# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15th December, 2011

**1.** The Senate met at 11:10 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

**2.** **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 14th December, 2011 and approved same.

*By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

**3.** **Announcements:**

*(i)* ***Christmas Empowering Programme and Party:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope Uzodinma (*Imo — West*) as follows:

**SENATOR HOPE UZODINMA**
**IMO WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**
**Chairman Senate Committee on Aviation**

*His Excellency,*
*The President Of The Senate,*
*Distinguished Senator David Mark, (GCON),*
*NASS, Abuja.*

*15th December, 2011*

*Your Excellency,*

***INVITATION TO IMO WEST CHRISTMAS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME***

*May I most humbly invite our Distinguished colleagues to join me on Sunday, the 18th day of December, 2011 for my annual Christmas empowerment programme and party taking place at Omuma, in Oru East Local Government Area of Imo State.*

*The event is to commence at 12 p.m. after a church service at Holy Trinity Catholic Cathedral, Omuma in Oru East Local Government. My entire constituency and family will very much appreciate Your Distinguished presence.*

*(Signed)*
*SENATOR HOPE UZODINMA.*

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*(ii)* ***Wedding Invitation:***

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim (*Yobe — East*) as follows:

*Senator (Dr) Bukar Abba Ibrahim* FNQS

**(Galadima of Gazargamo)**
**YOBE EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX**

*14th December, 2011*

*The President of the Senate,*
*Senator (Dr.) David Mark (GCON),*
*National Assembly,*
*Three Arms Zone,*
*Abuja.*

*Your Excellency, my Running mate and Brother,*

***INVITATION***

*This is to invite you and all distinguished colleagues to the wedding ceremonies of my three (3) sons.*

*The details of which are as follows:*

1. *Mohammed Bukar Abba Ibrahim with Dr. Mariam Abubakar Audu Bako takes place on the 17th December 2011 by 12 noon at Sheikh Ahmad Tijjani Mosque Kofar Mata near Sani Abacha Stadium, Kano State.*

2. *Ibrahim Bukar Abba Ibrahim with Falmata Zanna Deribe takes place on the 24th December 2011 by 10 a.m at Deribe Mosque Maiduguri, Borno State.*

3. *Abubakar Bukar Abba Ibrahim with Aisha Babagana Ali takes place on the 24th December 2011 by l1 a.m at No. 29 Ahmadu Gonimi Road old GRA, Maiduguri, Borno State.*

*I would be grateful if you can honour me and my family with your esteemed presence in the weddings. In the event of not making it to any of these ceremonies be kind enough to put us into your prayers.*

*Please accept the assurance of my esteemed regards.*

*Yours sincerely*

*(Signed)*
*SENATOR (DR) BUKAR A. IBRAHIM, CON, FNIQS*
*Chairman, Senate Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Development.*

***(iii) Special Civic Reception:***

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ayogu Eze (*Enugu — North*) as follows:

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*Senator Ayogu Eze*

**Chairman, Senate Committee on Works**
**THE SENATE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

***INVITATION TO A SPECIAL CIVIC RECEPTION***

*I have the honour to inform your Excellency and my distinguished colleagues that my local government, Igbo Eze North LGA of Enugu State is organising a special civic reception in my honour.*

*It will be a special delight to have the presence of all my distinguished colleagues at this event taking place as follows:*

*Date:* *Tuesday, December 27th, 2011*

*Time:* *10 a.m prompt*

*Venue:* *The Pavilion, Igbo-Eze North Local Government Council Headquarters, Ogrute, Enugu Ezike, Igbo Eze North LGA*

*Please, accept the assurances of my highest regard.*

*(Signed)*
*Senator Ayogu Eze*
*Chairman, Senate Committee on Works*

***(iv) Acknowledgment:***

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*a*) Honourable and Mrs Timothy Holding of the Australian Parliament; and

(*b*) National Defence College delegation from Kenya, led by Major-General Anthony Maritim Rob.

**4. Presentation of Bills:**

(*i*) Appropriation Act 2011 (Amendment) Bill (No.2) 2011 (SB. 99) — *Read the First Time*.

(*ii*) Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011. (SB.83) — *Read the First Time*.

(*iii*) Federal University, Otuoke (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (SB. 84) — *Read the First Time*.

(*iv*) Federal University, Oye-Ekiti (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (SB.85) — *Read the First Time*.

**5. Committee on Works:**

***Report on the screening of nominees***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Works, on the screening of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA):

| S/N | Name | Designation |
|---|---|---|
| (*i*) | Engr. Ezekiel Olajide Adeniyi | Chairman |
| (*ii*) | Alh. Ahmed Mohammed Gusau | Member |
| (*iii*) | Air Cdr. Idongesit Nkanga (Rtd) | Member |
| (*iv*) | Amb. Jerry Ugokwe | Member |
| (*v*) | Barr. Ubah Maigari | Member |
| (*vi*) | Mr. Olatunji Shelle | Member |
| (*vii*) | Mr. Samuel Gwomma | Member |

(*Senator Ayogu Eze — Enugu North*)

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**6. Committee on Niger Delta:**

***Report on the screening of nominee:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta, on the screening of Mr Henry Osamuede Okhuarobo (*Edo State*) for appointment as a Member of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid.*

**7. 2011 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC):**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the 2011 Budget Proposal for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

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

**8. Appropriation Bill 2012 (SB.100):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total sum of ₦4,749,100,821,170 (Four Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Nine Billion, One Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Naira) only, of which, ₦397,929,101,917 (Three Hundred and Ninety-Seven Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, One Hundred and One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventeen Naira) only is for Statutory Transfers, ₦559,580,000,000 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only is for Debt Service, ₦2,471,814,067,335 (Two Trillion, four Hundred and Seventy-One Billion, Eight Hundred and Fourteen Million, Sixty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Five Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the balance of ₦1,319,777,651,919 (One Trillion, three Hundred and Nineteen Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Fifty One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Nineteen Naira) only, is for Contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2012 be now read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

*Debate:*

The following Senators made contributions:

(*i*) Senator Ike Ekweremadu

(*ii*) Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon

(*iii*) Senator Barnabas A. Gemade

(*iv*) Senator Abdullahi Adamu

(*v*) Senator Olubunmi A. Adetumbi

(*vi*) Senator Ningi A. Ahmed

(*vii*) Senator Ahmed Rufai Sani

(*viii*) Senator Robert A. Boroffice

(*ix*) Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe

(*x*) Senator Clever Ikisikpo

(*xi*) Senator Ita S. J. Enang

(*xii*) Senator Yusuf D. Baba-Ahmed

(*xiii*) Senator Sahabi A. Ya'u

(*xiv*) Senator Ahmad I. Lawan

(*xv*) Senator Olugbenga O. Obadara

**Extension of Time:**
*Motion made:* That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

(*xvi*) Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure

(*xvii*) Senator Emmanuel G. Bwacha

(*xviii*) Senator Mohammed B. Tukur

(*xix*) Senator Mudashiru O. Husain

(*xx*) Senator Sani S. Ahmed

(*xxi*) Senator Adegbenga S. Kaka

(*xxii*) Senator Olufemi A. Lanlehin

(*xxiii*) Senator Gamawa B Garba

(*xxiv*) Senator Joshua C. Dariye

*Further debate adjourned to the next Legislative Day.*

**9. Adjournment:**
And it being 2:50 *p.m.* the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Tuesday, 20th December, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

*Adjourned accordingly at* 2:50 *p.m.*

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