SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21st September, 2011

1. The Senate met at 10:56 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 20th September, 2011 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(i) Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Students of Mathematical Science Department, Bayero University, Kano, Kano State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

(ii) Inauguration of Committees:
The Senate President announced the Schedule for the Inauguration of Senate Special and Standing Committees as follows:

COMMITTEES	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Day-1		**Monday 26th Sept. 2011.**	
Rules and Business	Hearing Room 1, white House		11- 11-45
Agric and Rural Development	Hearing Room 2, white House		11- 45-12.30
Air force	Hearing Room 3, white House		12.30-1.15
Senate Services	Room 117, Senate New Building		1.15-200pm
Appropriation	Room 211, Senate New Building		2.00 pm 2.45pm
Aviation	Room 204 senate New Building		2.45 -3.30.
Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions	Room 221 Senate New Building		3.30-4.15
Day-2		**Tuesday 27th, Sept. 2011.**	
Capital Market	Hearing Room 1, white House		3.30- 4.15
Commerce	Hearing Room 2, white House		1.45-2-30pm
Communications	Hearing Room 3, white House		2-30-3-15pm
Cooperation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD	Room 211, Senate New Building		3-15-4.00pm
Culture and Tourism	Room 204 senate New Building		4.00-4.45pm
Defence and Army	Room 221 Senate New Building		4.45-5-30pm

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Day-3	**Wednesday 28th Sept.2011**	
Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes	Hearing Room 1, white House	1-1-45pm
Downstream Petroleum sector.	Hearing Room 2, white House	1.45-2-30
Education including Universal Basic Education (UBE)	Hearing Room 3, white House	2-30-3-15
Employment, Labour and Productivity	Room 204, Senate New Building	3-15-4-00pm
Environment and ecology	Room 211 Senate New Building	4-00-4-45pm
Establishment and Public Service.	Room 221 Senate New Building	4-45-5-30pm
Day-4	**Thursday 29th Sept. 2011**	
Ethics and Privileges	Hearing Room 1, white House	1-1-45pm
Federal Capital Territory	Hearing Room 2, white House	1.45-2-30
Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Hearing Room 3, white House	2-30-3-15
Finance	Room 204, Senate New Building	3-15-4-00pm
Foreign Affairs	Room 211 Senate New Building	4-00-4-45pm
Gas	Room 221 Senate New Building	4-45-5-30pm
Day-5	**Monday 3rd October, 2011**	
Health, Primary Health Care.	Hearing Room 1, white House	11- 11-45
Housing	Hearing Room 2, white House	11.45-12.30
Industries	Hearing Room 3, white House	12.30-1.15
Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	Room 117, Sen ate New Building	1.15-200pm
Information	Room 204, Senate New Building	2.00pm2.45pm
Internal Affairs	Room 211 Senate New Building	2.45-3.30.
Inter-Parliamentary Affairs	Room 221 Senate New Building	3.30-4-15
Day-6	**Tuesday 4th October 2011**	
Judiciary, Human Rights and legal matters	Hearing Room 1, white House	1.-145
Land Transport	Hearing Room 2, white House	1.45-2.30
Local and Foreign Debts	Hearing Room 3, white House	2.30-3.15
Marine Transport	Room 204, Senate New Building	3.15-400pm
Media and Public Affairs	Room 211 Senate New Building	400-4.45pm
National Identity and National Population	Room 221 Senate New Building	4.45-5.30pm
Day-7	**Wednesday 5th October 2011**	
National Planning	Hearing Room 1, white House	1.-145
National Security and Intelligence	Hearing Room 2, white House	1.45-2.30
Navy	Hearing Room 3, white House	2.30-3.15
Niger Delta	Room 204, Senate New Building	3.15-400pm
Police Affairs	Room 211 Senate New Building	400-4.45pm
Power, Steel development and Metallurgy	Room 221 Senate New Building	4.45-5.30pm
Day-8	**Thursday 6th October,2011**	
Privatization	Hearing Room 1, white House	1.-145
Science and Technology	Hearing Room 2, white House	1.45-2.30
Solid Minerals	Hearing Room 3, white House	2.30-3.15
Special Duties	Room 204, Senate New Building	3.15-400pm
Sports & Social Dev.	Room 211 Senate New Building	400-4.45pm
States and Local Governments	Room 221 Senate New Building	4.45-5.30pm

Day-9	**Monday 10th October,2011**	
Petroleum Resources	Hearing Room 1, white House	11- 11-45
Water Resources	Hearing Room 2, white House	11-45-12.30
Women Affairs and Youth Development	Hearing Room 3, white House	12.30-1.15
Public Account	Hearing Room 4, white House	1.15-2.00pm
Works	Room 204, Senate New Building	2.00pm 2.45pm
MDGs	Room 211 Senate New Building	2.45-3.30.

4. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Elimination of Violence Bill 2011 (SB. 43) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Legal Practitioners Act 1962 (Amendment) Bill 2011 (SB. 45) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Desertification (Control) Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (SB. 36) — *Read the First Time.*

5. Confirmation of nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the nomination of Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher as Chief Justice of Nigeria *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

(i) Admission of Senator Joy Emodi, Special Adviser to the President and Special Assistants on National Assembly Matters:

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senator Joy Emodi, Special Adviser to the President and Special Assistants on National Assembly Matters to the floor of Senate *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(ii) Admission of nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the nominee and other Justices of the Supreme Court to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for confirmation of nomination of Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher as Chief Justice of Nigeria *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Nominee)

Nominee screened:

Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher — *Agreed to*

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the request of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher as Chief Justice of Nigeria and approved the nomination.

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

Confirmation of Nominee:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher as Chief Justice of Federal Republic of Nigeria ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice Dahiru Musdapher as Chief Justice of Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

6. **Confirmation of nominee for Ministerial appointment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for confirmation of Mr Darius Dickson Ishaku as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria *(Senate Leader)*

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

(i) ***Admission of Senator Joy Emodi, Special Adviser to the President and Special Assistants on National Assembly Matters:***
Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senator Joy Emodi, Special Adviser to the President and Special Assistants on National Assembly Matters to the floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(ii) ***Admission of nominee:***
Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the nominee to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.
Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for confirmation of Mr Darius Dickson Ishaku as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Ministerial Nominee)

Nominee screened:
Mr. Darius Dickson Ishaku (*Taraba State*) — *Agreed to*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the request of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Mr Darius Dickson Ishaku for appointment as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approved the nomination.

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

Confirmation of Nominee:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Darius Dickson Ishaku (*Taraba State*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Darius Dickson Ishaku (Taraba State) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

7. **Motion:**
Scourge of Human Trafficking in Nigeria.

Motion to stand over to another Legislative Day.

8. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 22nd September, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.(*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:21 *p.m.*

Dr. David A. B. Mark, GCON, fnim
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.