SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27th September, 2011

1. The Senate met at 10:51 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 22nd September, 2011 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Messages from Mr President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received two letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(i) Appointment of Chairman and Members of National Population Commission:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON *September 14, 2011*
Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF TWENTY FOUR (24) MEMBERS INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION

The National Population Commission is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153(1)(J) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. By provision of Part I(J) of the Third Schedule of the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one person from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory.

The members of the Commission are constitutionally entitled to a five (5) year tenure which is renewable for a second and final term at the instance of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

In the light of the foregoing and to avoid the creation of a vacuum in the running of the affairs of the Commission, the following have been nominated:

S/No	*Name*	*State*	*Designation*
1.	*Chief Festus Odimegwu*	*Imo*	*Chairman*
2.	*David Alakwaya Garnuwa,*	*Adamawa*	*Member*
3.	*Moses Ekpo*	*Akwa-Ibom*	*Member*
4.	*Alh. Mohammadu Hamma*	*Borno*	*Member*
5.	*Idi Baba Yakubu*	*Cross River*	*Member*
6.	*Dr. Tunde Lakoju*	*Edo*	*Member*
7.	*Bala Mohammed Magaji*	*Gombe*	*Member*
8.	*Nwaogwu Ohakpugu Emmanuel*	*Imo*	*Member*
9.	*Muhammad Surajo Marshal*	*Kano*	*Member*
10.	*Mohammed Aikoye Akubo*	*Kogi*	*Member*
11.	*Alhaji Abubakar Ndakene*	*Kwara*	*Member*
12.	*Roli Bode George*	*Lagos*	*Member*
13.	*Alhaji Zakari Umaru*	*Nasarawa*	*Member*
14.	*Chief Lere Oyewunmi*	*Osun*	*Member*
15.	*Dr. Oluremi Akinbobola Akogun*	*Ondo*	*Member*
16.	*Hon. (Mrs) Cecelia Arsun Dapoet*	*Plateau*	*Member*
17.	*Dr. Donald Charles Wokoma*	*Rivers*	*Member*
18.	*Senator Bello Jibril Gada*	*Sokoto*	*Member*
19.	*Sunday Zik*	*Taraba*	*Member*
20.	*Prof. Moore Simeon Chika*	*Anambra*	*Member*
21.	*Dr. Festus S.A. Ozor*	*Enugu*	*Member*
22.	*Mrs Seyi Aderinokun Olusanya*	*Ogun*	*Member*
23.	*Chris Onyejekwe Okereke*	*Ebonyi*	*Member*
24.	*Sir Nwakanma Chimaobi*	*Abia*	*Member*

In accordance with the provisions of Section 154(1) and (3) of the 1999 Constitution, and after due consultations with the Council of State at its meeting of 6th September 2011, I hereby present the nominees for confirmation by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I hope that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration and confirmation of the Distinguished Senators.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(ii) Reconstitution of Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA):

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON *September 19, 2011*
Senate President,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

RECONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FEDERAL ROADS MAINTENANCE AGENCY (FERMA)

Section 2 of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Act, 2007 provides that the Governing Board of the Agency shall consist of a Chairman and six members appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Act, 2007 decided to appoint the underlisted as Chairman and members in the Governing Board of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency.

S/No.	*Name*	*Designation*
1.	*Engr. Ezekiel Olajide Adeniyi*	*Chairman*
2.	*Alh. Ahmed Mohammed Gusau*	*Member*
3.	*Air Comm Indongesit Nkanga (rtd)*	*Member*
4.	*Amb. Jerry Ugokwe*	*Member*
5.	*Barrister Ubah Maigari*	*Member*
6.	*Mr. Olatunji Shelle*	*Member*
7.	*Mr. Samuel Gwomma*	*Member*

Accordingly, in line with the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Amendment) Act, 2007, I hereby forward the names of the nominees whose Curriculum Vitae are attached herewith for confirmation by the Senate.

Please accept, Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcement:

Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Immortalization of Senators:

The Senate President named the following as Chairman and Members of Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Immortalization:

(*i*)	Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba	—	Chairman
(*ii*)	Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Nkechi Nwaogu	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Abdulaziz Usman	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Adamu Gumba	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Boluwaji Kunlere	—	Member

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Barnabas Gemade *(Benue North-East)* drew the attention of the Senate to the referral made to the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation on the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Hon. Barr. Frank Achinike Owhor (*Rivers State*) as a Commissioner in the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission. The Committee was mandated to report within seven days. The Committee was not able to carry out the assignment due to non-availability of relevant documents on the nominee and the absence of the nominee, who is currently outside the country. He therefore, sought for time extension to enable the Committee conclude the assignment and report as mandated.

By the leave of the Senate, additional one week was granted.

6. Presentation of Bills

(i) University of Uyo (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (SB. 58) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Income Tax Holiday Bill 2011 (SB. SB 50) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) National Student Financial Aid Scheme Bill 2011 (SB. 52) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (SB. 54) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Company Income Tax Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2011 (SB, 56) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Solemnization Bill 2011 (SB. 05):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to prohibit Marriage between Persons of Same Sex, Solemnization of Same and for Other Matters Related therewith be read the Second Time (*Senator Damingo Obende — Edo North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Interior to report within one week.

8. Federal Capital Territory College of Education (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (SB.27):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

Adjourned accordingly at 12:15 p.m.

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