM. O. MBAKWE
Governor Imo State

Mr President finally acquainted the Senate that he had received a communication from some people in the Cross River State requesting for boundary adjustment in that State.

3. Coal Mining Industry.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria do examine the operational scope and the effect on the country's economy of the coal mining Industry at Enugu, Lafia, Okpaga, Ivianokpodi and Okaba, bearing in mind :

1. employment opportunities existing before the civil war and after it ;
2. under the New Nigerian Development Corporation (NNDC), quantity and quality of coal mined from Okaba during the civil war and after it ;
3. since 1972, operation and control of Okaba coal mining under the Nigeria Coal Corporation (NCC) based at Enugu ;
4. policy adopted by the NCC to the disadvantage of the Okaba coal mining ;

and pray the President of the Federal Republic to grant Okaba coal mining Industry and the others already mentioned autonomous status.—(Senator Andrew Abogede, Senator Suemo-Chia, Senator M. M. Agwai, Senator J. O. Umolu, Senator Ademola Adegoke, and Senator Iliya Audu).

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed :

Line 2 of sub-paragraph 4, *take away* the words "President of the Federal Republic" and *insert* the words, "this distinguished Senate" instead thereof.—(Senator Lere Adesina).

By unanimous consent, the Amendment was *negatived*.

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed :

Line 3 of sub-paragraph 4, after the word "autonomous" *insert* the word "management".

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Debate arising :—

Pursuant to Standing Order 8 (2), Senator N. N. Anah raised the point, That quorum was not present. Senate was counted and 30 Senators were present.

Ordered, That quorum was present in view of the fact that members of the Senate Committee on Education were on official tour of various states of the Federation ; several members of the Senate Committee on Defence were on official engagement in Kano, and several Senators were on official tour to Russia.

Debate arising :—

Senator Onyeabo Obi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Motion on Coal Mining Industry be referred to the Committee on Mines and Power and the Committee on Petroleum and Energy.

Question, That the Motion be so *referred*, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the Motion on Coal Mining Industry be referred to the Committee on Mines and Power and the Committee on Petroleum and Energy.

4. De-reservation of Petroleum Exploration in the Cross River State : By unanimous consent the Motion was *deferred* to a later date.

5. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.20 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 2nd July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Adjournment (Release of Official Document to the National Assembly)**,—Senator D. O. Dafinone rose in his place and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the Senate for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance ;

And the pleasure of the Senate having been signified :—The Motion stood over, under Standing Order 15 (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance until later this evening).

Senator Dafinone, however, read the pertinent letter as follows :

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE
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LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. S/NA/PR. 217/10

30th June, 1980

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
THE LEADER OF THE SENATE
PARTY LEADERS
CHAIRMEN OF SENATE COMMITTEES

RELEASE OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I have received a correspondence from the President-in-Council on the issue of release of official documents to the National Assembly. Below is the extract of the President's correspondence :—

- (i) Requests for classified documents to Ministries/Government Departments by Honourable Members of the National Assembly should first be channelled to the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives through the respective Clerks of the two Houses. A copy of such requests should be sent to the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation for record purposes and proper co-ordination.
- (ii) The Clerks of the Senate/House of Representatives should ensure that the requests referred to in (i) above carry evidence of clearance by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives before being despatched to the Ministries/Departments of the Executive Branch.
- (iii) Upon the receipt of such requests, the Permanent Secretaries/Heads of Departments should certify that clearance has been given by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Permanent Secretaries/Heads of Departments concerned should, after clearing with the Minister, forward the documents to the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.
- (iv) Depending on the sensitivity of the documents sought, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation will present the request to Mr President who will personally authorise the release.
- (v) Following the approval of release by Mr President, the classified documents will be forwarded by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall then make the classified material available to Members of the National Assembly or their Committees.
- (vi) When action has been completed, the Clerk of the National Assembly must ensure that documents are returned immediately to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation."

2. These guidelines have been passed to you for information and for future use when the need arises. Please inform all members of your Committees.

J. WAYAS,
President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria

3. Political Persecution and Victimisation.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the persistent allegations of political persecution and victimisation in many parts of the country, Senate is hereby requested to set up a special fact-finding Committee to visit all the States of the Federation where such allegations have been made and report back to the Senate on the true situation in such States.—(Senator Ja'afar J. Mangga, Senator Ayo Fasanmi, Senator Tunji Adebayo, Senator G. B. Hoomkwap, Senator Bitrus B. Kajal, Senator Iliya Audu, Senator Abba Ali, Senator Ahmed Zakari, Senator Garba Musa Dada, Senator J. K. Madaki, Senator Ibrahim Barau, Senator Hamisu Musa and Senator Sabo Bakin Zurvo).

Debate arising :—

Debate resumed :—

Amendment proposed :

Line 3, *leave out* the words "when such allegations have been made".

Line 4, *leave out* the words "in such States".—(Senator S. A. Akintoye).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Amendment proposed :

Line 2, after the word "Senate", *leave out* the word "is" ; and after the word "hereby", *leave out* the word "requested" and *insert* the word "resolve" instead thereof.—(Senator S. A. Akintoye).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Amendment proposed :

Lines 2 and 3 *leave out* the words "visit all the States of the Federation" and *insert* the words "hold public hearings on the subject" instead thereof.—(Senator Kunle Oyero).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Question as amended, *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in view of the persistent allegations of political persecution and victimisation in many parts of the country, Senate hereby resolve to set up a special fact-finding Committee to hold public hearings on the subject and report back to the Senate on the true situation.

4. Water Supply : The Motion filed by Senator Isa Obaro, That in view of the extreme importance of good and adequate water supply to human existence both in the rural and urban settlements in Nigeria ; in view of the great importance of water supply generally for the operation of industries and factories ; further, in view of the astronomical cost of water supply schemes and undertakings, and bearing in mind the Federal Government's commitment to the welfare and happiness of the common man in this country, the Senate pray the Federal Government to assume a much greater and more direct responsibility than hitherto in providing both drinkable and industrial water supply throughout the Federation, was withdrawn by leave of the Senate.

5. Sittings of the Senate.—Senator Sola Saraki moved that Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) be suspended in order to enable the Senate to complete discussion on a definite matter of urgent public importance.

6. Release of Official Document to the National Assembly.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the guidelines from the Executive, quoted in the letter No. S/NA/PR. 217/10, dated 30th June, 1980, and addressed by the President of the Senate to the Deputy President of the Senate, the Leader of the Senate, Party Leaders, Chairmen of Senate Committees, be disregarded by this Senate.

Debate arising :—

Senator Iliya Audu rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That the guidelines from the Executive quoted in the letter No. S/NA/PR. 217/10, dated 30th June, 1980 and addressed by the President of the Senate to the Deputy President of the Senate, the Leader of the Senate, Party Leaders, Chairmen of Senate Committees, be disregarded by this Senate.

And it being after 6 p.m. the Senate adjourned without Question put pursuant to Standing Order 4 (10).

Adjourned accordingly at 6.20 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 3rd July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.08 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Report on the Appointment of Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau:** The Chairman of the Judicial Committee on the appointment of members of the Code of Conduct Bureau laid on the Table, the Report on the appointment of the members of Code of Conduct Bureau; Consideration of the Report was *deferred* till a later date.

3. **Recognition of a Delegation from Imo State on a Proposed Abia State:** Mr President invited the attention of the Senate to the presence in the Gallery of respectable Leaders from Imo State, led by the former Premier of the defunct Eastern Region of Nigeria, Dr M. I. Okpara. The other members were, Eze G. C. N. Akomas, Eze E. Ukandu, Dr Nwakanma Okoro, Mr S. G. Ikoku, Dr J. O. J. Okezie and Hon. Dr M. A. O. Agbara. On behalf of the Senate, Mr President welcomed the distinguished visitors to the Senate.

4. **Rehabilitation of Federal Roads,—**Motion made, and Question proposed, That conscious of its responsibilities to the taxpayer and determined to ensure that public funds are judiciously used for the greater benefit of the Nigerian people, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria direct the Executive Branch of Government to :

1. review with immediate effect, all contracts awarded by the previous Military Government for the rehabilitation of Federal Roads in the country;

2. award contracts for the construction of all bridges and culverts in the affected rehabilitation programme, and

3. re-negotiate all the contracts in the rehabilitation programme to ensure that all the affected roads are constructed to the standard 24' width gauge and that the resealing or surfacing with asphalt is constructed in such a way as to last more than five years as envisaged in the current contracts.—(Senator Iliya Audu, Senator A. A. Ali, Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo, Senator Bitrus Kajal, Senator Andrew Abogede, Senator E. K. Ogunleye, Senator G. M. Dada and Senator J. Salih).

Debate arising:—

Senator Lere Adesina rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That conscious of its responsibilities to the taxpayer and determined to ensure that public funds are judiciously used for the greater benefit of the Nigerian people, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria direct the Executive Branch of Government to :

1. review with immediate effect, all contracts awarded by the previous Military Government for the rehabilitation of Federal Roads in the country;

2. award contracts for the construction of all bridges and culverts in the affected rehabilitation programme, and

3. re-negotiate all the contracts in the rehabilitation programme to ensure that all the affected roads are constructed to the standard 24' width gauge and that the resealing or surfacing with asphalt is constructed in such a way as to last more than five years as envisaged in the current contracts. (S. Res. 52-80).

5. **Adjournment,—***Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till Monday, 7th July, 1980 at 3 p.m. while Committees should sit Tomorrow, Friday, 4th July, 1980, and in the morning hours of Monday, 7th July, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.03 p.m.

DR. JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDA

In the Votes and Proceedings:—

1. No. 130, page 339 of 25th June, 1980—Eradication of Cholera—at end of Question, *insert* "(S. Res. 48-50)".

2. No. 130, page 340 of 25th June, 1980—Establishment of a Senate Committee on National Disaster—at the end of Question, *insert* "(S. Res. 49-50)".

3. No. 134, page 348 of 2nd July, 1980—Political Persecution and Victimisation—at end of Question, *insert* "(S. Res. 50-80)".

4. No. 134, page 348 of 2nd July, 1980—Release of Official Document to the National Assembly—at end of Question, *insert* "(S. Res. 51-80)".

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 7th July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Creation of Abia State** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a request from the people of Imo State for the creation of a new State out of the present Imo State, to be known as "Abia State".

3. **Inventory of Mineral Resources of Nigeria**.—*That the Senate pray the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to undertake as soon as practicable an extensive inventory of the mineral deposits of Nigeria, in order to provide raw materials for industrial and agricultural projects and to realise a wider application of minerals in the development process of Nigeria ;*

Notice taken that the Sponsor of the Motion was not present in the Chamber ; Senator Jaja Wachuku thereupon moved ; That the Motion be stood down till Wednesday, 9th July, 1980.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Motion on Inventory of Mineral Resources of Nigeria be stood down till Wednesday, 9th July, 1980.

4. **Implementation of Section 14 (3) of the Constitution** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that Section 14 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which came into effect on 1st October, 1979, stipulates that the composition and the conduct of the Government of the Federal Republic (or any of its agencies) shall be carried out in such a manner as to reflect the Federal character of Nigeria, promote national unity, and command national loyalty thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance of persons from a few States or from a few ethnic or other sectional groups in that Government or in any of its agencies, the Senate of the Federal Republic hereby direct the Federal Public Service Commission, the Command Services and or any of its agencies to submit to the appropriate Senate Committees plan or formula for the implementation or compliance with Section 14 (3), and also to submit a list of all appointments if any made since 1st October, 1979.—(Senator G. B. Hoomkwap).

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed :

Line 8, leave out the words "appropriate" and "Committees".—(Senator Jaja Wachuku).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Debate arising :—

A Motion being made and a Question being proposed, That the Motion be referred to the Committee on Public Services.—(Senator A. A. Ali).

Debate arising :—

Senator Ayoola Adesleke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question put accordingly and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Motion on Implementation of Section 14 (3) of the Constitution be and is hereby referred to Committee on Public Services.

5. **Adjournment**.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.38 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8th July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr Deputy President took the Chair and read prayers.

2. **Absence of Mr President** : Mr Deputy President acquainted the Senate that Mr President was unavoidably absent because he was attending another important State assignment.

3. **Obituary Speeches** : By leave of the Senate, Standing Order 15—Adjournment, definite matter of urgent public importance, was invoked to enable Senator Odebiyi to move a Motion requesting the Senate to pay tributes to the memory of Sir Adesoji Aderemi, Oni of Ife who died in Ibadan on Thursday last week.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Message of condolence be sent to the Governor of Oyo State, the Oyo State House of Assembly and the family of the late Oni of Ife for the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of Sir Adesoji Aderemi.—(*Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi*).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That a Message of condolence be sent to the Governor of Oyo State, the Oyo State House of Assembly and the family of the late Oni of Ife for the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of Sir Adesoji Aderemi.—(*Sen. Res. 53-80*).

4. **National Dock Labour (Amendment) Act, 1980** : Senator J. O. Ansa presented a report from the Committee on Labour on a Bill entitled the "National Dock Labour (Amendment) Act 1980" as amended by the Committee on Labour. The Bill was *ordered* to be considered in Committee of the whole Senate on a date to be determined by the Rules and Business Committee.

