SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23rd November, 2011

1. The Senate met at 11:00 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, 22nd November, 2011 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(i) ***Senate Delegation to Plateau State:***
The Senate President named the following as Senate Delegation to condole with the family of late Senator Silas Janfa, the people and Government of Plateau State:

(*i*)	Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan	—	Leader of Delegation
(*ii*)	Senator Simeon Ajibola	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Ademola Adeseun	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Paulinus Igwe	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Domingo Obende	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Mohammed S. Saleh	—	Member

(ii) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Blooms Academy, Sun City, Abuja, FCT who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Presentation of Bills:**

(i) Office of the Nigerian Financial Ombudsman Bill 2011 (HB. 14) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) National Alternative Dispute Resolution Regulatory Commission Bill 2011 (HB. 16) — *Read the First Time.*

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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 Mr. Henry Osamuede Okhuarobo (*Edo State*) for appointment as a Member of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Niger Delta to report within one (1) week.

6. Confirmation of nominations:

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 the following nominees for appointment as Members of the Board of the Universal Service Provision Fund under the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC):

(i) Mallam Isa Danburam
(ii) Barr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Nwamaka Nwankwo
(iii) Mrs. Oluwafunmilola Adewumi Lamuye
(iv) Mr. Charity Umbwe Shekari

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Communications to report within one (1) week.

7. Confirmation of nominations:

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 the following nominees for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioners in the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC):

S/NO	NAME	ZONE	REMARKS
(i)	Dr. Mike Onyia	South East	Re-Appointment
(ii)	Alhaji Yusufu Hamisu	North West	Fresh Appointment
(iii)	Mrs. Biodun C. Olujimi	South West	Fresh Appointment
(iv)	Mr. Dominic Nwator	South South	Fresh Appointment

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Communications to report within one (1) week.

8. Request for Virement:

Motion made: That the National Assembly passed the 2011 Appropriation Amendment Act on the 16th March, 2011;

whereas Section 4 of the 2011 Appropriation Amendment Act provides that in the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Act cannot be implemented without virement, such virement may only be effected prior to approval of National Assembly;

whereas the Senate has received a request from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the virement proposals in respect of the 2011 Appropriation (Amendment) Act for the under-listed Ministries, Departments and Agencies:

(i) Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs;

(ii) Federal Capital Territory Administration;

(iii) Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

(iv) Federal Ministry of Education;

(v) Police Formations and Command;

(vi) Federal Ministry of Justice;

(vii) Federal Ministry of Health;

(viii) Federal Ministry of Aviation; and

(ix) Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

whereas the necessity of the virement is for the effective implementation of the 2011 Appropriation Amendment Act by the above Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:
refer the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to the Appropriation Committee with the Standing Committees of the above Ministries, Departments and Agencies as sub-Committees (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:
Question: That the Senate do refer the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to the Appropriation Committee with the Standing Committees of the above Ministries, Departments and Agencies as sub-Committees — *Agreed to*.

Resolved:
That the Senate do refer the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to the Appropriation Committee with the Standing Committees of the above Ministries, Departments and Agencies as sub-Committees and to report within one (1) week (***S/Res/025/01/11***).

Request accordingly referred to the Committees on Appropriation and Standing Committees on the above Ministries, Departments and Agencies as Sub-Committees including the Committee on National Planing to report within one (1) week.

9. Police Act Cap P19 Laws of the Federation 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2011 (SB.41):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Police Act Cap P19 Laws of the Federation 2004 and Re-enact the Nigeria Police Service that shall Protect the Rights and Freedom of Persons in Nigeria, Enforce Laws and Regulations and Prevent the Commission of Crimes in an Effective and Efficient Manner and Specifically, Ensure Safety and Security of all Persons and Property in the Country, Uphold and Safeguard the Fundamental Rights of Every Persons as Guaranteed under the Constitution; Ensure the Cooperation between the Service and the Communities it Serves in combating Crime; Reflect the Respect for Victims of Crime and Understand their Needs and Ensure Effective Civilian Supervision Over the Police 2011 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to Committees on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within four (4) weeks.

10. Nigerian Sovereign Investment Authority Act 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2011 (SB. 63):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Companies Income Tax Act CAP. C21 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2011(SB.56):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 24th November, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:47 *p.m.*

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