SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13th December, 2011

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

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 8th December, 2011 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

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

Forwarding of Bills:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

December 5, 2011

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

Your Excellency,

FORWARDING OF DRAFT BILLS FOR AN ACT TO:

*1. **MAKE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMPULSORY FOR ALL TIERS OF GOVERNMENT IN NIGERIA AND TO CREATE COHERENT AND MEASURABLE TARGETS IN DEVELOPMENTAL INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS OF VISION 20:2020 AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS***

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2. ***REPEAL THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT ACT, CAP. N99, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND TO ENACT THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2011 AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS***

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the above listed Bills.

It is my hope that the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and pass the Bills in your usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Senate President, the assurances of my esteemed consideration.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcement:

Thanksgiving:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba — South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator Emmanuel Bwacha
Taraba South Senatorial District
Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture

12th December, 2011

To the Distinguished,
The President of the Senate,
Senator (Dr) David AB Mark (GCON).

INVITATION

This is to invite all distinguished Senators to a thanksgiving service organized to appreciate God for His mercies over my life slated for 18th December 2011 at 10am in Mararraba - Donga L.G.A of Taraba State.

(Signed)
Senator Emmanuel Bwacha
(Taraba South Senatorial District).

5. Pan-African Parliament:

Report on the Fifth Ordinary Session (2nd Parliament):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Fifth Ordinary Session (2nd Parliament) of the Pan-African Parliament held in Midrand, South Africa between 3rd - 14th October, 2011 (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Joint Committee on Finance; Appropriation; and National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:**
Report on the 2012 - 2015 Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) and 2012 Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance; Appropriation; and National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on the 2012 - 2015 Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) and 2012 Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senator Bassey E. Otu — Cross River South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Joint Session of the National Assembly:**
Motion made: That the Senate and the House of Representatives do sit in a Joint Session to receive an address by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR on the 2012 Appropriation today, at 12.00 noon (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

8. **Closed Session:**
Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on issues of national importance (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session	—	11:28 a.m.
Open Session	—	11:45 a.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues of national importance.

9. **Suspension of Sitting for Joint Session of the National Assembly:**

Sitting Suspended	—	11:50 a.m.
Sitting Resumed	—	1:39 p.m.

10. **Committee on Communications:**
Report on the screening of nominees:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Committee on Communications:**
Report on the screening of nominees:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 14th December, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:50 *p.m.*

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