5. **Civil Air Transportation in Nigeria** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that the Nigeria Airport Authority and the Nigeria Airways enjoy the monopoly of civil air transportation in this country ; bearing in mind that the National Assembly has just passed the 1980 Appropriation Act which has authorised the expenditure of a huge sum of money for the services, maintenance and operation of international and domestic air transportation ; whereas the said Nigeria Airport Authority and the Nigeria Airways are the authorities charged with the duties of and responsibilities for :

(1) executing or administering laws enacted by the National Assembly in so far as the same relate to civil air transportation ; and

(2) disbursing or administering moneys already appropriated to the said Authorities ;

whereas it is common knowledge bordering on notoriety that the said Authorities are operating international and domestic aircraft without due regard to and for :

1. safety
2. efficiency
3. discipline
4. usual or normal courtesies
5. punctuality
6. guarantee of honouring confirmed tickets properly and officially booked
7. honesty and devotion to duty ;

whereas services rendered by these Authorities are sub-standard and do not justify the fares paid by customers with resultant loss of revenue to the nation, and whereas it is desirable to make a law to review and correct defects in existing laws and also to expose corruption, inefficiency, and waste in the disbursement and administration of funds appropriated by these Authorities, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that a panel or committee be appointed by the Senate under Sections 82 and 83 of the Constitution to investigate the affairs of these Authorities and make necessary recommendations to the said Senate for essential improvement of the services provided by them.—(*Senator S. A. Shitta-Bey*).

Debate arising ;

Amendment proposed to Senator Shitta-Bey's Motion on Civil Air Transportation as follows :—

In line 1, *leave out* the words "Nigeria Airport Authority" and in line 5, *leave out* "Nigeria Airport Authority".—(*Senator A. Adegoke*).

Question, That the words proposed to be left out be left out, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed in paragraph 2, after line 3, *leave out* items (1) to (7).

In paragraph 2, line 11, *re st* the sub-paragraph to read as follows :—

“Whereas in consideration of the services rendered by this Authority (Nigeria Airways) the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria resolve that the existing Licensed Private Commercial Transport Airlines be authorised to compete with the Nigeria Airways on Domestic and International scheduled routes by the Minister, simply acting within his powers on this issue as conferred on him by the Civil Aviation Act 1965”.—(*Senator Ademola Adegoke*).

Question, That the Amendments be made, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment made in line 3, subsection 2, *leave out* the words “to and”.—(*Senator F. Ayantuga*).

Another Amendment made in subsection 2, item 4, *leave out* “usual or”.—(*Senator F. Ayantuga*).

Another Amendment made in subsection 2, *leave out* “line 6” and *substitute* the following instead thereof “guaranteeing officially confirmed tickets”.—(*Senator F. Ayantuga*).

Another Amendment made, after item 7, *add* the following new item—and “8—comfort”.—(*Senator F. Ayantuga*).

On the Motion of Senator A. Ali the Debate stood *Adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

6. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.—(*Senator D. O. Dafinone*).

Adjourned accordingly at 5.50 p.m.

JOHN WASH PAM,
Deputy President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9th July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.05 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Conference Report on the National Assembly Service Commission Bill**,—The Chairman of the Public Service Committee, Sen D. D. Etiebet sought leave of the Senate to defer the presentation of the Conference Report to a future date.

3. **Report of the Committee on Labour on the National Dock Labour (Amendment) Bill, 1980** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do resolve itself into Committee of the whole Senate for the purpose of considering the Report of the Committee on Labour on the National Dock Labour (Amendment) Bill, as amended by that Committee.

Question, That the Senate do resolve itself into Committee of the whole Senate put and *negatived*.

4. **Civil Air Transportation in Nigeria** : Adjourned Debate on Question (8th July, 1980) : Motion made, and Question proposed. That in view of the fact that the Nigeria Airways enjoys the monopoly of civil air transportation in this country ; bearing in mind that the National Assembly has just passed the 1980 Appropriation Act which has authorised the expenditure of a huge sum of money for the services, maintenance and operation of international and domestic air transportation ; whereas the said Nigeria Airways and the Nigerian Airport Authority are the agencies charged with the duties of and responsibilities for :

(1) executing or administering laws enacted by the National Assembly in so far as the same relate to civil air transportation ; and

(2) disbursing or administering moneys already appropriated to the said Authorities ;

whereas it is common knowledge bordering on notoriety that the said Authorities are operating international and domestic aircraft without due regard for :

1. safety
2. efficiency
3. discipline
4. normal courtesies
5. punctuality
6. honouring officially confirmed tickets
7. honesty and devotion to duty ; and
8. comfort

whereas services rendered by these Authorities are substandard and do not justify the fares paid by customers with resultant loss of revenue to the nation, and whereas it is desirable to make a law to review and correct defects in existing laws and also to expose corruption, inefficiency, and waste in the disbursement and administration of funds appropriated by these Authorities, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that a panel or committee be appointed by the Senate under Sections 82 and 83 of the Constitution to investigate the affairs of these Authorities and make necessary recommendations to the said Senate for essential improvement of the services provided by them.—(Senator Sikiru Shitta-Bey).

Question again proposed :—Debate *resumed* : —

Senator Isa Obaro rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Question, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That in view of the fact that the Nigeria Airways enjoys the monopoly of civil air transportation in this country ; bearing in mind that the National Assembly has just passed the 1980 Appropriation Act which has authorised the expenditure of a huge sum of money for the services, maintenance and operation of international and domestic air transportation ; whereas the said Nigeria Airways and the Nigerian Airport Authority are the agencies charged with the duties of and responsibilities for :

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 —(Sen. Res. 54-80).

Whereupon, Senator A. Ali moved, That consequent on the passing of the Motion by the Senate for the improvement in the operations of our air transportation system, the Senate should empanel distinguished Senators with adequate background knowledge of the running of the Airways, to investigate the affairs of the Nigeria Airways and make necessary recommendations for its improvement.

Fourteen Senators out of thirty Senators present indicated their support for the Motion by a show of hands.

As a counter Motion to Senator A. Ali's Motion, Senator Isa Obaro moved, that in order not to create a dangerous precedent the Motion be referred to the relevant Standing Committee which is the Senate Committee on Transport and Aviation. The Standing Senate Committee shall have the power to co-opt special Members of the Senate who have expert knowledge about the subject matter. Fifteen Senators out of thirty Senators present indicated their support for the counter motion by a show of hands.

Senator Jibrin Salihu called the attention of Mr President to the absence of a quorum in the Senate arising from the results of the Division and under the provisions of Standing Order 8 (4) the business under discussion was deferred until Tomorrow.

5. **Inventory of Mineral Resources of Nigeria** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate prays the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to undertake as soon as practicable an extensive inventory of the mineral deposits of Nigeria in order to provide raw materials for industrial and agricultural projects and to realise a wider application of minerals in the development process of Nigeria.—(Senator D. O. Dafinone).

Debate Arising :— Debate Adjourned :—

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

6. **Adjournment**,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.45 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
 President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10th July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.06 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Report of the Committee on Petroleum and Energy** : The Report of the Committee on Petroleum and Energy on its tour to the Oil Spillage Areas in Rivers and Bendel States together with Annexes I and II was presented by Senator A. Ali, Chairman, Committee on Petroleum and Energy and referred to the Rules and Business Committee to be placed on the Calendar.

3. **Inventory of Mineral Resources of Nigeria** : Adjourned Debate on Question (9th July, 1980).— Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate prays the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to undertake as soon as practicable an extensive inventory of the mineral deposits of Nigeria in order to provide raw materials for industrial and agricultural projects and to realise a wider application of minerals in the development process of Nigeria.—(Senator D. O. Dafinone).

Question again proposed :— Debate resumed :—

Senator Dimis rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question put accordingly and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Senate prays the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to undertake as soon as practicable an extensive inventory of the mineral deposits of Nigeria in order to provide raw materials for industrial and agricultural projects and to realise a wider application of minerals in the development process of Nigeria.—(Sen. Res. 55:80)

4. **Civil Air Transportation in Nigeria** : Pursuant to Senate Resolution 54-80 of 9th July, 1980, it was resolved that the Committee on Transport and Aviation be empowered to investigate the affairs of the Nigeria Airways and the Nigerian Airport Authority in terms of the Resolution and that the said Committee should submit its report to the Senate three months after the end of the recess.

5. **Reorganisation of the Civil Service and the Armed Services** :

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was withdrawn.

6. **Appointment of Members of the Committee on Political Victimisation** :

It was resolved that the composition of the Committee on Political Victimisation should conform to the agreed formula for appointment of Senators to Committees. To this end, the Party Leaders were requested to submit their nominations to the Clerk of the Senate as soon as possible.

7. **Adjournment**.—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on Monday while Committees continue with their assignments on Friday, 11th July, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.15 p.m. till 3 p.m. on Monday, 14th July, 1980.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 14th July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Recess** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate do proceed on Recess from Monday, 21st July to Friday, 29th August, 1980.—(*Senator J. Salihu*).

Question put, and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That this Senate do proceed on Recess from Monday, 21st July to Friday, 29th August, 1980.—(*Sen. Res. 56-80*).

3. **Investigation into Labour Matters** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the growing industrial unrest in the country and the need to have industrial peace in all sectors of the economy, the Senate—in accordance with provisions of Sections 82 and 83 of the Constitution and with further reference to Motion No. 6 of 11th February, 1980 directing the Senate Committee on Labour to examine and present a comprehensive Bill on Labour matters—hereby resolve that the Committee on Labour do conduct investigations or hearings into :

1. the existing conditions of service of the Nigerian workers in the public and private sectors of the economy ;
2. the causes of industrial unrest in the country both in the public and private sectors of the economy ;
3. other labour matters referred to the Committee and requiring prompt investigations for the sake of industrial peace in the country ;

and direct that the Committee presents its reports, findings and recommendations to the Senate and ensure that an appropriate Bill is presented when or wherever necessary for the action of the Senate.—(*Senator J. O. Ansa*).

Debate Arising :—

Senator Ogunleye rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *withdrawn*.

4. **Investigations into the activities of McDermott (Nigeria) Limited** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the serious allegations made on sworn affidavit by a former employee of McDermott (Nigeria) Limited, an oil engineering company whose head office is situated at Plot 293 Akin Olugbade Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, ranging from out right infringement of the Foreign Exchange Decree, through deliberate evasion of tax, to illegal operation of Communication links with the outside world thus endangering the security of this country, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria invokes Sections 82 and 83 of the Constitution and direct the Committee on Petroleum and Energy to investigate the activities of the said McDermott (Nigeria) Limited in order to ascertain :

1. whether the company has breached the Nigerian Indigenisation Decree ;
2. the truth of the allegation that the company operates in Nigeria and off-shore within the Nigerian territorial waters illegal Telex and Telephone links with New Orleans and Brussels, thereby bye-passing the normal P & T external service controlled communication system ;
3. the number of such messages sent out of the country every month through these alleged illegal communication systems and how much revenue from 1977 to date could have accrued to the Federal Government if those messages were sent through the normal P & T external service system ;
4. the truth of the allegation that activities of McDermott (Nigeria) Limited outside of the territorial waters of Nigeria, viz, Zaire, Angola, Douala, Gabon, et cetera, are performed with materials purchased abroad with Nigerian foreign exchange and with expatriate personnel on its Nigeria quota ;
5. how much revenue (if any) has accrued in from of foreign exchange earnings from those activities in foreign countries ;
6. the truth of the allegation that the expatriate personnel who entered Nigeria with visitors' visas but work for the company earn their salaries tax free ;
7. the truth of the allegation that the company practises apartheid in Nigeria by operating a canteen exclusively for its expatriate staff ;

8. the truth of the allegation that the company runs an unregistered clinic with expatriate nurses who entered Nigeria on false quota classification as Doctors ;
9. if the company has evaded payment of company tax to the Federal Government and PAYE tax of its expatriate staff nurse since 1964 to Bendel and Lagos State Governments, and
- co-opt into the Committee for this investigation, experts in relevant fields in order to facilitate its investigations and to report its findings and recommendations to the Senate.—(Senator Nosike Iko).

Debate Arising :—

Senator A. A. Adesanya rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate Resumed :—

On the Motion of Senator Nosike Ikpo, the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

5. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.47 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 15th July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.17 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Count of the Senate**,—Notice taken by Senator Jaja Wachuku that a quorum was not present. The Senate was counted and 34 Senators being present, Mr President proceeded with the business ordered for the day.
3. Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a request from the people of Aba for the creation of a new State to be known as "Aba State". The document was referred to the Special Committee on the creation of more States for consideration.
4. Mr President further acquainted the Senate that he had received a request from the people of Ondo for the creation of a State to be known as the "New Ondo State". The document was referred to the Special Committee on the creation of more States for consideration.
5. **Official Delegation to the United States of America** : Mr President informed the Senate that arrangement had been completed for some Senators to visit the United States commencing from 21st July, 1980. The composition of the Delegations was read as follows :—

ARRANGEMENT FOR SENATORS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

From July 21st to August 1st, 1980 :

Senator Iliya Audu— <i>Leader</i>	—	Senator E. P. Echeruo
Senator Isa Obaro		Senator E. E. Emezie
Senator M. M. Agwai		Senator J. O. Olu
Senator Andrew Abogede		Senator Kunle Oyero
Senator George Daniel		Senator Nosike Ikpo
Senator N. N. Anah		Senator Bello Bakori
Senator Offia Nwali		

From August 18th to 28th, 1980 :

(Declined the nomination)

Senator Suemo-Chia— <i>Leader</i>	Senator Onyeabo Obi
Senator Abubakar Magaji	Senator A. A. Adesanya
Senator Garba Kware	Senator M. A. O. Abiru
Senator Ibrahim Barau	Senator E. K. Ogunleye
Senator J. J. Mangga	Senator Alto Dambatta
Senator F. J. Ellah	

From September 3rd to 11th September, 1980 :

Senator D. D. Etiebet— <i>Leader</i>	Senator John Wash Pam
Senator A. D. Rufai	Senator Ibrahim Barau
Senator A. A. Ali	Senator Mu'azu Marafa
Senator T. Anyanwu	Senator Obi Wali
Senator Garba Gada	Senator C. O. Adeoye
Senator Ibrahim Dimis	Senator A. Ajayi
Senator Mahmud Waziri	Senator Lere Adesina
Senator Hamisu Musa	

6. Mr President further informed the Senate that Senator A. D. Rufai who led the National Assembly Delegation to the U.S.S.R. had been invited by the U.S.S.R. Parliamentary Group to attend the current Olympic Games taking place in Moscow as a guest of honour.

7. National Dock Labour (Amendment) Bill, 1980 : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate do resolve itself into Committee of the whole Senate for the purpose of considering the National Dock Labour (Amendment) Bill, 1980.

Question put and *agreed to*.

Senate accordingly *resolved* into Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause 1

Amendment made in line 1 by *leaving out* the word "Federation" and *substituting* the words "Federal Republic" instead thereof.

Another Amendment proposed in line 8, to *leave out* the word "five" and *substitute* the word "there"—(Senator J. O. Ansa).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of line 8, to *insert* the following words :—

"being persons who in his opinion are knowledgeable and experienced in Administration, Commerce or Industry".—(Senator J. O. Ansa).

As an Amendment to Senator Ansa's Amendment, in line 8, *leave out* the words "being persons" and the words "in his opinion".—(Senator S. M. Ojukwu).

Question, That the words proposed to be left out be left out, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed in line 9, to *leave out* the word "one" and *substitute* the word "two" instead thereof.—(Senator J. O. Ansa).

Question, put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed in line 12, to *leave out* the word "two" and *substitute* the word "three" instead thereof.

Question put and *negatived*.

Another Amendment made in line 14, by *leaving out* "sub-paragraph (f)" and *substituting* the following instead thereof "f—a representative of the Nigerian Ports Authority".

Clause 1, as amended, put and *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported, with Amendments, read the Third Time and *passed*.

8. Investigations into the activities of McDermott (Nigeria) Limited : Adjourned Debate on Question (14th July, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the serious allegations made on sworn affidavit by a former employee of McDermott (Nigeria) Limited, an oil engineering company whose head office is situated at Plot 293 Akin Olugbade Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, ranging from out right infringement of the Foreign Exchange Decree, through deliberate evasion of tax, to illegal operation of Communication links with the outside world thus endangering the security of this country, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria invokes Sections 82 and 83 of the Constitution and direct the Committee on Petroleum and Energy to investigate the activities of the said McDermott (Nigeria) Limited in order to ascertain :

1. whether the company has breached the Nigerian Indigenisation Decree ;
2. the truth of the allegation that the company operates in Nigeria and off-shore within the Nigerian territorial waters illegal Telex and Telephone links with New Orleans and Brussels, thereby bye-passing the normal P&T external service controlled communication system ;
3. the number of such messages sent out of the country every month through these alleged illegal communication systems and how much revenue from 1977 to date could have accrued to the Federal Government if those messages were sent through the normal P&T external service system ;
4. the truth of the allegation that activities of McDermott (Nigeria) Limited outside the territorial waters of Nigeria, viz, Zaire, Angola, Douala, Gabon, et cetera, are performed with materials purchased abroad with Nigerian foreign exchange and with expatriate personnel on its Nigeria quota ;
5. how much revenue (if any) has accrued in form of foreign exchange earnings from those activities in foreign countries ;
6. the truth of the allegation that the expatriate personnel who entered Nigeria with visitors' visas but work for the company earn their salaries tax free ;
7. the truth of the allegation that the company practises apartheid in Nigeria by operating a canteen exclusively for its expatriate staff ;
8. the truth of the allegation that the company runs an unregistered clinic with expatriate nurses who entered Nigeria on false quota classification as Doctors ;

9. if the company has evaded payment of company tax to the Federal Government and P.A.Y.E. tax of its expatriate staff nurse since 1964 to Bendel and Lagos State Governments, and co-opt into the Committee for this investigation, experts in relevant fields in order to facilitate its investigations and to report its findings and recommendations to the Senate.—(*Senator Nosike Ikpo*).

Question again proposed :—*Debate Resumed* :—

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *deferred* for consideration in future.

9. National Boundaries for Nigeria : Motion made, and Question proposed, That aware of the need and importance to any nation of being sure at all times of its boundaries with neighbouring countries both on the land and at sea, and conscious of the political, economic and social importance of such boundaries to the nation, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria calls upon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to cause to be laid before the Senate detailed information regarding :

- (i) land boundaries of Nigeria with its neighbouring countries ;
- (ii) sea boundaries of Nigeria with such neighbouring countries ;
- (iii) area (if any) where such boundaries are yet to be officially agreed upon, indicating the country or countries involved, and
- (iv) the steps being taken to resolve the differences where the boundaries are yet to be officially agreed upon.—(*Senator Suemo-Chia*).

Debate Arising :—

Senator Abiru rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *negatived*.

10. Local Government Reforms : Motion made, and Question proposed, That conscious of the provision in Section 3 (2) of the Nigerian Constitution ; aware of Section 7 (1), (2) and (3) of the said Constitution on the creation and structures of Local Governments in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and believing in our responsibilities and powers under Section 7 (5) and (6) (a) of the Nigerian Constitution to make statutory financial allocations to all Local Governments in this country, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria calls on the President to summon a meeting of all the Governments in the Federation to :

1. review the last Local Government Reforms carried out by the Military Administration, and
2. resolve all conflicting claims and counter claims on the creation of more Local Government Areas in the Federation in the interest of peace, progress and stability of this country.—(*Sen. Iliya Adu*).

Debate Arising :—

On the Motion of Senator Ogunleye, the Debate stood *adjourned*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

11. Utilisation of the Old Port Harcourt Airport for Local Flights : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the traffic and security problems inescapably associated with the new Port Harcourt Airport which is very far away from Port Harcourt City and from most of the Local Government Areas in Rivers State, and in view of the fact that the old Port Harcourt Airport is satisfactorily serving the need of the people on local flights, this Senate hereby resolve that the new Port Harcourt Airport be used for international flights while the old Airport should continue to be used for local flights.—(*Senator Cyrus Nwuneh*).

Debate Arising :—

And it being 5.45 p.m. Mr President proceeded to interrupt the Business pursuant to Standing Order 4 (3). Consequently the Motion on the Utilisation of the Old Port Harcourt Airport for local flights, *lapsed* in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 18 (3).

12. Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.53 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th July, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.06 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Official Delegation to the United States** : Mr President read the amended list of Senators who had been nominated to go to the United States. It was agreed that the Senators in the first group should proceed as proposed yesterday and that the Party Leaders should submit two additional names for inclusion in the remaining two groups.

3. **Excise Tariff (Consolidation) Amendment Bill, 1980**,—Bill entitled "Excise Tariff (Consolidation) Amendment Act, 1980" was presented by Senator E. P. Echeruo and read the first time. The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on 3rd September, 1980 subject to the approval of the Rules and Business Committee.

4. **Local Government Reforms**: Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (15th July, 1980),— Motion made, and Question proposed, That conscious of the provision in Section 3 (2) of the Nigerian Constitution ; aware of Section 7 (1), (2) and (3) of the said Constitution on the creation and structures of Local Governments in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and believing in our responsibilities and powers under Section 7 (5) and (6) (a) of the Nigerian Constitution to make statutory financial allocations to all Local Government in this country, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria calls on the President to summon a meeting of all the Governments in the Federation to :

1. review the last Local Government Reforms carried out by the Military Administration, and
2. resolve all conflicting claims and counter claims on the creation of more Local Governments Areas in the Federation in the interest of peace, progress and stability of this country.—(Senator Iliya Adu, Senator D. D. Etiebet, Senator Hawisu Musa, Senator Cyrūs Nunieli, Senator Ademola Adegoke, Senator Ja' Afar J. Manga, Senator G. B. Hoonkwap, Senator Jaja Wachuku, Senator A. A. Ali, Senator Uba Ahmed).

Question again proposed :—Debate resumed :—

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was deferred till 13th October, 1980.

5. **Order of Precedence** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That realising that the country has just returned to civilian rule after 13 years of Military Government, and conscious of the fact that after six months of experimentation in the new Presidential system of Government the nation has been in a state of protocol flux, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria therefore resolve that the order of precedence in the Federal Republic of Nigeria should be as follows :

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. President of the Senate
4. Speaker of the House of Representatives
Chief Justice of Nigeria
5. Deputy President of the Senate
Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives
Justices of Supreme Courts (according to the dates of their appointment)
President of the Federal Court of Appeal
Retired Chief Justices
Retired Justices of Supreme Court (those who resign do not have any rank)
6. Former Heads of State of Nigeria
Widows of former Heads of State
Senators
All Ministers with Cabinet Rank
Governors (although as hosts in their respective States, they come after the Vice-President of the Federation)
7. Members of the House of Representatives
Ministers of State
Foreign Ambassadors/High Commissioners
Deputy Governors

8. Chief of Defence Staff
Secretary to the Federal Government
Justices of Federal Court of Appeal
Chief Judge of the Federal High Court
9. Other Members of Council of States
10. Service Chiefs including Inspector-General of Police and Deputy Chief of Defence Staff
Justices of the Federal High Court
11. Presidential Advisers
12. Head of Civil Service of the Federation
The Clerk of the National Assembly
The Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court
13. Chairmen, Federal Civil Service Commission
Federal Electoral Commission
Police Service Commission
Code of Conduct Bureau, *et cetera*
14. Auditor-General of the Federation
15. Federal Permanent Secretaries
Deputy Inspector-General of Police
Deputy Chief of Army Staff
Deputy Chief of Naval Staff
16. State Chief of Protocol
17. Nigerian Ambassadors and High Commissioners
(They come next to the Ministers of Non-Cabinet Rank when in their stations or during the visit of their host Head of States).
18. Governor of Central Bank
19. Archbishops, Chief Imams and equivalents
20. Charge de Affairs and Representatives of International Organisation
21. Clerk of the Senate
Clerk of the House of Representatives
22. Chairmen of Federal Boards, Corporations and Parastatals
23. Directors and Heads of Federal Government Departments
24. Federal Officials and Military Personnel on Grade Level 14 and above.

Debate Arising :—

Amendment proposed in line 4, to *insert* the words "Former Heads of State of Nigeria" after the words "Chief Justice of Nigeria".—(Senator D. Oke).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment made in line 6, to *delete* the words "Former Heads of State of Nigeria" and "Widows of Former Heads of State of Nigeria".—(Senator D. Oke).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Whereupon Senator Ansa rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

On the Motion of Senator Ansa, the Motion was *referred* to the Rules and Business Committee.

6. Executive Communication : By leave of the Senate, the Secretary to the Government presented a sealed envelope from the Executive President to the Senate. The communication contained in it was read as follows by the Clerk :—



THE STATE HOUSE

10th June, 1980.

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate MR MAMMAN ALI MAKELE as a Minister (non-Cabinet rank) of the Government of the Federation in accordance with Section 135 (2), and in conformity with the provisions of Section 14 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



THE STATE HOUSE

26th June, 1980

TO THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

I nominate DR EMMANUEL D. ATANU, as Minister (non-Cabinet rank) of the Government of the Federation in accordance with Section 135 (2), and in conformity with the provisions of Section 14 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

7. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.30 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 15th July, 1980

After item 11, insert a new item 12 as follows :

"The Senate *ordered* that Sen. Res. 50-80 on Political Persecution and Victimisation be *referred* to the Committee on Internal Affairs. The Committee should report its findings to the Senate".

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 17th July, 1980 .

1. The Senate met at 3.06 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Mr President informed the Senate that the President of the American Senate, Mr Mondel would visit the Senate on Tuesday and requested that the Senate Leader and the Party Leaders should endeavour to attend the meeting scheduled for 2.30 p.m. in one of the Committee Rooms to receive the august visitor.

3. **Report of the Committee on Public Service on the Appointment of Members of the Federal Electoral Commission :** Motion made, and Question proposed, That it be resolved and it is hereby resolved, That the appointment of the following persons as Members of the Federal Electoral Commission is confirmed by the Senate :—

Mr Justice Victor Ererekö Ovie-Wiskey—*Chairman*

Anambra	Chief J. B. C. Anyaegbuna	Member
Anambra	Mrs Ethel Onwu	Member
Bauchi	Alhaji Ahmed Kari	Member
Bendel	Mr O. I. Afe	Member
Benue	Brigadier I. N. Obeya	Member
Borno	Alhaji Mustapha Umara	Member
Cross River	Mr R. F. Uko	Member
Imo	Mr A. N. Adumanu	Member
Kwara	Alhaji Liman Umaru	Member
Kaduna	Mrs Husa Iro Inko	Member
Kaduna	Alhaji Aminu Salihu	Member
Kano	Alhaji Mohammadu Nashabaru	Member
Kano	Alhaji Zubairu Danbatta	Member
Lagos	Dr (Mrs) Mabadeje	Member
Niger	Alhaji Umaru Audi	Member
Oyo	Dr Lateef O. Arému	Member
Plateau	Alhaji M. B. Ibrahim	Member
Plateau	Mrs E. A. Pam	Member
Rivers	Chief P. G. Warmate	Member
Sokoto	Alhaji Garba Jabo	Member

—(Senator D. D. Etiebet).

Debate Arising :—

Senator Isa Obaro rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question, put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That it be resolved and it is hereby resolved, That the appointment of the following Members of the Federal Electoral Commission is confirmed by the Senate :

Mr Justice Victor Ererekö Ovie-Wiskey—*Chairman*

Anambra	Chief J. B. C. Anyaegbuna	Member
Anambra	Mrs Ethel Onwu	Member
Bauchi	Alhaji Ahmed Kari	Member
Bendel	Mr O. I. Afe	Member
Benue	Brigadier I. N. Obeya	Member
Borno	Alhaji Mustapha Umara	Member
Cross River	Mr R. F. Uko	Member
Imo	Mr A. N. Adumanu	Member
Kwara	Alhaji Liman Umaru	Member
Kaduna	Mrs Husa Iro Inko	Member
Kaduna	Alhaji Aminu Salihu	Member
Kano	Alhaji Mohammadu Nashabaru	Member
Kano	Alhaji Zubairu Danbatta	Member

Lagos	Dr (Mrs) Mabadeje	Member
Niger	Alhaji Umaru Audi	Member
Oyo	Dr Lateef O. Aremu	Member
Plateau	Alhaji M. B. Ibrahim	Member
Plateau	Mrs E. A. Pam	Member
Rivers	Chief P. G. Warmate	Member
Sokoto	Alhaji Garba Jabo	Member

—(Sen. Res. 58-80).

4. Report of the Committee on Judiciary on the Appointment of Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on the appointment of the Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau be confirmed.—(Senator N. N. Anah).

Question, That the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on the appointment of Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau be confirmed, put, the Senate *Divided*—

Ayes : 54

Noes : 22

Abstentions : 2

DIVISION LIST No. 1

AYES 54

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| 1. Senator N. N. Anah | 28. Senator S. M. Ojukwu |
| 2. Senator I. N. Ani | 29. Senator Jaja A. Wachuku |
| 3. Senator Offia Nwali | 30. Senator Abba Ali |
| 4. Senator B. C. Okwu | 31. Senator Bello Bakori |
| 5. Senator M. Uba Ahmed | 32. Senator Ibrahim Barau |
| 6. Senator Ibrahim Dimis | 33. Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura |
| 7. Senator A. D. Rufai | 34. Senator J. K. Madaki |
| 8. Senator I. Jalo Waziri. | 35. Senator Adamu Gaya |
| 9. Senator D. O. Dafinone | 36. Senator Isa Obaro |
| 10. Senator Andrew Abogede | 37. Senator A. M. Gani |
| 11. Senator Amadu A. Ali | 38. Senator A. Sola Saraki |
| 12. Senator Suemo-Chia | 39. Senator Garba Musa Dada |
| 13. Senator Ameh Ebute | 40. Senator Abubakar Magaji |
| 14. Senator Umara Lawan Bama | 41. Senator Abdullah Mu'azu |
| 15. Senator M. G. Lawan | 42. Senator Jibrin Salihu |
| 16. Senator Ja'afar J. Mangga | 43. Senator M. M. Agwai |
| 17. Senator Bukar Sanda | 44. Senator G. B. Hoomkwap |
| 18. Senator Victor Akan | 45. Senator Garba Matta |
| 19. Senator J. O. Ansa | 46. Senator John Wash Pam |
| 20. Senator George A. Daniel | 47. Senator C. N. Nunieh |
| 21. Senator D. D. Etiebet | 48. Senator Obi Wali |
| 22. Senator Iliya Galiya Audu | 49. Senator Amatari Zuofa |
| 23. Senator Gayus Gilama | 50. Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim |
| 24. Senator Mahmud Waziri | 51. Senator Garba Gada |
| 25. Senator Tony Anyanwu | 52. Senator Garba Kware |
| 26. Senator E. P. Echeruo | 53. Senator Haruna Muza |
| 27. Senator E. E. Emezie | 54. Senator Hassan Zuru |

NOES 22

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| 1. Senator E. I. O. Akpata | 12. Senator Kunle Oyero |
| 2. Senator Nosike Ikpo | 13. Senator S. O. Sogbein |
| 3. Senator J. O. Umolu | 14. Senator S. A. Akintoye |
| 4. Senator Luka Zanya Zing | 15. Senator Ayo Fasanmi |
| 5. Senator M. A. O. Abiru | 16. Senator E. K. Ogunleye |
| 6. Senator A. O. Ajayi | 17. Senator D. O. Oke |
| 7. Senator Obafemi Ayantuga | 18. Senator M. A. E. Onunkun |
| 8. Senator A. A. Durosimi | 19. Senator Ademola Adegoke |
| 9. Senator Sikiru A. Shitta-Bey | 20. Senator C. Laogun Adecoye |
| 10. Senator A. A. Adesanya | 21. Senator Olalere Adesina |
| 11. Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi | 22. Senator C. O. Ilori |

ABSTENTIONS 2

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| 1. Senator Ahmed Zakari | 2. Senator Onyecabo Obi |
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Tellers : Ayes—Senator Uba Ahmed

Tellers : Noes—Senator A. A. Durosimi

And so the Question was *resolved* in the *affirmative*.

Resolved, That it be resolved and it is hereby resolved, That the appointment of the following persons as Members of the Code of Conduct Bureau is confirmed by the Senate :

Alhaji Isa Kaita	Chairman
Alhaji Madu Maibe	Member
Alhaji Hassan Lemu	Member
Alhaji Zubairu Mahmud	Member
Mr Boniface Chibunna Nwakanma	Member
Mrs F. M. Sowole	Member
Mr Moses Olarenwaju Egundeyi	Member
Alhaji Usman Bichi	Member
Rev. Akpan Ukpong	Member
Alhaji Isa Iko	Member
Mr Agan Dankaro	Member
Chief A. B. Batubo	Member

—(Sen. Res. 59-80).

5. Confirmation of Ministers : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979, the Senate is requested to confirm and hereby confirm the nominations by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federation :—

Mr Mamman Ali Makele	Minister of Non-Cabinet Rank
Dr Emmanuel Y. Atanu	Minister of Non-Cabinet Rank

—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Debate arising :—

Senator Umolu rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question accordingly put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 135 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, the Senate is requested to confirm and hereby confirm the nominations by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federation :—

1. Mr Mamman Ali Makele	Minister of Non-Cabinet Rank—Confirmed
2. Dr Emmanuel Y. Atanu	Minister of Non-Cabinet Rank—Confirmed

—(S. Res. 60-80).

6. N.P.P. Leadership in the Senate : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate Resolution 17-80 of 21st February, 1980, which recognised Senator B. C. Okwu as N.P.P. Leader in the Senate be hereby rescinded and that Senator Obi Wali be now recognised as the N.P.P. Leader in the Senate.—(Senator Jaja Wachuku).

Debate arising :—

Senator Onyeabo Obi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Question, That Senate Resolution 17-80 of 21st February, 1980 be rescinded, put, the Senate *Divided*:

Ayes 11;

Noes 26;

Abstentions 40

DIVISION LIST No. 2

AYES 11

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| 1. Senator I. N. Ani | 7. Senator G. B. Hoomkwap |
| 2. Senator Onyeabo Obi | 8. Senator Garba Matta |
| 3. Senator Victor Akan | 9. Senator John Wash Pan |
| 4. Senator Emeka P. Echeruo | 10. Senator C. N. Nunieh |
| 5. Senator E. E. Emezio | 11. Senator Obi Wali |
| 6. Senator Jaja A. Wachuku | |

DIVISION LIST No. 2

NOES 26

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| 1. Senator N. N. Anah | 14. Senator J. K. Madaki |
| 2. Senator Offia Nwali | 15. Senator A. M. Gani |
| 3. Senator B. C. Okwu | 16. Senator Garba Musa Dada |
| 4. Senator Mohammed Uba Ahmed | 17. Senator Abubakar Magaji |
| 5. Senator Ibrahim Dimis | 18. Senator Abdullah Mu'azu |
| 6. Senator A. D. Rufai | 19. Senator Jibrin Salihu |
| 7. Senator Andrew Abogede | 20. Senator Muhammed Musa Agwai |
| 8. Senator Ameh Ebutc | 21. Senator Amatari Zuofa |
| 9. Senator Iliya Galiya Audu | 22. Senator Muhtari Abdulkarim |
| 10. Senator Tony Anyanwu | 23. Senator Garba Gada |
| 11. Senator S. M. Ojukwu. | 24. Senator Garba Kwere |
| 12. Senator Abba Ali | 25. Senator Haruna Muza |
| 13. Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura | 26. Senator Hassan Zuru |

ABSTENTIONS 40

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| 1. Senator I. Jalo Waziri | 21. Senator Adamu Gaya |
| 2. Senator E. I. O. Akpata | 22. Senator Ahmed Zakari |
| 3. Senator D. O. Dafinone | 23. Senator Isa Obaro |
| 4. Senator Nosike Ikpo | 24. Senator A. Sola Saraki |
| 5. Senator J. O. Umolu | 25. Senator A. O. Ajayi |
| 6. Senator Amadu A. Ali | 26. Senator Obafemi Ayantuga |
| 7. Senator Suemo-Chia | 27. Senator A. A. Durosimi |
| 8. Senator Umara Lawan Bama | 28. Senator Sikiru A. Shitta-Bey |
| 9. Senator Idrisa Kadi | 29. Senator A. A. Adesanya |
| 10. Senator Mohammed G. Lawan | 30. Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi |
| 11. Senator Ja'afar J. Mangga | 31. Senator Kunle Oyer |
| 12. Senator Bukar Sanda | 32. Senator S. O. Sogbein |
| 13. Senator J. O. Ansa | 33. Senator S. A. Akintoye |
| 14. Senator George A. Daniel | 34. Senator Ayo Fasanmi |
| 15. Senator D. D. Etiebet | 35. Senator D. O. Oke |
| 16. Senator Gayus Gifama | 36. Senator M. A. E. Onunkun |
| 17. Senator Mahmud Waziri | 37. Senator Ademola Adegoke |
| 18. Senator Luka Zanya Zing | 38. Senator C. 'Laogun Adeoye |
| 19. Senator Bello Bakori | 39. Senator Olalere Adesina |
| 20. Senator Ibrahim Barau | 40. Senator C. O. Ilori |

And so the Question was *negatived*.

Tellers : Ayes—Senator E. P. Echeruo

Noes—Senator Uba Ahmed

7. G.N.P.P. Leadership in the Senate : Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate Resolution 20-79 of 21st November, 1979 which recognised Senator Idrisa Kadi as G.N.P.P. Leader in the Senate be rescinded and that Senator Ja'afaru J. Mangga be now recognised as the G.N.P.P. Leader in the Senate in his place, further that Senator George Daniel be recognised as G.N.P.P. Deputy Leader in the Senate while Senator Idrisa Kadi be recognised G.N.P.P. Chief Whip in the Senate.—(Senator J. Mangga).

Debate arising :—

Senator Daniel rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed

Main Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Senate Resolution 20-79 of 21st November, 1979 which recognised Senator Idrisa Kadi as G.N.P.P. Leader in the Senate be rescinded and that Senator Ja'afaru J. Mangga be now recognised as the G.N.P.P. Leader in the Senate in his place, further that Senator George Daniel be recognised as G.N.P.P. Deputy Leader in the Senate while Senator Idrisa Kadi be recognised G.N.P.P. Chief Whip in the Senate.—(Sen. Res. 61-80).

After the adoption of the above Resolution, Senator Idrisa Kadi declined his recognition as the G.N.P.P. Chief Whip.

8. Official Delegations : Mr President informed the Senate that the list of Senate Delegation to the United States had been amended and would be displayed on the Bulletin Board *Tomorrow*.

Mr President also acquainted the Senate that he had been invited to Brazil by his Brazillian counterpart and that he would also visit the new Capital Territory of that country. He further informed the Senate that he would visit Morocco on the invitation of the Moroccan Authorities.

9. Return of Police Orderlies to Strictly Police Duties : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the increasing wave of crimes in our society and the shortage of policemen to man our various establishments, prevent and/or detect crimes, this Senate prays the Executive President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to relieve the following of their Police Orderlies so that they may return to their proper police duties :

1. Ministers of the Federal Republic;
2. Special Advisers to the President ;
3. Special Advisers to the State Governors ;
4. State Commissioners ;
5. Presidential Liaison Officers ;
6. All others that hold political appointments in the Federal Republic, excepting the President of the Federal Republic, the Vice-President, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Leader of the Senate and the Leader of the House of Representatives, the State Governors, and their Deputies.—(Senator A. Abogede).

Debate arising :—

By leave of the Senate, the Motion was *withdrawn*.

10. Sittings of the Senate : Motion made, and Question proposed, That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) the Senate shall sit till late in the evening *this day*.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) the Senate shall sit till late in the evening *this day*.

11. The following Motions on the Order Paper were *deferred* for discussion in future :

- (i) Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Petroleum and Energy on its Tour to the Oil Spillage Areas in the Rivers and the Bendel States.—(Senator A. A. Ali).
- (ii) Protection of Nigerians Abroad.—(Senator Femi Ayantuga).

12. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on *Friday, 29th August, 1980*.

Adjourned accordingly at 6.40 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 1st September, 1980

The Senate met at 3.12 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Report from the Rules and Business Committee on the Standing Rules of the Senate :** Senator Jibrin Salihu laid on the Table the Report of the Rules and Business Committee on the Standing Rules of the Senate. The Report was *ordered* to be debated on *Monday, 15th September, 1980* by the Committee of the whole Senate.

3. **Report of the President's Official Visit to Brazil**—Mr President reported to the Senate that he paid an official visit to Brazil and that he and his entourage were warmly received by the Senate of that Country. He expressed the hope that it would be possible for the Senate to invite Senators from Brazil to visit the Nigerian Senate. He enjoined other Senators to visit Brazil in future.

4. **Executive Communication :** Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received communications from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and called on the Clerk to read to the Senates. The letters were read as follows :—

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.2

4th August, 1980

The Hon. Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

The Hon. Edwin U. Ezeoke,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMISSION BILL 1980

I would like to refer you to the proposed law No. 9 of 1980, the National Assembly Service Commission Bill 1980 and to inform you with regret that I do not intend to assent to the Bill. My reasons for veto of the Bill are as follows :—

- (i) The composition of the Commission as stated in Section 2 of the Bill consists of the President of the Senate as Chairman, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as Vice-Chairman, the Deputy President of the Senate, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Leader of each of the Political Parties in the Senate and the Clerk of the National Assembly as Members.

This composition, in my mind, infringes Section 64 Subsection 1 (e) of the Constitution which states as follows :—

“A member of the Senate or of the House of Representatives shall vacate his seat in the House of which he is a member if save as otherwise prescribed by this Constitution, he becomes a member of a Commission or other body established by this Constitution or by any other law.”

I have observed that this Bill was made under Section 47 of the Constitution. Unless all the above members of the National Assembly Service Commission are prepared to vacate their seats, they cannot serve as members of the Commission. I am also convinced that it is not the intention of the members to vacate their respective seats in the National Assembly. I am also to observe that since their membership of the Commission under Section 2 of the Bill was automatic after I assent the Bill; they must resign their seats immediately and cannot sit either as a Senator or as a member of the House of Representatives.

- (ii) With regard to the Clerk of the National Assembly, I am to observe that it is the same Section 47 of the Bill which creates his office and it is the same Bill which prescribes the method of his appointment. Since the Commission will have power to discipline him or fire him, it is my view that it is inappropriate or rather absurd that the Clerk of the National Assembly should be made a member of such a Commission even if with no voting rights.

(iii) Section 47 under which the Bill is enacted vests the National Assembly with the power to make the necessary law but does not and cannot validly clothe the National Assembly with the power to execute the laws made under that Section 47. The pith and marrow of the provisions of the Bill as they now stand is that the National Assembly assumes, rightly, the power to make the necessary laws and at the same time assumes, wrongly, the power to execute the law made by it under Section 47.

(iv) Section 5 of the Constitution vests in me the executive powers of the Federation and Section 5 (1) (b) reads as follows :—

“Subject to the provision of this Constitution the executive powers of the Federation shall extend to the execution and maintenance of this Constitution, all laws made by the National Assembly and to all matters with respect to the National Assembly as for the time being power to make laws”.

2. With this provision, it is my view that the National Assembly is limited to the making of the necessary law as stipulated by Section 47 of the Constitution and it is myself who now appoint members of the Commission to exercise the various powers for the appointment of the Clerk and other staff of the National Assembly. Whether by an act of National Assembly the Federal Civil Service Commission should now be designated as the Commission for the purposes of Section 47 or whether an entirely new body should be set up for this purpose is a matter for policy decision in drafting the necessary Bill.

(v) You will observe that Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Bill are dependent largely on the validity of Section 2 of the Bill and if Section 2 is inoperative, as I believe it is, then Sections 3, 4 and 5 cannot stand. We are now left with Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Bill which are rather meaningless without the previous Sections. Sections 9 and 10 are mere interpretation and citation Sections.

I am also of the opinion that the National Assembly Service Commission, like the Judicial Service Commission should deal with only such professional posts as are related to the National Assembly functions and leave the other posts common to the Service to belong to the general pool of officers to which the Federal Civil Service Commission is responsible. Accordingly, if you agree with my observations I intend to submit to the National Assembly an entirely new Bill on the subject matter for the consideration of the Hon. Assembly.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

After the letter had been read to the Senate, Mr President ordered the Clerk to read his own letter to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the same subject. The letter was read as follows :—

S/NA/S.210/TI/4

24th July, 1980

Alhaji Shehu Shagari,
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces,
State House,
Lagos.

Mr President,

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMISSION ACT No. 9, 1980

I wish to withdraw the National Assembly Service Commission Act No. 9, 1980, which was submitted to you under Clerk of the National Assembly's covering letter No. S/NA/S.210 dated 30th June, 1980 for your assent. I am doing this because we have since discovered that under Section 64 (1) (e) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, a Member of the National Assembly cannot be a member of the Commission and at the same time retain his seat in the National Assembly. A new Section 2 of the Bill is being proposed to the National Assembly, for its consideration when it reconvenes towards the end of August.

2. As soon as the Section is passed, the Bill will be re-printed and re-submitted to you for assent in accordance with Subsection 4 of Section 54 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979.

Yours Sincerely,

J. WAYAS,
President of the Senate

Upon the Motion of the Senate Leader Senator Sola Saraki the letter was ordered to be circulated for debate Tomorrow.

5. Papers distributed to Senators during Recess : The following reports received during recess were distributed to the Senators :—

(i) Report of the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Crude Oil Sales and The Views of the Government of the Federation on the Report of the Crude Oil Sales Tribunal.

(ii) Revenue Allocation Report (not yet circulated).

(iii) Report of the Police Prison Vehicle (Death of Suspects) Tribunal of Inquiry together with The Views of the Government of the Federation thereon.

6. Amendment to Paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria: Motion made, and Question proposed. That this Senate doth agree with the House of Representatives in the following Resolution.—(*Senator Sola Saraki*).

That this House recognises the urgent need to amend Paragraphs 11 and 12 of Part I of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979 dealing with the Composition and Functions of the National Economic Council established by Section 140 of the Constitution and hereby approves that a Bill be introduced in the National Assembly to amend the Constitution as follows:—

1.—(1) The Act may be cited as the First Constitutional Amendment Act, 1980 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the day it is assented to by the President of Nigeria or by the operation of law.

2. Delete the entire Paragraph 11 and instead substitute the following new Paragraph 11 :

11.—The National Economic Council shall comprise the following members, namely:—

(a) a Chairman, who shall be nominated by the President subject to confirmation by the National Assembly ;

(b) one person from each State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who shall be nominated by the State Governor subject to confirmation by the State Assembly ;

(c) the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria established under the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, or any enactment replacing that Act.

(d) without prejudice to the provisions of Section 143 of the Constitution, the Chairman and members of the National Economic Council shall be persons knowledgeable in economics or financial matters or budgetary planning or allied disciplines ; provided that he is not a person already holding political office or employed in the Civil Service.

3. Delete the entire Paragraph 12 and instead substitute the following new Paragraph 12 :

"12.—The National Economic Council shall advise the President concerning the economic affairs of the Federation."

Debate arising :

Whereupon Mr President called upon the Clerk to read a Message from the House of Representatives relevant to the Motion under discussion. The letter was read as follows:—

Telegrams : CLERKNAS

Cables : NASLAG

Telephones : 632503

635001

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Ref.
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE,
P. M. B. 12572,
LAGOS, NIGERIA.

28th August, 1980

Mr A. A. Coker,
Clerk of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Lagos.

**THE AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPHS 11 AND 12 OF PART ONE OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUTION
OF THE FEDERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1979**

I wish to inform you that at their sitting on Wednesday, 27th of August, 1980, the House of Representatives passed the following Resolution :

"And a Motion being made, and a Question being proposed, That this House recognises the urgent need to amend Paragraphs 11 and 12 of Part I of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979 dealing with the Composition and Functions of the National Economic Council Established by Section 140 of the Constitution and hereby approves that a Bill be introduced in the National Assembly to amend the Constitution as follows :"

1.—(1) The Act may be cited as the First Constitutional Amendment Act, 1980, and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the day it is assented to by the President of Nigeria or by the operation of law.

2. Delete the entire Paragraph 11 and instead substitute the following new paragraph 11 :

11.—The National Economic Council shall comprise the following members, namely :—

(a) a Chairman, who shall be nominated by the President subject to confirmation by the National Assembly ;

(b) one person from each State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who shall be nominated by the State Governor subject to confirmation by the State Assembly ;

(c) the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria established under the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, or any enactment replacing that Act;

(d) without prejudice to the provisions of Section 143 of the Constitution, the Chairman and members of the National Economic Council shall be persons knowledgeable in economics or financial matters or budgetary planning or allied disciplines ; provided that he is not a person already holding political office or employed in the Civil Service.

3. Delete the entire Paragraph 12 and instead substitute the following new paragraph 12 :

“12.—The National Economic Council shall advise the President concerning the economic affairs of the Federation.”

I am to request you to bring the content of the above Resolution to the attention of the President of the Senate with a request that the same Resolution be passed by them.

B. L. OLINMAH,
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Debate resumed :—

Senator Abubakar Magaji rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President *withheld* his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed :—

Senator Sabo Bakin Zurjo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President *withheld* his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed :—

Suspension of Standing Order,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) be suspended to enable the Senate to complete the business under consideration. —(Senator *Sola Saraki*).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That Standing Order 4 (Sitting of the Senate) be suspended to enable the Senate to complete the business under consideration.

Whereupon Senator C. O. Adebayo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, that the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question accordingly put and by unanimous consent, a roll call was taken pursuant to Section 9 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979.

AYES : 69

NOES : 2

ABSTENTION : 1

DIVISION LIST

AYES

1. Senator I. N. Ani
2. Senator Offia Nwali
3. Senator Onyeabo Obi
4. Senator Basil Charles Okwu
5. Senator Mohammed Uba Ahmed
6. Senator Ibrahim Dimis
7. Senator Ahmadu Danjuma Rufa'i
8. Senator Ibrahim Jalo Waziri
9. Senator E. I. O. Akpata
10. Senator D. O. Dafinone
11. Senator J. O. Umolu
12. Senator Andrew Abogede
13. Senator A. A. Ali (C.O.N.)
14. Senator Suemo-Chia

15. Senator Amch Ebute
16. Senator Umaru Lawan Bama
17. Senator Bukar Sanda
18. Senator Victor Akan
19. Senator Joseph Oqua Ansa
20. Senator George Asuquo Daniel
21. Senator Donald Dick Eticbet
22. Senator Joseph Wayas
23. Senator Iliya Galiya Audu
24. Senator Bitrus Bzigu Kajal
25. Senator Mahmud Waziri
26. Senator Jaja Anucha Wachuku
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| 29. Senator Yusuf Aliyu Daura | 50. Senator S. O. Sogbein |
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| 31. Senator Hamisu Musa | 52. Senator Ayo Fasanmi |
| 32. Senator Ahmed Zakari | 53. Senator M. A. E. Onunkun |
| 33. Senator Sabo Bakin Zuwo | 54. Senator A. Adegoke |
| 34. Senator Isa Obaro | 55. Senator A. Adeleke |
| 35. Senator C. O. Adebayo | 56. Senator O. Adesina |
| 36. Senator J. O. Olu | 57. Senator C. O. Ilori |
| 37. Senator A. S. Saraki | 58. Senator M. M. Agwai |
| 38. Senator M. A. O. Abiru | 59. Senator G. B. Hoonkwap |
| 39. Senator A. O. Ajayi | 60. Senator T. Yepwi |
| 40. Senator A. A. Durosimi | 61. Senator G. Matta |
| 41. Senator S. A. Shitta-Bey | 62. Senator J. W. Pam |
| 42. Senator G. M. Dada | 63. Senator F. J. Ellah |
| 43. Senator Ibrahim Kolo | 64. Senator C. N. Nunich |
| 44. Senator A. Magaji | 65. Senator Obi Wali |
| 45. Senator A. Mu'azu | 66. Senator M. Abdulkarim |
| 46. Senator J. Salihu | 67. Senator G. Gada |
| 47. Senator D. A. Ladeza | 68. Senator Garba Kware |
| 48. Senator J. A. O. Odebiyi | 69. Senator Haruna Muza |
| 49. Senator Kunle Oyero | |

NOES

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| 1. Senator Ibrahim Barau | 2. Senator Christopher O. Adeoye |
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ABSTENTION

1. Senator D. O. Oke

Resolved, That this Senate doth agree with the House of Representatives in the following Resolution :

"That this House recognises the urgent need to amend Paragraphs 11 and 12 of Part I of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1979 dealing with the Composition and Functions of the National Economic Council established by Section 140 of the Constitution and hereby approves that a Bill be introduced in the National Assembly to amend the Constitution as follows :—

1.—(1) The Act may be cited as the First Constitutional Amendment Act, 1980 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the day it is assented to by the President of Nigeria or by the operation of law.

2. *Delete* the entire Paragraph 11 and instead *substitute* the following new Paragraph 11 :

11.—The National Economic Council shall comprise the following members, namely :—

(a) a Chairman, who shall be nominated by the President subject to confirmation by the National Assembly ;

(b) one person from each State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who shall be nominated by the State Governor subject to confirmation by the State Assembly;

(c) the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria established under the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, or any enactment replacing that Act ;

(d) without prejudice to the provisions of Section 143 of the Constitution, the Chairman and members of the National Economic Council shall be persons knowledgeable in economics or financial matters or budgetary planning or allied disciplines ; provided that he is not a person already holding political office or employed in the Civil Service.

3. *Delete* the entire Paragraph 12 and instead *substitute* the following new Paragraph 12 :

12.—The National Economic Council shall advise the President concerning the economic affairs of the Federation.—(Con. Res. 1-80).

And it being after 6 p.m. Mr President adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order 4 (10).

Adjourned accordingly at 6.58 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2nd September, 1980

The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr. President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Flood Disaster in Ibadan : Motion made, and Question proposed, That a five-man delegation composed of Senator D. Dafinone (Leader) Senator Durosimi, Senator Offia Nwali, Senator Kajal, Senator Zakari, and Senator 'Lere Adesina be sent to Ibadan tomorrow to visit the scene of the flood disaster in that City and assess the extent of the damage caused by the flood. The delegation will convey the condolences of the Senate to the Speaker, and the Members of the Oyo State House of Assembly, the Government of Oyo State and the relatives of the deceased on the loss they have sustained as a result of this tragedy. —(Senator Sola Saraki).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved That a six-man delegation composed of Senator Dafinone (Leader) Senator Durosimi, Senator Offia Nwali, Senator Kajal, Senator Zakari and Senator 'Lere Adesina be sent to Ibadan tomorrow to visit the scene of the flood disaster in that City and assess the extent of the damage caused by the flood. The delegation will convey the condolences of the Senate to the Speaker and the Members of the Oyo State House of Assembly, the Government of Oyo State, and the relatives of the deceased on the loss they have sustained as a result of this tragedy.—(S. Res. 62-80).

3. Executive Communication on the National Assembly Service Commission Bill : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate do now consider the letter No. 59495/S.2 of 4th August, 1980 from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the National Assembly on the National Assembly Service Commission Bill No. 9 of 1980, which was read to the Senate yesterday.—(Senator Sola Saraki).

Debate arising ;

Senator Fasanmi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Whereupon Mr President called upon Senator Onyeabo Obi to read the text of the Motion embodied in his speech. The Motion was read as follows :

"That this Senate having considered the letter No. 59495/S.2 of 4th August, 1980 from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria addressed to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives signifying that he withholds his assent to the National Assembly Service Commission Bill 1980, resolves as follows :—

(1) that the contents of the President's letter and the Bill be referred to the Senate Committee on Public Services which will consider same in liaison with the Committee of the House of Representatives dealing with the subject, and make its recommendations for any amendments of the Bill ; and

(2) that the President of the Senate do write to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria regretting that the Bill was not returned to the National Assembly as requested in the President of the Senate's letter Ref. No. S/NA/S.210/T1/4 of 24th July, 1980 withdrawing the Bill and that the President of the Senate's said letter was neither acknowledged nor referred to in the President of the Federal Republic's letter under consideration;

(3). regrets that the President of the Federal Republic failed to signify the withholding of his assent to the Bill within 30 days of the Bill being sent to him as required by Section 55 (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, and invites the attention of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to this lapse."—(Senator Onyeabo Obi).

Question, That Senator Obi's Motion be adopted put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this Senate having considered the letter No. 59495/S.2 of 4th August, 1980 from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria addressed to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives signifying that he withholds his assent to the National Assembly Service Commission Bill 1980, resolves as follows :—

(1) that the contents of the President's letter and the Bill be referred to the Senate Committee on Public Services which will consider same in liaison with the Committee of the House of Representatives dealing with the subject, and make its recommendations for any amendments of the Bill ; and

(2) that the President of the Senate do write to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria regretting that the Bill was not returned to the National Assembly as requested in the President of the

Senate's letter Ref. No. SNA 8212/T/4 of 24th July, 1980 withdrawing the Bill and that the President of the Senate's said letter was neither acknowledged nor referred to in the President of the Federal Republic's letter under consideration ;

(3) regrets that the President of the Federal Republic failed to signify the withholding of his assent to the Bill within 30 days of the Bill being sent to him as required by Section 55 (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979, and invites the attention of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to this lapse.—(S. Res. 63-80).

4. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.35 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 1st September, 1980

Under item 4—Executive Communication line 2, after the word "read" *insert* "the letters" and *delete* the word "Senates" and *substitute* "Senate" instead thereof.

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 3rd September, 1980

The Senate met at 3.15 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Papers : Senator Jibrin Salihu laid on the Table the Report of the Police Prison Vehicle (Death of Suspects) Tribunal of Inquiry together with the White Paper thereon on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Internal Affairs. The Report was *ordered* to be debated *Two Weeks* from *This Day*.

3. Senator Jibrin Salihu laid on the Table the Report of the Inquiry into the Crude Oil Sales together with the White Paper thereon on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Petroleum and Energy. The Report was *ordered* to be debated *Three Weeks* from *This Day*.

4. Senator A. A. Ali laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on Petroleum and Energy on the Tour to Oil Spillage Areas in the Rivers and Bendel States. The Report was *ordered* to be debated *Next Week*.

5. Protection for Nigerians Abroad : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that we are proud to be Nigerians and to us Nigeria is first among all nations, this distinguished Senate requests the Federal Ministry of External Affairs to urge our Embassies to always protect the rights and privileges of Nigerian citizens abroad.—(Senator Femi Ayantuga).

Debate arising ;

Senator Isa Obaro rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

On the Motion of Senator Echeruo the Motion under discussion was *referred* to the Committee on Foreign Relations for consideration and inclusion in its final report at the end of its current tours abroad.

7. Adjournment,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.45 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 4th September, 1980

The Senate met at 3.11 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. Report from the Senate Delegation on the Flood Disaster in Ibadan :

Ordered, That the Report of the Senate Committee which visited the scene of the flood disaster in Ibadan be laid on the Table on *Monday, 8th September, 1980.*

3. Adjournment.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. on *Monday, 8th September, 1980* and that Committees should meet on *Friday, 5th September, 1980.*

Adjourned accordingly at 3.30 p.m. till Monday at 3 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOLES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 8th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President informed the Senate that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had sent some correspondence to the Senate and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. It was read as follows :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
STATE HOUSE
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.4/81

28th July, 1980

The Hon. Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

The Hon. Edwin U. Ezeoke,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

It gives me pleasure to forward the following Bills for consideration and enactment into Law :—

- (i) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the reconstitution of the membership of the Nigerian Railway Corporation ;
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the reconstitution of the membership of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council ; and
- (iii) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the reconstitution of the membership of the Nigerian Tourist Board.

2. All three Bills aim at reducing official representation on the Boards so that officials so released can revert to their proper role and devote more time to their duties in the Ministries and to slightly increase the membership to facilitate the reflection of the Federal character of the country in the composition of the non-official members of the Boards/Institutions.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*

3. **Announcement** : Mr President informed the Senate that ten out of twelve States of the Federation that had so far considered the Amendment to Paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had approved the proposals.

4. **Visitors from the United States of America** : Mr President acquainted the Senate of the presence in the Gallery of some American Legislative Presiding Officers, Majority and Minority Leaders and other distinguished persons connected with State Legislatures of the various States of the United States of America, and on behalf of Senators, welcomed the visitors to the Senate.

5. **Report of the Senate Special Committee on the Ogunpa Flood Disaster at Ibadan** : Senator D. O. Dafinone laid on the Table the Report of the Senate Special Committee on the Ogunpa Flood Disaster at Ibadan in Oyo State, which occurred on the 31st of August, 1980.

Ordered, That the debate on the Report be deferred till *Tomorrow*.

6. **Appointment of Members of Conference Committees**,—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate do appoint its Members to sit in conference with the House of Representatives in respect of the following Bills :—

- (i) National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 1980.
- (ii) Securities and Exchange Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1980.
- (iii) Nigerian Reinsurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1980.
- (iv) The Nigerian Council for Management Development (Amendment) Bill, 1980.
- (v) The National Assembly Service Commission Bill, 1980.
- (vi) Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (Amendment) Bill, 1980.—(*Senator Jibrin Salihu*).

Ordered, That the Motion be referred to the Committee of Selection for consideration *Tomorrow*.

7. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.57 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 9th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.15 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President informed the Senate that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had sent a letter to the Senate and called upon the Clerk of the Senate to read the letter.

It was read as follows :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
STATE HOUSE
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.9

5th September, 1980

The Hon. Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

The Hon. Mr Edwin Ume Ezeoke,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BILL IN RESPECT OF
THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

It is my pleasure to forward through you the proposed Constitutional Amendment Bill in respect of the National Youth Service Corps to the National Assembly as well as the various State Assemblies for consideration and subsequent enactment into Law.

2. The proposed Bill which will be the first amendment to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria seeks to amend the National Youth Service Corps Decree of 1973 by replacing the provision of Section 2 of the Decree and limiting the qualifying age of participants in the Scheme to 30 years.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*

The letter was *referred* to the Rules and Business Committee for listing on the Calendar.

3. **Visitors from the Bauchi State House of Assembly** : Mr President drew the attention of the Senate to the presence in the Gallery of the members of a delegation from the Bauchi State House of Assembly, and on behalf of the Senate, welcomed the distinguished visitors to the Senate.

4. **Report of the Senate Delegation on the Flood Disaster in Ibadan** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate takes note of the Report of the Senate Special Committee on the Ogunpa Flood Disaster in Oyo State on the 31st of August, 1980, which was laid on the Table on Monday, 8th September, 1980.—(*Senator D. O. Dafinone*).

Debate arising :—

5. **Suspension of Standing Order** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That Standing Order 4 (Sittings of the Senate) be suspended, to enable the Senate to complete the business under consideration.—(*Senator D. O. Dafinone*).

Question put and *negatived*.

Debate Resumed :—

Whereupon Senator A. A. Adesanya rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate Resumed :—

6. **Suspension of Standing Order** : Senator Dafinone sought the leave of the Senate to bring in a Motion pursuant to Standing Order 25. The leave of the Senate having been granted Senator Dafinone moved the following Motion :

Ogunpa Flood Disaster at Ibadan : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the urgency the Ogunpa Flood Disaster at Ibadan deserves, and in view of the degree of human and material destructions caused by the Flood, be it resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that :

- (i) the recommendations contained in the Report of the Senate Special Committee on the Ogunpa Flood Disaster be adopted ;
- (ii) the Executive President be requested to declare the area affected by the flood at Ibadan a disaster area ; and
- (iii) the Senate do now set up a Relief Fund for the purposes of providing succour to the victims of the Flood Disaster and that the Fund be launched on *Thursday, 11th of September, 1980.*
—(Senator D. O. Dafinone).

Debate Arising ; Debate Adjourned :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow.*

7. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow.*

Adjourned accordingly at 5.58 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 10th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Ogunpa Flood Disaster in Ibadan** : Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (9th September, 1980).—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the urgency the Ogunpa Flood Disaster at Ibadan deserves, and in view of the degree of human and material destruction caused by the flood, be it resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that :

- (i) The Recommendations contained in the Report of the Senate Special Committee on Ogunpa Flood Disaster be adopted ;
- (ii) The Executive President be requested to declare the area affected by the flood in Ibadan a disaster area ; and
- (iii) The Senate do now set up a Relief Fund for the purposes of providing succour to the victims of the Flood Disaster and that the fund be launched on Thursday, 11th September, 1980.—(Senator D. O. Dafinone).

Debate arising :—

Whereupon Senator Bitrus Kajal rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly, item by item :

- item (i), *agreed to* ;
- item (ii), *agreed to* ;
- item (iii), *negatived*.

Resolved, That in view of the urgency the Ogunpa Flood Disaster at Ibadan deserves, and in view of the degree of human and material destruction caused by the flood, be it resolved by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that :

- (i) the Recommendations contained in the Report of the Senate Special Committee on Ogunpa Flood Disaster be adopted ; and
- (ii) the Executive President be requested to declare the area affected by the flood in Ibadan a disaster area.—(S. Res. 64-80).

3. **Report from the Committee on Petroleum and Energy on the Tour to Oil Spillage Areas in the Rivers and Bendel States** :

Motion made and Question proposed, That in view of the degree of destruction caused to animal and plant life by oil spillage in the affected areas, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby commend all the recommendations contained in the Report to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for immediate implementation, and call on the President :

- (i) to bring a Bill to regulate oil pollution in this country, and
- (ii) to provide from year to year in the Estimates of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, specific funds for the purposes of rendering immediate assistance to victims of national disasters, such as oil pollution, in this country.—(Senator A. A. Ali).

Debate arising :

Amendment proposed to Senator Ali's Motion as follows :

That Item (i) of the Motion be *deleted*.—(Senator Lere Adesina).

Question put and *agreed to*.

That item (ii) of the Motion be renumbered item (i) ;

Question put and *agreed to*.

That a new item (ii) be added to read as follows :

“That the Committee recognises the urgency for the enactment of an Act to regulate oil pollution and is, therefore, preparing a Bill to this effect”.—(Senator Lere Adesina).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

On a Motion by Senator A. A. Ali the Debate stood adjourned to enable him to bring in a Motion embracing the full text of his original Motion for debate *Tomorrow*.

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

4. **Adjournment**.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.58 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 11th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Report from the Committee on Petroleum and Energy on the Tour to Oil Spillage Areas in the Rivers and Bendel States :** Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (10th September, 1980).—Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the fact that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria directed its Committee on Petroleum and Energy to tour the oil spillage areas ; and whereas the Committee had witnessed such devastations as a result of the oil spillage in the affected areas of Rivers and Bendel States, and realising that there has been no legislation on oil pollution in this country, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

(i) accepts the report of the Committee and its recommendations, and

(ii) resolves that a Bill on Oil Pollution be initiated by the Senate Committee and presented to the Senate for consideration as early as possible.—(Senator *Lere Adesina*).

Debate arising :—

Whereupon Senator A. A. Durosimi rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria directed its Committee on Petroleum and Energy to tour the oil spillage areas; and whereas the Committee had witnessed such devastations as a result of the oil spillage in the affected areas of Rivers and Bendel States, and realising that there has been no legislation on oil pollution in this country, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :

(i) accepts the report of the Committee and its recommendations, and

(ii) resolves that a Bill on Oil Pollution be initiated by the Senate Committee and presented to the Senate for consideration as early as possible.—(S. Res. 65-80).

3. **Adjournment.**—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till Monday, 15th September, 1980 at 3 p.m. while Standing Committees continue with their assignments on Friday, 12th September, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.15 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 15th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.12 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and called upon the Clerk to read the letter. The letter was read as follows :—

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
STATE HOUSE
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.4

12th September, 1980

The Hon. Senator Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

It gives me pleasure to forward the following Bills for consideration and enactment into Law :—

- (i) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the prohibition of certain imports and exports ; for the amendment of certain Fiscal Laws to alter certain Customs and Excise Duties ; and for purposes connected therewith ;
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to amend the Appropriation Act, 1980 and for purposes connected therewith ;
- (iii) A Bill for an Act to make provision for the observance of Public Holidays in Nigeria and for purposes connected therewith.

2. The first Bill seeks to remove certain items from the import prohibition list and to amend the export prohibition list. It also seeks to amend certain fiscal laws to alter certain customs and excise duties. The second Bill seeks to amend the appropriation Act, 1980 so as to streamline the decisions of the Joint Committee of the National Assembly with recent harmonisation exercises. The last Bill seeks to make provision for the days to be observed as public holidays in Nigeria and to revert to the erstwhile practice whereby two days are set aside each for the observance of Christmas, Id-el-Fitr and Id-el-Kabir.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

3. **Newspapers (Prohibition of Government Ownership) Bill 1980** : A Bill entitled "The Newspaper (Prohibition of Government Ownership) Act 1980" presented by Senator Isa Obaro ; read the first time and ordered to be printed.

4. **Standing Rules of the Senate** : Ordered, That debate on the Standing Rules of the Senate scheduled for this day be deferred till 3rd November, 1980.

5. **Appointment of the Clerk and Other Staff of the National Assembly** : Senator Sola Saraki gave notice of the following Motion for debate Tomorrow :—

1. That Alhaji Gidado Idris be appointed the Clerk of the National Assembly with effect from 9th day of October, 1979.
2. That Messrs A. A. Coker and B. I. Olinmah be appointed Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively with effect from 9th day of October, 1979.
3. That the Clerk of the National Assembly be empowered and is hereby empowered to recruit staff for the National Assembly subject to the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and that the conditions of service of the staff so employed be the same as those employed in the Public Service of the Federation pending the establishment of the National Assembly Service Commission.

6. **Adjournment**,—Resolved, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.03 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 16th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.08 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Finance Bill, 1980** : A Bill entitled "The Finance Act 1980", presented by Senator Jibrin Salihu ; read the first time ; to be read a second time on *Wednesday, 24th September, 1980.*
3. **Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 1980** : A Bill entitled "The Appropriation (Amendment) Act 1980", presented by Senator Jibrin Salihu ; read the first time ; to be read a second time on *Monday, 22nd September, 1980.*
4. **Public Holidays Bill, 1980** : A Bill entitled "The Public Holidays Act 1980", presented by Senator Jibrin Salihu ; read the first time ; to be read a second time on *Thursday, 18th September, 1980.*
5. **Appointment of the Clerk and Other Staff of the National Assembly** : On a request by Senator Jibrin Salihu, the Motion was *withdrawn* by leave of the Senate.
6. **High Cost of Rice** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the prevailing unprecedented shortage of rice in Nigeria today resulting in hyper-inflation in the cost of the commodity in the market, this Senate hereby resolves to send a delegation to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with a view to finding both short-term and long-term solutions to the problem. —(Senator M. G. Lawan).

Debate arising :—

Amendment proposed, in line 3, *leave out* from the word "finding" to the end and *substitute* the following :

"lifting immediately the restriction on importation of rice and placing it under Open General Licence". —(Senator Lere Adesina).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *negatived*.

Debate arising :—

Another Amendment proposed, in line 2, to *leave out* from the word "to" to the end, and *substitute* the following :

"that the restriction on the importation of rice be removed forthwith and same placed on Open General Licence". —(Senator A. A. Adesanya).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of Senator Adesanya's Amendment, to add the following : "that the issue of rice licences be *referred* to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Industry in order to ascertain :—

(a) how much of these licences issued have been utilised ;

(b) pattern of distribution of the rice already imported ;

(c) prices at which such imported rice was disposed of ;

(d) and, that the issue of 55,000 tons of rice brought in under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture be *referred* to the Senate Committee on Agriculture. —(Senator E. P. Echeruo).

Question, That the Amendments be made, put and *agreed to*.

Whereupon Senator Femi Ayantuga rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question as amended, put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in view of the prevailing unprecedented shortage of rice in Nigeria today resulting in hyper-inflation in the cost of the commodity in the market, this Senate hereby resolves that the restriction on the importation of rice be removed forthwith and same placed on Open General Licence ; and that

the issue of rice licences be *referred* to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Industry in order to ascertain :—

- (a) how much of these licences issued have been utilised ;
- (b) the pattern of distribution of the rice already imported ;
- (c) the prices at which such imported rice was disposed of ; and
- (d) that the issue of 55,000 tons of rice brought in under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture be *referred* to the Senate Committee on Agriculture.—(S.Res. 66-80).

7. *Adjournment*.—*Resolved*, That this Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.20 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.10 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Customs Tariff (Consolidation) Amendment Bill, 1980** : A Bill entitled "Customs Tariff (Consolidation) Amendment Act 1980" presented by Senator E. P. Echeruo ; read the first time ; to be read a second time on a date to be fixed by the Rules and Business Committee.

3. **Ojorami Dam Disaster** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the immense problems created by the recent collapse of the Ojorami Dam resulting in a disaster in Akoko-Edo in Bendel State in terms of human sufferings and the rehabilitation of roads in the area affected, this distinguished Senate hereby :

(1) expresses its profound sympathies with the Government of Bendel State and the people immediately affected by the disaster ;

(2) resolves as a matter of urgency, to despatch a Senate delegation to assess the damage done and the scope of assistance needed by the victims of this disaster in terms of food, clothing, drugs and shelter ;

(3) and directs the delegation to recommend to the Senate a reasonable level of assistance which the Federal Government should give to the people affected for the amelioration of their lot and the reconstruction of the Dam, bridges and roads damaged during the disaster—(Senator J. O. Umolu).

Debate arising :—

Senator Abiru rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed :—

Amendment proposed in sub-paragraph 3 of the Motion, in line 1, after the word "assistance" to insert the phrase "if need be".—(Senator A. A. Anah).

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Senator Abiru again rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put accordingly and agreed to.

Resolved, That in view of the immense problems created by the recent collapse of the Ojorami Dam resulting in a disaster in Akoko-Edo in Bendel State in terms of human sufferings and the rehabilitation of roads in the area affected, this distinguished Senate hereby :

(1) expresses its profound sympathies with the Government of Bendel State and the people immediately affected by the disaster ;

(2) resolves as a matter of urgency, to despatch a Senate delegation to assess the damage done and the scope of assistance needed by the victims of this disaster in terms of food, clothing, drugs and shelter ;

(3) and directs the delegation to recommend to the Senate a reasonable level of assistance if need be which the Federal Government should give to the people affected for the amelioration of their lot and the reconstruction of the Dam, bridges and roads damaged during the disaster.—(S.Res. 67-80).

4. **Adjournment**,—Resolved, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. Tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.20 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 18th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.12 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Amendment to Paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria :**

Mr President acquainted the Senate that the proposal for an amendment to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had now received two-thirds support of the country's Legislatures it having been approved by the following State Legislatures : Kaduna, Niger, Kwara, Sokoto, Gongola, Bauchi, Benue, Rivers, Oyo, Imo, Anambra, Cross River and Bendel.

3. **Request for the Creation of Taraba State :** Mr President acquainted the Senate that a request had been received from the people of the Bali, Jalingo, Zing, Wukari, Karim, Lamido, Takum and Ganye for the Creation of a new State to be known as "Taraba State". The request was *referred* to the Committee on the Creation of New States.

4. **Public Holidays Bill, 1980 :** By leave of the Senate the Bill was *referred* to the Committee on Internal Affairs.

5. **Flood Disaster in Sokoto :** Motion made, and Question proposed, That in view of the immense problems caused by the recent flood in Shinkafi, Amarawa and Ilela areas of Sokoto State resulting in great losses to property and livestock, this Senate hereby :

(1) expresses its profound sympathies with the Government and the people immediately affected by the disaster ;

(2) resolves as a matter of urgency to despatch a Senate delegation to assess the damage done and the scope of assistance needed by the victims of this disaster in terms of food, clothing, drugs and shelter ;

(3) directs the delegation to recommend to the Senate a reasonable level of assistance if need be which the Federal Government should give to the people affected for the amelioration of their lot and the reconstruction of the areas affected by the disaster ; and

(4) initiates a Bill (after the delegation has reported) that would set out the procedure to be followed by the Senate in case of such disasters in future.—(*Senator M. Abdulkarim and Senator E. O. Akpata*).

Debate arising :—

Whereupon Senator Andrew Abogede rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That in view of the immense problems caused by the recent flood in Shinkafi, Amarawa and Ilela areas of Sokoto State resulting in great losses to property and livestock, this Senate hereby :

(1) expresses its profound sympathies with the Government and the people immediately affected by the disaster ;

(2) resolves as a matter of urgency to despatch a Senate delegation to assess the damage done and the scope of assistance needed by the victims of this disaster in terms of food, clothing, drugs and shelter ;

(3) directs the delegation to recommend to the Senate a reasonable level of assistance if need be which the Federal Government should give to the people affected for the amelioration of their lot and the reconstruction of the areas affected by the disaster ; and

(4) initiates a Bill (after the delegation has reported) that would set out the procedure to be followed by the Senate in case of such disasters in future.—(*S.Res. 68-80*).

6. **Adjournment.**—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till Monday, 22nd September, 1980 at 3 p.m. while Standing Committees continue with their assignments on Friday, 19th September, 1980.

Adjourned accordingly at 4.38 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 22nd September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.08 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 1980:** Order for Second Reading read. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second Time.—(*Senator D. O. Dafinone*).

Debate Arising ;

Senator Magaji rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question; That the Question be now put, put and *negatived*.

Debate Resumed :—

Question, That the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read a Second Time and *committed* to the Committee on Appropriation and Finance.

The Committee to report on *Thursday, 25th September, 1980*.

3. **Adjournment,—Resolved,** That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.40 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23rd September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.28 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Senate and called on the Clerk to read the letter. It was read as follows :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
STATE HOUSE
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Ref. No. 59495/S.1/II
The Hon. Senator Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

22nd September, 1980

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMISSION BILL

I wish to thank you for your letter No. S/NA/DC.08/75 of 3rd September, 1980, which conveyed Senate's Resolution on my letter No. 59495/S.2 of 4th August, 1980 addressed to your goodself and the Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives in respect of the National Assembly Service Commission Bill.

2. I have taken note of the fact that Senate did resolve to refer the contents of my letter together with the National Assembly Service Commission Bill to its Committee on Public Services which will consider same in liaison with the Committee of the House of Representatives dealing with the subject, and make its recommendations for any amendments of the Bill.

3. With respect to Senate's Resolutions 2 and 3 on the same issue as contained in your letter, I believe it would be better if we all forget what has happened. However, I regret that my letter to you signifying my intention to withhold assent to the Bill did not meet the 30 days requirement as stipulated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979.

4. I have and will always strive to carry out the functions of my Office in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979.

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI,
*President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria*

3. **Finance Bill, 1980** : By leave of the Senate, debate on the Second Reading of the Bill was *deferred* till *Wednesday, 24th September, 1980*, pursuant to Senate decision of 16th September, 1980.

4. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.
Adjourned accordingly at 3.50 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 24th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.07 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.
2. **Executive Communication** : Mr President acquainted the Senate that he had received a communication from the Minister of Finance and called on the Clerk to read the letter to the Senate. It was read as follows :

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
IKOYI, LAGOS

P.M.B. No. 12591
Telegrams MINFIN
Telephone 682517

Ref. No. F.12011/T3/7
Date 19th September, 1980.

Honourable Dr Joseph Wayas,
National Assembly Complex,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.



Honourable Edwin Ume Ezeoke,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Tafawa Balewa Square,
Lagos.

OPEN GENERAL LICENCE

I have followed closely the trend of the current debate in, and the general mood of, the National Assembly on the issue of import restrictions and, particularly, the desire of members to place a large number of items currently under licensing restriction on the Open General Licence list.

2. While I appreciate the concern of legislators to ease the hardship of Nigerians by flooding the market with cheaper imported commodities and thereby, hopefully, reduce their prices, I should, nevertheless, draw attention to the implications which such a move will have on the Nigerian economy. Unrestrained liberalisation of imports will run counter to the declared policy objective of self-sufficiency and self-reliance which was the cornerstone of economic policies during the military era, and which, quite rightly, the present Administration has reaffirmed to pursue. In addition to reducing the country's unemployment figure, increasing the skilled manpower in the economy and facilitating the transfer of technology through training of Nigerians, there is the need for a country like Nigeria to be firmly launched into the industrial age by encouraging the establishment of manufacturing plants. No foreign investor will feel the urge to jump over the tariff wall or the restriction barrier if he can sell his finished products through exportation. This will not only maximise his foreign exchange earnings but will also give to his country the advantages I enumerated above, which will thus be denied to Nigeria.

3. I should emphasise also that the import restriction measures have been designed to contain excessive increase in the country's import bill. Between July and September 1980, the country's monthly import bill has averaged ₦1,000 million. There are reasons to believe that when the more liberal fiscal and exchange control measures introduced last April have had time to make their full impact felt, the average monthly import bill will rise to between ₦1.2 and ₦1.5 billion. At this rate of importation, the country will not be able to finance imports from current exports, and will have to cut deeply into its reserves, with the consequence of a re-introduction of import restriction measures. A democratic government cannot afford wild swings from excessive liberalisation to excessive import restrictions, especially when it is appreciated that the present Administration started off with a healthy reserve position due, in part, to the import policies pursued during the military regime.

4. With particular reference to the recent decision of the Senate to place the importation of rice on Open General Licence, I wish to state that such a move will not necessarily make the commodity reach the ultimate consumers at the lowest possible prices. In this connection, one can point to the fact that the price of stockfish has not gone down since the item was transferred to the OGL list last April. Also,

flour and milk have been on OGL and yet the commodities have always been short in supply. There is indeed information that behind the intense lobby for the placing of rice on OGL are speculators who have brought rice into the country without licence and want the Federal Government to legalise their action.

5. There is reason to believe also that the issue of the prices of basic and essential commodities is being cleverly orchestrated and manipulated to discredit the present Administration and make it unpopular with the masses. All statistics point to a lowering of prices of food items generally. The latest consumer price index published by the Federal Office of Statistics show a lowering of the rate of increase of the prices of food-stuffs. I attach herewith a schedule of price movement over the last three months in respect of selected items of foodstuff. You will see that, apart from sugar, all other items of foodstuff recorded decreases in prices over a three-month period. The local price of sugar, currently at N27 per 50 kilo bag, is still much below the world market price.

6. Rice appears to be the only item whose price has sky-rocketed because of scarcity and the Federal Government is already taking measures to contain the problem. The present Administration will therefore, not support rice being placed on OGL as this will run counter to the policy objective of self-sufficiency and self-reliance and the Green Revolution Programme. Rather, the Administration will keep local production as well as the price of rice under constant surveillance with a view to importing rice to meet any short-fall in local production. The Federal Government has, in this regard, already imported 55,000 tonnes of rice which have been distributed to the States and the Nigerian National Supply Company for distribution to individuals. There are plans also to import another 50,000 tonnes within the next two months, while the sum of N100 million has been allocated for the importation of rice between now and December.

7. The object of this letter, therefore, is to kindly urge that you use your good offices to draw the attention of the entire National Assembly to the implications which excessive import liberalisation pose for the national economy and to the need for import restraints.

8. A copy of this letter has been endorsed to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation for his information.

S. M. ESSANG (Prof.),
Minister of Finance

THREE-MONTH PRICE MOVEMENT FOR SELECTED ITEMS OF FOOD-STUFFS

Food Item	Price 3 months ago	Current price	% Rise / Fall
Sardine	N18 per carton	N16 per Carton	-11.11%
*Sugar	N25,50k 1 bag	N27,50k 1 bag	+8%
Salt	N200 per Ton	N170 per Ton	-15%
Stockfish	N320 per bale Grade A	N305 per bale Grade A	-4.69%
Tomato Puree	N13 per carton	N10 per Carton	-23%
Corned Beef	N30 per carton	N24 per Carton	-20%
Mackerel	N17 per carton	N16 per Carton	-5.89%

Debate arising ;

Ordered, That in view of the fact that the Minister of Finance has no *locus standi* to send a communication to the Senate, the letter should be returned with a warning to him, through the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

3. Message from the President of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Mr President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the President of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Senator Dragoslav Markovic, and called on the Clerk to read the letter. It was read as follows:

ASSEMBLY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA PRESIDENT

Belgrade, June 6, 1980.

Honourable President,

I have the honour and the particular pleasure in transmitting to you the official invitation of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to send a Parliamentary Delegation of your country to pay an official visit to Yugoslavia.

We are deeply convinced that this visit will be a significant act of establishing official Parliamentary contacts between our two countries, equally devoted to the noble goals of peace, progress and non-alignment, and that it will be followed up by a fruitful co-operation contributive to the excellent relations of friendship that so happily exist between Yugoslavia and Nigeria.

May I suggest that the details of the visit be agreed upon through the diplomatic channel.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Dragoslav Markovic,
President

Honourable Dr Joseph Wayas,
President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Lagos.

Resolved, That this Senate notes with appreciation the invitation from the President of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to send a Parliamentary Delegation to visit Yugoslavia and resolves that appropriate steps be taken to ensure the fulfilment of the friendly gesture of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.—(S.Res. 69-80).

4. **Senate Recess** : Motion made, and Question proposed, That this Senate resolves to go on recess on the following dates :—

- (i) Pre-Second Session Recess : From Monday, 29th September to Wednesday, 8th October, 1980 (7 working days).
- (ii) Id-el Kabir Recess : From Friday, 17th to Wednesday, 29th October, 1980 (8 working days).
- (iii) Christmas Recess : From Monday, 22nd December to 2nd January, 1981 (8 working days).—*(Senator Jibrin Salihu)*.

Amendment made, paragraph (ii), *leave out* "Friday, 17th" and *substitute* "Thursday, 16th".

Debate arising ;

Whereupon Senator David Oke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and *agreed to*.

Main Question put accordingly and *agreed to*.

Resolved, That this Senate resolves to go on recess on the following dates :—

- (i) Pre-Second Session Recess : From Monday, 29th September to Wednesday, 8th October, 1980 (7 working days).
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- (iii) Christmas Recess : From Monday, 22nd December to 2nd January, 1981 (8 working days).—*(S. Res. 70-80)*.

5. **Finance Bill, 1980** : Order for Second Reading read. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second Time.—*(Senator D. O. Dafinone)*.

Debate arising ;—Debate *adjourned* :—

Debate to be resumed *Tomorrow*.

6. **Public Holiday Bill, 1980** : On a Motion of Senator D. O. Dafinone, the Senate *resolved* to rescind its decision of 18th September, 1980 to the effect that the Public Holidays Bill, 1980 be *referred* to the Committee on Internal Affairs. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be considered by the Committee of the Whole Senate *Tomorrow*.

7. **Adjournment**,—*Resolved*, That the Senate do now adjourn till 3 p.m. *Tomorrow*.

Adjourned accordingly at 5.55 p.m.

DR JOSEPH WAYAS,
President

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 25th September, 1980

1. The Senate met at 3.19 p.m. Mr President took his seat and read prayers.

2. **Announcement by the President :** Mr President acquainted the Senate that by Friday, 26th September, 1980 the Senate would have sat for 183 days including Sittings of Committees on Fridays and had thus satisfied the provisions of Section 59 of the Constitution. He directed that henceforth Order Papers should be published on Fridays reflecting Committees in session. The President also furnished the following statistics to the Senate :

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3. **Papers and Reports :** Senator Dafinone laid on the Table the Report of the following Commissions :

- (i) Annual Report of the Public Complaints Commission for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1979.
- (ii) Investigation of Conditions of Persons on Remand in Prisons throughout Nigeria published by the Public Complaints Commission.

Ordered, That the Rules and Business Committee should allot time for debate on the Reports.

4. **Finance Bill, 1980 :** Order read for resuming Adjourned Debate on Question (24th September, 1980),—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second Time.—(*Senator D. O. Dafinone*).

Question again proposed :—

Debate resumed :—

Whereupon Senator Ameh Ebute rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr President withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Debate resumed :—

Question, That the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and *agreed to*.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and *referred* to the Committee on Commerce and Industry, and the Committee on Appropriation and Finance sitting in a Joint Session.

5. **Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance :** The following Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 1980 was laid on the Table by Senator Ameh Ebute :

REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BILL TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 1980

The Senate Appropriation and Finance Committee, pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 156 of 22nd September, 1980, met on the 23rd of September, 1980, at 11 a.m. in Committee Room B1 and considered the Bill sent to the Senate by the Executive seeking to amend certain provisions of the Appropriation Act, 1980, duly passed by the National Assembly and assented to by the President of the Federation in July, 1980.

In accordance with the Committee's directives, I made attempts to procure copies of the printed Approved Estimates for 1980, and I received a letter from the Office of the Director of Budget otherwise known as Special Adviser on Budget Affairs to the effect that there is no printed Approved Estimates yet.

After due consideration of Section (1) (a) of the Bill, the Committee is unable to recommend approval of the Senate that the words "Director of Budget.....for Finance" be substituted by the words "Special Adviser responsible for Budgetary Control" because the Committee felt that the President of the Federation is at liberty to assign any responsibility to any of his ten Special Advisers; the Committee is also of the opinion that the approval of such an amendment may have the implication of increasing the number of Special Advisers.

The Committee after having thoroughly examined the Schedules to the Amendment Bill item by item came to the following conclusions :

(a) that none of the items sought to be amended by the Executive arose *ex improviso*, that is to say, no item could be said, after the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Executive, to have been unforeseen at the time the Appropriation Bill, 1980, was being considered by the National Assembly—there is no new item in the Amendment Bill and all the items were considered, passed and assented to by the President in July, 1980.

(b) the Committee has no evidence before it to prove that the intention of the Executive in asking for the amendment of the 1980 Appropriation Act is to save money for the country on the ground of her inability to meet the financial commitments arising out of the Appropriation Act having regard to the strength of the Nation's economy. This decision is borne out by the fact that the proposed Amendment seeks to revive some items that have heavy financial commitments such as those providing for maintenance of the Federal Secretariats in the States, the Office of the Vice-President and rehabilitation of degraded areas. Thus the reason for the amendment is beyond all reasonable doubts not to save money.

(c) The Committee is of the opinion that since the 1980 Appropriation Act has fixed the salaries and conditions of service of office holders as contained in Section 78 (4) of the 1979 Constitution, to effect any changes to the disadvantage of such office holders as the proposed Amendment to the 1980 Appropriation Act seeks to do, will amount to a clear breach of Section 78 (3) of the Constitution and that such an amendment even if approved by the National Assembly stands the risk of being declared nullity by the appropriate authority.

(d) The Committee was not satisfied with the attention given to the 1980 Appropriation exercise and felt that this was done with the sole aim of slighting the National Assembly with a view to weakening its authority and making it look ineffective in the eyes of the public. For example, it is sad to note that no attempt was made to get the Approved Budget or Estimates printed since it was passed and assented to in July, 1980.

When one examines the figures that were actually voted by the National Assembly in July, 1980 and the figures that the Executive quoted in the Amendment Bill as purportedly voted by the National Assembly, one cannot escape coming to the conclusion that the intention for the amendment is to blackmail Legislators. The two examples below help to confirm this view :

	Amount actually voted by the National Assembly	Amount alleged to have been voted in the Amendment Bill
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The Committee observed that the correct breakdown of the N37,312,610 should be as follows :

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Finally, the Committee unanimously came to the conclusion that in view of the reasons given above and in view of the provision of Section 54 Subsection (4) of the Constitution, which empowers the resident to withhold assent if he so desires, which powers he did not exercise within 30 days, it cannot recommend to the Senate to approve any of the items contained in the Bill to amend the Appropriation

Act, 1980. It therefore recommends that the Bill to amend the Appropriation Act, 1980 and for the purposes connected therewith be rejected by the Senate.

I beg to move Mr President, Sir.

Dated this 24th day of September, 1980.

SENATOR AMEH EBUTE,
Chairman, Appropriation and
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6. Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 1980: Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Senate resolves itself into Committee of Supply for the purpose of considering the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 1980, and the Report thereon from the Committee on Appropriation and Finance.—(Senator Ameh Ebute).

Question put and *agreed to*.

Senate accordingly resolved into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 1980, considered in Committee.

Whereupon Senator Ebute moved :

- (i) that the Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 1980 be approved and is hereby approved ;
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Resolved nemine contradicente,—

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Clauses 1 to 7 as amended, *agreed to*.

Schedule, *agreed to*.

Bill to be reported.

Mr President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendment ; read the third time and *passed*.

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